

THE BUSH TELEGRAPH



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School News

School Reports

The school reports for 2013-14 have been completed and posted to all families this week. If you do not receive a copy, please inform your child's teacher and they will provide you with the report.

School Calendar 2014-15

The school calendar for next year has been finalised. You access the calendar on the school website at www.divinemercybalgaddysns.scoilnet.ie

A meeting for next year's 3rd Class parents will be held in our school hall tonight (Wednesday, 18th June) at 7.30pm. It is an opportunity to meet principal Mr. John Ring and view our school facilities.

Book Rental Scheme 2014-15

Earlier this term, a note was sent to all families in our school regarding the procedure for the school's book rental scheme for the new school year. Two options were made available to parents and a €35 payment should have been made to the school. Further instalments can be paid in September 2014. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yearbook

The 2013/14 yearbook has been printed and is available from Ms. Walsh. The book is €10 and contains loads of photographs and articles about the great year we've had at Divine Mercy SNS! There is a lim-



Members of our basketball team with trophy

ited supply so get your copy quick!

Summer Camps

The summer break is fast approaching and from Monday, 30th June – Friday, 4th July, our school will be running their annual summer camps. The camps are run by teachers working in our school and many new skills will be learnt through a variety of fun activities such as football, basketball, music, art, laptops, iPads and many more! The camps begin at 10am and finish at 2pm. The fee for each child is €30 and this must be paid in advance. For more information or for an entry form, please contact your child's class teacher. Please note that there are limited places for the camps and places are filling up very fast so early booking is essential.



Special points of interest:

- **Active School Week** Mon 16th - Fri 20th.
- **Graduation** for 6th class pupils: Wednesday 25th June at 7.30pm (see overleaf)
- School closes **Friday 27th June at 12pm** for summer break
- **Summer Camps** begin Monday 30th June at 10am.

Parents' Association

We are finished with our events and activities for the 2013-2014 school year. We have had another great year with continued support from parents and children. The cake sale last week was as popular as ever, thank you for the lovely cake donations. Our fundraising efforts for this year

raised €2000 which we have donated to the school. We are not sure yet how the money will be used but we can all be reassured that our children will benefit greatly. Again, thanks for all your support. You will be hearing from us in September, have a great summer.



Details of summer camps being run in Lucan Sarsfields

G.A.A. club are up on the school website. Just click on the links provided on www.divinemercybalgaddysns.scoilnet.ie

Amazing Raffle!

Ms. Brennan and Room 2 have organised another great raffle! The prize is an impressive hamper full of sports goodies and board games! Tickets for the raffle are priced at €2 for three strips for €5. The draw will be held on Friday, 20th June. Fingers crossed!

Graduation Ceremony

This year's Graduation Ceremony for pupils in 6th class will take place on **Wednesday, 25th June at 7.30pm**. The ceremony will take place in the Church of the Divine Mercy, Balgaddy with a tea and coffee reception being held back at the school afterwards. The children will be presented with souvenir t-shirts and the pupil of the year from each classroom will be announced!

Poetry Workshop

Before the Easter break, Ms. Kirwan and her 3rd class pupils went to the Ark in Dublin city centre to take part in a poetry writing workshop. Have a look at some of the photographs they took on the day on our school website!

Well done to the 6th class children who raised €320.60 for the **Laura Lynn Children's Hospice**. Many children donated money they received after their Confirmation on 29th May 2014. Thanks to everyone who donated!

News from the Rooms

Write-A-Book!

Many of our classes took part in this year's Write-A-Book project and some even won some prizes. Those lucky winners travelled to Dublin West Education Centre with Ms. Brennan to collect their prizes!

Enterprise Victory!

Congratulations to the pupils in Ms. Halpin's, Ms. Connolly's and Ms. Kirwan's classes who came first in an Enterprise Project Competition. The classes made different products and sold them around the school. They raised a considerable amount of money and it's great to see their efforts rewarded!!



Sports Round Up



Dublin West Cup

Congratulations to the school soccer team who travelled to Huntstown on Monday, 9th June and returned with the Dublin West Cup! Roland was voted the player of the tournament and in the final Cillian played his part by saving penalties in the shoot-out! Mr. Lynch and Mr. Walter were so impressed with the team's resolve and determination throughout the games!

Camogie

Unfortunately our camogie team just fell at the hurdle before the Croke Park final. The girls played so well in their semi-final but lost narrowly. Ms. Meehan and Ms. Campion were full of praise for the team saying that despite the defeat, it had been the girls' best performance of the year!

Basketball Champions!

The basketball team have had unprecedented success. Following up one trophy with a second one! Ms. Lynch and Ms. Hoey were delighted with the progress made by the team and the girls on the team were rewarded with a pizza party!

Cricket

The school's cricket team lost their opening match of the Leprechaun Cup but hopefully will play in a couple of challenge matches before the end of term.



Teacher Profile

After many years of tormenting other teachers to take part in this section of the newsletter, I have taken the decision to finally take part!

Since I am leaving to teach abroad next year, I just want to take this opportunity to thank everyone - from pupils to colleagues, parents and members of the community -

for all their support and warmth during my time in Balgaddy. I really am going to miss working in our great school. *Written by Mr. Carney.*



Dublin West Cup Champions 2014!



Active Schools Week

This week is Active Schools Week and every class will have an opportunity to take part in a variety of activities! 5th and 6th class had their 'Sports For All Day' organised by Mr. McDonagh on Monday then 3rd and 4th classes enjoyed their day on Tuesday! Every class group will then have an inter-class competition in sports such as soccer, uni-hoc and basketball. Everyone will be challenged to run one kilometre and then on Friday, everyone is invited to watch the 'Student v Teachers' match in the green area! A great week for all with thanks to Mr. McDonagh and Mr. Flesk!