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Christmas 2022 Newsletter

As we come to the end of the first term in school, we look back on what has been a most enjoyable first term in school. For the first time since 2019, the school community have experienced school life as it was pre-covid.

We have returned to the full implementation of many of our learning initiatives such as literacy lift off, maths station teaching, peer tutoring and buddy reading.

We have also returned to the many extra-curricular activities that help make school life a hugely enjoyable experience for everyone.

We look forward to continuing our fun filled activities into the new year.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Bryan.

Admissions 2023/2024

The offers have been sent to parents for the 2023/2024 junior infant class. There will be one class of 30 junior infants for the 2023/2024 school year. There were 104 applicants to enrol in the junior infant class.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas concert was held in the SMA church on Thursday, 15th December last. All classes performed brilliantly and it was a pleasure to see all their work and effort paying off with fantastic performances on the day. Thank you to all of the staff for their tireless work over the past number of weeks. Thank you to the parents for the huge efforts in making sure the costumes were at the ready for the day. Finally, thank you to the SMA for their continued support to the school.



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The school visited the Omniplex cinema in Mahon Point on Monday, 19th December for a private screening of "Matilda: The Musical". Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising and fully funding the trip. The children had a fantastic day.

Santa Claus visit

Santa Claus visited the school on the day of the holidays giving some chocolate treats to all children. Again, thank you to the Parents' Association for organising this.

Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all children who brought in shoe boxes for our annual Hope Shoe Box Appeal collection. This year we collected 109 shoe boxes. Well done to all involved.

School Website and Twitter

Keep up-to-date with more regular news on our website at www.ballintemplens.com and our Twitter page @BallintempleS.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday, 21st December- Christmas Holidays.

Thursday, 5th January 2023- School reopens following Christmas Holidays



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December 2022 - PA update

As Christmas is fast approaching the elves of the Parents Association have been very busy this term and we would like to firstly thank all the members of the PA and welcome some new members. Bennery Horgan has decided to join the PA and we are delighted to welcome her aboard. We had a very successful AGM in November with lots of new families from the Junior school joining via zoom. Main topics covered were highlighting the importance of the PA fund, to try to encourage new families to contribute. The PA fund supplements children's school life and provides much needed resources for school. This term we have financed a full second set of iPads so children in junior and senior school now have a set that they use regularly for project work, to encourage development of our children's IT skills, and mentoring projects with senior classes working with junior classes.

This week the children enjoyed an amazing trip to the cinema to see "Matilda: The Musical". There is also a very special visitor organised to come to the school Wednesday and I am sure all our children are on the nice list and will get a special treat from him ;}

Again, all of this organised and funded using the PA fund.

A huge thank you to the staff and teachers of the school for working very closely with the PA this term to ensure the children have had a fantastic few weeks in school and enjoying all the festive fun. It's just great to be able to come together children and parents and celebrate Christmas as a school community once more!

Your support as parents has been vital in accumulating these funds to make school life even more exciting for children. Sincere thank you to those families that have contributed and it's never too late to sign up for as little as €10 per month per family or a once off €120 annually. Every penny is used to enhance your children's experience at school. All details of PA Fund Bank account are available under parents' association tab on school web page.

As always any parent that has ideas or would like to get involved everyone is welcome and we can be contacted on the email below .

Many thanks to the committee, school parent community, and staff. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a wonderful 2023 together in Ballintemple NS.

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