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Nuachtlitir Nollaig



Parent / Teacher Meeting

Our annual parent / teacher meetings take place throughout the week. You will receive a phone call at your allotted time from the class teacher. Please contact Amanda in the office if you're having difficulties booking a slot.

Covid-19 and Public Health Advice

Parents who are collecting children or dropping off lunches etc. must call the office first before entering the school. Visitors are not allowed enter the school premises without prior notice or permission. Parents and those collecting or dropping children are reminded to **wear masks at all times** and not to congregate in groups outside the school.

Remote Learning Action Plan

Our Remote Learning Action Plan was ratified by the Board of Management recently. This document is designed to provide guidance in situations where a partial or full school closure is advised by Public Health HSE because of a case or cases of COVID-19. It is also intended to advise on how individual pupils or groups of pupils who may have to self-isolate or restrict their movements can be supported in continuing their learning remotely. A copy of the plan is available to view on the school website <http://www.rathns.ie/about-rath-ns/school-policies/>

Message from Parents' & Guardians' Association

Our Split the Pot initiative has seen an amazing response. To date, €930 has been raised for the school's digital learning programme, with another €930 distributed in winnings. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraiser and best of luck to each of you in the upcoming draws.

The school calendar will go on sale from Monday, 7th December. The price is €8 per calendar, 2 for €15; 3 for €20. They will be available at the school gate, from Iosa Linn, Donohers and there will also be an option to purchase through the Aladdin online payments system.

Wishing our school community a safe and happy Christmas.

Next meeting: 7 Dec @ 8.30pm via Zoom. All parents/guardians are welcome to join us.

We would love to see you there!

Digital Learning Plan

We are delighted to inform you that we recently purchased an additional 13 pupil iPads. This now means we have a full set of 30, ensuring each child has their own iPad during class time.

Talent Show

Our Student Council would like to run our talent show again. As we are unable to gather as a school community, we have decided to record performances that can be shared with the rest of the school. Rang 2 – Rang 6 will participate. Our three junior classes plan to record some Christmas carols.

Santa Dash

Our Student Council will once again organise a ‘Santa Dash’ before Christmas. 50% of sums raised will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. It is essentially a fun run, around the same route as the Halloween Hike. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers and Santa hats. The event will take place on Monday **December 21st at 12pm**. We will require volunteers to steward for an hour or so. Please phone or email Amanda in the office if you’re available to help out. We are not asking the children to sell sponsorship cards, but donations can be made on the day.

Christmas Jumpers

Christmas jumpers can be worn by the children from December 14th – 22nd.

Folens Christmas Annuals

The Folens Christmas Annuals will be delivered to the school soon. They cost €4 and you can pay Amanda in the office.

Table Tennis

Our annual 6th Class table tennis league began recently. Ms Phelan has been very pleased with the standard and application of the children, and they’re improving each week. We hope to put up some photos on the school website and twitter page in the coming days. Thank you to Ms Phelan and Ms Bergin for giving up their lunch breaks in order to facilitate.

Enrolment

Enrolment for the Junior Infant Class 2021 will be open throughout the month of January. Please inform any family, friends or neighbours if they have a child ready to start school in September.

Early Scholars – Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

I’ve attached a leaflet from Early Scholars, Ballybrittas. They’re now offering a breakfast club between 7am & 9am and an afterschool club between 2pm & 6pm, with transport from the school if required.

Late Arrivals

We have noticed an increase in the number of late arrivals in recent weeks. Classes begin at **9:20am**, so if children are late on a regular basis, it will have a negative impact on their academic attainment.

Peanuts (Lunches)

I wish to remind you that we have pupils in our school with a severe nut allergy. We respectfully ask you not to send peanuts or any products containing nuts to school. We also operate a healthy eating policy so lunches should not contain any sweets, chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks.

Upcoming Closures

We will close for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday **December 22nd at 12:30pm**. We will reopen on Wednesday January 6th.

This is our final newsletter for 2020. It has been a strange and challenging year for everyone in our community. We wish to thank you for your cooperation and continued support throughout, and we look forward to brighter and more positive times ahead. As the Christmas season draws closer, we take this opportunity to wish all our pupils, parents and families all the blessings and joys of the festive season. Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh.

Mr. T. Fitzgerald
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