



Your monthly news from Sacred Heart National School Rath

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Pictured above are our 2nd Class pupils who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday last. It was a lovely day and the children were a credit to the school and their families. Many thanks to Fr. Eugen, Ms McCormack, Olive Maher and our wonderful Parents' Choir led by Helen Mulhall. A lovely reception hosted by the Parents' Association followed the ceremony. There are more pictures on the school website www.rathns.ie

Hot School Lunches

We are excited to announce that children in Rath N.S. will start to receive free hot lunches from Monday May 27th. On 'Launch Day', May 23rd, students will be given a letter with a unique activation code on it. With this code, you can download 'The Lunch Bag' app and use these details to register your child/children. Only one app is required for each family, with each child's details automatically attached to the parent account once the correct password is used. More details and an information pack for parents will follow in the coming weeks.

School Tours

Please make note of the following dates for your child's school tour. The class teachers will be in touch with further details in the coming weeks. We endeavor at all times to keep costs as low as possible.

- June 4th - 1st Class & 3rd Class (Let's Go, Kildare)
- June 13th - 4th Class & 5th Class (Aqua Zone & Jump Zone, Dublin)
- June 14th - Junior Infants & Senior Infants (Lullymore, Kildare)
- June 17th - 6th Class (Clara Lara Funpark, Wicklow)
- June 20th - 2nd Class (Clara Lara Funpark, Wicklow)
- June 24th - 5th & 6th Class History Trip (Kilmainham Gaol & EPIC Museum, Dublin)

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will take place on May 20th and 21st. Children will be brought over by staff during class time. Younger children will be brought by mentors or older siblings. The usual 3 for 2 offer is available again this year. We appreciate your support as 60% of the money raised will be returned to the school in the form of books for the classrooms and school library. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Gaeilge

Bealtaine (May)

Seachtain 1 – An rachaidh tú? Rachaidh/ ní rachaidh mé (will you go? I will go / I won't go)

Seachtain 2 – An dtuigeann tú? Tuigim/ Ní thuigim (do you understand? I do understand / I don't understand)

Seachtain 3 – An itheann tú? Ithim,/ní ithim (do you eat? I eat / I don't eat)

Ceist coicíse: Cén abhair scoile is fearr leat? (what school subject do you prefer?)

Sport / New Jerseys

Hurling / Camogie: Our school hurling and camogie teams have been competing in their respective Cumann na mBunscol competitions in recent weeks with good success along the way. All teams are unbeaten and we look forward to the the finals in the coming weeks. The finals will take place in O'Moore Park on the week beginning May 27th. Dates and times are yet to be confirmed.

Football: In-school and after-school football coaching with Courtwood GAA has been a great success in recent months. The final session will take place this Friday May 3rd. Many thanks to Tom, Matthew, Ríoghan and all the volunteer coaches from the club for their time and effort. It is greatly appreciated. We encourage all the boys and girls to play with their clubs over the summer months (St. Paul's for boys and St. Conleth's for girls).

Cross Country: Best wishes to the children selected to represent the school at the annual Laois School's Cross Country event on Friday May 3rd.

Jerseys: Many thanks to EMS for sponsoring a new set of school jerseys. EMS have been supplying photocopying and ICT services to the school for many years. We're grateful for their support and let's hope the new jerseys help bring some good fortune in the years to come. Pictured below are some of our 6th Class pupils.



Bike Week

Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling. It will take place from May 12th - 19th and there will be lots of exciting events happening throughout the country during the week. To celebrate Bike Week and to encourage the pupils in the school to 'get on their bikes', our 5th & 6th Class pupils will cycle along the Blueway on Friday May 17th. More details will follow but we ask you to ensure the children have a bike and helmet on the day. Please ensure the bikes are roadworthy and suitable for use. Please contact the class teachers if you are struggling to source a bike or helmet.

As always, we remind you that we have a bicycle rack onsite in the school and as the weather improves, we encourage children living locally to cycle to school. High-vis vests and helmets must be worn at all times.



Uniforms / Shorts

Having endured some poor weather in recent months, it has been pleasing to see some sunshine of late and we hope to see a continued improvement over the coming months. With that, the children are welcome to wear shorts instead of their school trousers or tracksuit bottoms. However, it is school policy that plain navy or black shorts only can be worn. Colourful shorts or shorts with different designs are not allowed. We remind you also that cycling shorts or tight fitting shorts are not allowed either. Pictured on the right is a sample of the shorts children are allowed to wear.



Lidl Farm to Fork Experience

Our 3rd Class pupils recently visited the Lidl Farm to Fork Experience tour in Newbridge. The children learned about the process of food production through a combination of hands-on activities and discussions led by Agri Aware's Education Officers.



Misinformation

We are speaking to the children, especially those in our senior classes, about the harm gossip and the spreading of misinformation can cause to others. We ask that parents speak to their children about this and lead by example in this regard.

Please rest assured that if you need to be informed about something, the school will contact you directly. Likewise if you require information please contact the school. We ask that the children's privacy, dignity and wellbeing is respected at all times.

School Self-Evaluation / Spellings

As a school, we have decided to focus on the teaching and learning of spellings in our new cycle of school self-evaluation. After gathering evidence from the pupils, parents (online survey) and staff, we analysed the findings and have identified a number of targets and actions over the coming months. One of these actions includes informing parents of how we teach spellings and advice as to how you as parents/guardians can support your child's learning in the home. We will circulate an information sheet to all families in the school in the coming days. A joined up approach between the home and the school will always lead to better outcomes for the children. *Ní neart go cur le chéile.*

Parents' Association Noticeboard

Communion

Comhghárdeachas leis na leanaí Rang 2 a fuair an chéad chomaoineach naofa Dé Sathairn. A big thank you to Ms. McCormack and Olive for preparing the children so well and to Fr. Eugen for a beautiful ceremony. We would also like to thank the wonderful choir for adding to the occasion. A special word of thanks to all the parents who helped at the reception that was held in the school, a lovely occasion for all.

Next meeting

The next meeting Monday May 20th at 8pm.



Pictured above are all the certificate recipients from our April Teacht le Chéile.

Dates for Your Diary

May 7th - 10th - School closed after the May Bank Holiday

May 17th - Blueway Cycle with 5th & 6th Class

May 20th & 21st - Book Fair



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