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Your monthly news from Sacred Heart National School Rath

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End of Year Reports / Standardised Tests

The end of year reports will be sent by June 19th. The children in 1st Class to 6th Class have been completing standardised tests in literacy and numeracy in recent weeks. With the exception of 1st Class literacy, scores will be included in the end of year reports. Please understand that these standardised tests are only one of a number of ways that we monitor and measure a child's progress. They are not an "end of year" test (in some schools they are carried out in Autumn). Results can be useful references for teachers and can be used to help identify if a child is experiencing difficulty in a certain area and should not be interpreted in isolation. If you choose to share the results with your child, please remind them to keep the results to themselves, and not to share them with their classmates. Test results should **NOT** be a topic of conversation, particularly in the Senior Classes, as it can cause a lot of undue pressure for children. No matter the results, they have all worked hard across the year, and no doubt did their best and should be praised for doing so.

Book Fair

Many thanks for your wonderful support of our recent Book Fair. Your generosity means that our school will receive books worth €1,582. This will allow us to supplement our school and class libraries. Thank you to Ms. Bergin and Amanda for once again organising the book fair.

Incoming Junior Infants

We look forward to welcoming our new Junior Infant pupils to the school in the coming months. Parents are reminded that we will host a short induction for these boys and girls on Wednesday June 17th at 2:15pm. We look forward to meeting the next generation of Rath N.S. pupils.

Sport

Hurling: Our Boys A hurling team qualified for the final last week. Unfortunately, after an epic encounter against Scoil Bhríde, Portlaoise, they came up short by two points in a high-scoring game. We are very proud of their efforts. There are some photos of the day on the school website.

Football: Our Lunchtime Football Leagues commenced last week. 130 pupils between 1st Class and 6th Class have signed up for the leagues. It's wonderful to see such participation levels. Please contact the school if you're looking for details of our local clubs.

Rounders: Ms. Phelan and Ms. Bergin have been busy coaching our rounders players in recent weeks, in preparation for the Cumann na mBunscol blitz on June 9th. Go n-éirí leo.



Duathlon / 5th & 6th Class Cycle

Our annual duathlon will take place on Tuesday June 23rd. Each pupil will complete a cycle and run. We encourage all families to check that bikes are in good working order. It may also be a good opportunity to practice with any nervous cyclists. Children need to bring a helmet to school that day also.

Recently, to celebrate Bike Week, our 5th and 6th Class pupils cycled to Vicarstown, along the Barrow Blueway. There are more photos on the website.



First Holy Communion

Best wishes to Ms. McCormack's 2nd Class pupils who will celebrate the sacrament of eucharist and receive their first holy communion on Saturday June 6th in The Sacred Heart Church, Rath. Families are invited back to the school afterwards for a reception hosted by our Parents' Association.

Music Generation Laois

On Friday May 15th, we hosted our third annual Music Day in Rath as all our wonderful tutors from Music Generation Laois joined us for the day. Each class got to perform in front of the school and they also got the opportunity to experiment with the different musical instruments on offer to our pupils through Music Generation Laois. Many thanks to Nuala, James, Siobhán and all in Music Generation Laois. There are more photos on the website.



Gaeilge / School Self-Evaluation

Meitheamh (June)

Seachtain 1 – Táim ag tnúth le mo laethanta saoire. (I'm looking forward to my holidays.)

Seachtaine 2 – Bain taitneamh as na laethanta saoire. (Enjoy the holidays.)



We are undertaking a self-evaluation of teaching and learning in Gaeilge (Irish) in our school. The views of parents / guardians are very important to us and can really help us. By giving us your views and opinions, we can continue to improve the learning of pupils in our school. We would be most grateful if you could complete the short survey sent on Aladdin on Tuesday June 2nd. Please note that you may complete the questionnaire anonymously and that all individual responses will be treated confidentially.

Parents' Association Noticeboard

Volunteers

We are seeking help with First Communion reception – Sat June 6th and Duathlon – June 23rd. If you are available on either day please let us know, via FB or Text 086 8339779

Laois Abú

Best of luck to Mr. Fitzgerald and the Laois hurlers in the Joe McDonagh Cup Final on Saturday!

Rang a Sé

We'd like to wish Rang a Sé the very best as they come to the end of their time here in Rath NS. . Remember all the happy memories and good friends you made here. Go n-éirí an bóthar leo as they set off on the next adventure in secondary school. A big thank you to all the staff who supported and encouraged them throughout their journey. May they continue to grow and flourish in all that lies ahead.

Thank You

As we come to the end of another school year, we want to thank each and every one of you for your generous support of the PA over the past months. Your support makes all the difference Thank you to Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. McCormack, Amanda, all the staff, and the Board of Management for your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support. It means a great deal to us and is truly appreciated. We hope you all have a wonderful, happy and safe summer. Bainigí taitneamh as.

Rang 6

As this is the final newsletter of the school year, I'd like to thank each of you for your cooperation and support for the work that we do in school throughout the year. For those parents with their youngest child in 6th Class, we thank you sincerely for your contribution to our school community over the years. Our outgoing 6th Class are a credit to you and your families. We're very proud of each of them and we wish them all the very best as they commence the next chapter in their lives.



ADHD Friendly School

We're delighted to confirm that our school has been officially recognised as an ADHD Friendly Accredited School. Staff from the school engaged with the ADHD Ireland Friendly School Programme with 7 staff members progressing to the 'Champion' training. The ADHD Friendly Schools Programme supports primary schools in developing a whole-school, strengths-based approach to understanding and supporting pupils with ADHD.



Dates for Your Diary

- June 6th - First Holy Communion at 11:30am
- June 8th - 5th & 6th Class History Trip to Dublin
- June 9th - 2nd Class Tour
- June 9th - Rounders Blitz
- June 10th - International Day
- June 11th - 3rd/4th/5th Class Tour
- June 12th - School Closure (curriculum in-service)
- June 15th - 1st Class Tour
- June 17th - Junior Infant Induction
- June 18th - Lá Spraoi
- June 19th - Junior & Senior Infants Tour
- June 22nd - 6th Class Tour
- June 23rd - Duathlon
- June 26th - End of term & half-day closure (12:30pm)



Our certificate recipients from our May Teacht le Chéile pictured above.