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New School Website

We are delighted to inform you that we recently updated our school website <https://www.rathns.ie/>. The new site is more user friendly and child-centred. It should also allow us to share more easily with you some of the great work that takes place in the school on a daily basis.

The site is a work in progress and we will continue to add content and look to improve it further in time. Please feel free to make suggestions going forward.



Easter Camp

Four teachers from Rath N.S. are running an Easter Camp. This is open to all children from 2nd Class to 6th Class. The camp will run from Monday April 11th to Thursday April 14th between 10am and 2pm.

Indoor and Outdoor activities will include Gaelic Football, Basketball, Soccer, Playground Games, Arts and Crafts and more.

If you're interested in booking your child a place in the camp, please request a form from Mr. Delaney, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Coleman or Ms. Dunne (if your child already hasn't received one).

Football / Hurling

It was wonderful to have our Cumann na mBunscol football matches back in recent weeks. We fielded two girls teams and two boys teams with over 50 children from Rang 4, Rang 5 and Rang 6 participating. All our teams were very competitive and we wish our girls' A team the best of luck in their semi-final next week. They will play Ballylinan in the Laois GAA Centre of Excellence at 11am on Thursday.

Hurling and camogie leagues will commence after the Easter break. We have a limited supply of spare hurls and helmets in the school. Unless your child is committed to playing going forward, I don't suggest you purchase helmets in particular which are quite expensive. However, if any households have spare hurls or helmets that are no longer needed, we would appreciate it if you could donate them to the school.



Confirmation

Congratulation to the pupils in 6th Class who received the sacrament of confirmation last week. They were a credit to the school and their families. Many thanks to Ms Bergin and Patrea for preparing them so well, and thank you also to our wonderful new choir who added greatly to the occasion. There are more photos to view on the school website.



Rolla / Early Arrivals

We are often asked questions with regard to the school roll book and if/when children are marked absent from school. Schools are advised to do the roll call within one hour of the start of the school day - 10:20am in our case. This can then cause confusion if children arrive late for perfectly valid reasons such as medical appointments, either planned or unplanned. Department of Education Circular 0028/2013 states that, 'a pupil will be marked either present or absent at the time of roll call and there will be no provision for adjusting the Roll Book (Leabhar Rolla) where a pupil subsequently does not complete the full school day or arrives after the roll call'. Therefore, we are unable to alter or adjust the roll if your child arrives late.

Also, I will remind you all again that we begin supervision at 9am each morning. **Children should not be on the school premises before 9am.** They will not be supervised and there are safety and insurance implications as a result.

Gaeilge

Aibreán (April)

Seachtain 1 (4u-8u Aibreán)- Aon scéal (any news?)

Seachtain 2 (25u-29u Aibreán)- Cé leis an _____ seo? (who owns this _____?)

5th & 6th Class History Trip

Our 5th & 6th Class pupils recently travelled to Dublin on a History trip. They were treated to a brilliant tour of Kilmainham Gaol followed by a very enjoyable visit to EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum. They had a great day and we hope it will help instill a passion and an interest in Irish history. There are more photos available on the school website.



Swimming Lessons

After two years of Covid-19 restrictions, we're delighted to resume swimming lessons this month. Pupils from 2nd Class to 6th Class will enjoy 5 weeks of lessons. An online payment option has been set-up, but the cost has been significantly reduced due to our Parents' Association covering the cost of buses. Swimming days are as follows;

Mondays commencing April 25th - Rang 2, Rang 3, Rang 4 & Rang 5

Wednesdays commencing April 27th - Rang 6

Ms Phelan and Ms Harney's classes have already begun lessons and they have communicated days to the parents of children in their classrooms.

Parents' Association

Confirmation: Comhghairdeas to all the girls and boys in rang a Sé on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday last. We hope you all had a wonderful day with your family and friends. Thank you to Ms. Bergin, Mr Fitzgerald and Patrea who helped prepare the children for receiving the sacrament. We would also like to thank the magnificent choir under the guidance of Helen Mulhall and Ms. Mc Cormack who added to the beautiful ceremony.

Ukraine appeal: We would like to say a very big thank you to every single person who donated to the appeal. It was extremely well supported and we are very grateful to you all.

Choir: The choir made their debut at Confirmation and they are now preparing for First Holy Communion on the 7th of May. They will meet next Monday evening at 7pm in the school hall to practice and anyone interested can come along on the night or if you can contact Helen on (087) 6527928 for more information.

Church Gate collection: We will hold at church gate collection on Sunday 10th April at 9am mass in Rath. All support is greatly appreciated.

Bake sale: Calling all bakers. We hope to hold the bake sale on Friday 29th April in the school hall. All donations of baked good are very welcome.

Next meeting: The next meeting will take place in the school on 25th April at 8:30. We would really love to see you there.

Dates for Your Diary

April 7th - Girls' Football Shield Semi-Final (Time & venue TBC)

April 8th - Half day closing at 12:30pm for the Easter Holidays

April 25th - School reopens for Term 3

April 25th - Parents' Association meeting at 8:30pm

April 25th - Swimming for 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Class

April 27th - Swimming for 6th Class

April 29th - Bake Sale & Non-Uniform Day in aid of Ukraine appeal