

October 2018

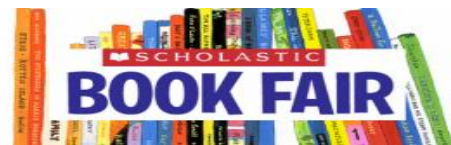
School News

- ✓ Student council elections were held in all classes from 1st – 5th and their first meeting was held on Friday 19th October. Muireann and Jessica (the teacher reps) look forward to an excellent year!
- ✓ 1st Class had a visit from one of our parents, Caroline Byrne, who hosted and art workshops which saw the children create woodland creatures using natural materials found in Autumn
- ✓ This year Laura's 2nd class are hatching chickens again. We are all very excited to meet them!
- ✓ Cell explorers visited 4th class to talk to them about DNA
- ✓ Our two 4th classes also participated in a local soccer tournament in Nutgrove
- ✓ All classes from 3rd – 5th had a workshop which dealt with internet safety
- ✓ The Book Fair has returned and is running in Muireann and Aidan's support room, beside the staff room.

Dates for your Diary



- 22nd – 26th October : Book Fair
- 26th October : Character Dress Up
- November 21st + 22nd : Parent Teacher Meetings for all classes (except Junior Infants)
- Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings to be held on the 30th + 31st January
- Ballinteer ETNS Art Exhibition for all parents in the Churchtown Hall: November 27th . Children's art will be framed, catalogued and displayed. Parents invited to visit, view and buy at collection times and in the evening 6.30 - 8.00 p.m.



Important Reminders

- Please remember to email in advance, where possible, if you are picking up your child early from school. This is so we can have your child ready and waiting for you.
- The Book Fair will be open every morning from 8.15 – 8.45 and every afternoon from 12.50 – 2.15 so you are welcome to browse, with or without your child, and buy books at this time.
- Children will visit the Book Fair with their teachers throughout the week.
- On Friday, 26th October, the children dress up as their favourite character from a book to celebrate the end of the book fair.
- We have had some questions about standardised testing. These are usually done in the final term, and while there was some discussion about completing them earlier in the year this year, we have decided to continue as usual and to complete these in May.
- All our teachers have begun updating their class blogs so keep an eye on www.ballinteeretns.ie for class news
- **Ballinteer ETNS Calendar Advertising Space** : The PTA are selling advertising space in the school calendar for 2019, raising much needed funds for our school. Please contact pta@ballinteeretns.ie for further information.

Building Update

We would like to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to the hard work of our PTA Build Action group, who designed easy to follow flyers, canvassed politicians, dropped letters into houses and estates all around Ballinteer and Sandyford, made sure that all our parents knew how to make a positive observation on our planning application and gave up hours of their valuable time to help our school. The staff are so grateful to them for making such an excellent and co-ordinated effort to ensure our planning application is in optimum form to be granted.