



# Weekly Update

## 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### No school on Wednesday, 17th March

A reminder that there is no school next Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day

### Lá Glas, Tuesday, 16th March



We will have lots of activities next week to celebrate **Seachtain na Gaeilge**.

We will have our **Lá Glas** on Tuesday, 16th March. Please encourage your children to come to school dressed in **green**.

### 3rd – 6th class returning to School on Monday, 15th March

The staff of RETNS are now looking forward to welcoming our children from 3rd to 6th class back to school on Monday, 15th March so that we can have the entire school back together again.

### Return to School Declaration Form

This form must be signed by parents / guardians of all children from 3rd to 6th class returning to school on Monday, 15th March. You will receive notice of this form through Aladdin on Sunday, 14th March. Please complete the declaration straight away so that there is no confusion on Monday morning.

This form should be used when your child is returning to school after any absence.

If your child has any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and contact your GP:

- ❖ A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- ❖ Any other common symptoms of Covid-19 – a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has become worse
- ❖ Other uncommon symptoms of Covid-19, such as sore throat, headaches or diarrhoea
- ❖ Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19
- ❖ Been living with someone who is unwell and may have Covid-19
- ❖ Returned from another country in the last 14 days

**If in doubt**, it is advisable to err on the side of caution and consult your GP.

**Our responsibility to keep our school safe is a shared one.**

We ask all children to pack their school bags on Friday, ready for school on Monday.

We ask all parents and guardians:

- To avoid all unnecessary travel
- **Not to congregate outside the school**, either at the school gate in the morning or when collecting your children in the afternoon.
- Not to organise play-dates or home visits for your children as Level 5 restrictions continue
- To wear a mask when on the school premises

## **Arrival and Departure**

Arrival times remain as in Term 1.

### **Staggered Arrival times**

08.40 – 08.50: Families Adams - Dowling

08.50 – 09.00: Families Doyle - McGrath

09.00 – 09.10: Families McKeown – Zhang

### **Changes to Staggered Departures at End of School Day – March 2021**

- From 15 March, 3rd and 5th classes will no longer leave school at 14.20 but will come out their respective doors just before 4th and 6th classes at 14.30.
- Parents/guardians are asked to park some distance from the school. Please arrive on time for collection and observe social distancing when waiting for your children.
- If waiting for an older child, please keep your younger child with you
- Please leave the school grounds promptly, maintaining social distance.

### **Staying Safe at School**

We will remain vigilant and continue to implement our safety procedures around:

Hand hygiene

Ventilation

Physical distancing

Pods and Bubbles

I have attached our updated COVID response plan for your information.

## Masks

All staff wear masks where it is not possible to maintain a distance of 2 metres from children or other staff members. Department of Education advice remains that masks are not recommended for children attending primary school. If you choose to provide your child with a mask, please ensure that they know how to wear, store and dispose of a mask properly.

## Keys found on Loreto Avenue

A set of keys was found this morning close to the school. Please contact Carol at Reception for further information.

## This week in RETNS

As part of Engineering week 2021, 6th class attended a virtual workshop "How to Build A Bridge" by Engineers Ireland hosted by Mark - The Science Guy. They also carried out the Egg Drop STEM Challenge. You can see some of their bridges and egg drop challenge videos on the school website. [6th Class Engineer Bridges](#)

## RETNS Family Quiz



Thank you to all who organised the RETNS Family Quiz and to all who participated. It was a very enjoyable afternoon for all and a total of €1,050.00 was raised for the school. The prize winners were:

### Quiz winners

1st O'Neills 5<sup>th</sup>, 2nd Sweeneys 4<sup>th</sup>, 3rd McGraths 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup>

### Spot Prize winners

Kennedys 1<sup>st</sup>

Butlers 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup>

Wynnes 5<sup>th</sup>

Boyles Junior Infants

McGraths 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup>

Fitzsimons Senior Infants

Heddens 2nd and 5<sup>th</sup>

Dowlings Senior Infants and 5<sup>th</sup>

Brackens 1st

Kiernans 2nd and 6<sup>th</sup>

Well done! We received some amazing prizes from some local businesses and we list links to their businesses in order for you to support them.

Locks Restaurant <https://www.locksrestaurant.ie/>

Bombay Pantry <https://bombaypantry.com/>

Green Mango <https://www.greenmango.ie/?l=en>

MicroPro Computers <http://micropro.ie/>

Meagher's Pharmacy Churchtown <https://www.meagherspharmacy.ie>

## **Cycling to School**

The Dublin Cycling Campaign has a subcommittee called 'Safe Routes to School'. They are interested in providing support to schools who would like to see improved cycle routes in their areas.

Please contact me if you would like to liaise with the Dublin Cycling Campaign on behalf of RETNS. The local knowledge that staff and parents have about school routes is really valuable to the council when planning new initiatives, and often not readily available to them.

## **Scannáin Ghaeilge ar TG4 le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge.**

### **Happy Feet 2 - 15.3.21 4:30pm**

Leagan Gaeilge den scannán Happy Feet Two: Tá mac ag Mumble agus ag Gloria anois darb ainm Erik. Tá Erik in amhras faoi na buanna atá aige féin. Ach tá nithe eile go leor ag bagairt ar na piongain anois agus caithfidh gach uile phiongain oibriú (agus damhsa) le chéile chun an choilíneacht a thabhairt slán.

Mumble and Gloria now have a son of their own, Erik (E.G. Daly), who is struggling to find his own particular talents in the colony. But new dangers are threatening the penguin nation, and it's going to take everyone working (and dancing) together to save them. Irish language version produced by Abú Media.

### **Secret of Kells - 16.3.21 @ 4:30pm**

(2009, Beochan) Tráth a bhfuil na Lochlannaigh ag leathadh ar fud na tíre, tá buachaill amháin ag cur faoi i mainistir a uncail, an tAb Ceallach.

(2009, Animation) With the land in the grip of a Viking invasion, a young boy living in the monastery of his uncle, Abbot Ceallach, finds a way to turn the darkness into light.

### **Spongebob An Scannán - Lá Fhéile Pádraig/St.Patrick's Day 1:20pm**

(2004, Beochan) Is iad Jeffrey Tambor, Rodger Bumpass agus Carolyn Lawrence na príomhaisteoirí sa scannán seo faoi stiúir Stephen Hillenburg. Fágann SpongeBob Bikini Bottom le dul sa tóir ar an gcoróin atá goidte ó Rí Neiptiúin.

(2004, Animation) Starring Jeffrey Tambor, Rodger Bumpass and Carolyn Lawrence. Directed Stephen Hillenburg. SpongeBob SquarePants takes leave from the town of Bikini Bottom in order to track down King Neptune's stolen crown.

### **Amhrán na Mara 18.3.21 @ 4:30pm**

(2014, Beochan) David Rawle, Brendan Gleeson agus Lisa Hannigan na príomhaisteoirí sa scannán seo faoi stiúir Tomm Moore. Féachann Ben agus a dheirfiúr óg Saoirse, atá in ann iompú isteach i rón, na sióga a ligean saor agus an saol eile a shábháil.

(2014, Animation) Starring David Rawle, Brendan Gleeson and Lisa Hannigan. Directed by Tomm Moore. Ben, a young Irish boy, and his little sister Saoirse, a girl who can turn into a seal, go on an adventure to free the fairies and save the spirit world.

### **Revoltin' Rhymes 19.3.21 @ 4pm**

Scéalta dorcha agus greannmhara ina gcasann muid le Cochaillín Dearg, Plúirín Sneachta agus Luaithriona - ach is é an Mac Tíre a inseoidh an scéal seo, an scéal ceart, más fíor dó féin é. Bunaithe ar leabhar Roald Dahl.

In this dark and funny tale we meet Red Riding Hood, Snow White and Cinderella, but this time it's the Wolf who tells the story, which he says is the real story. Based on Roald Dahl's book Revoltin' Rhymes.

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## Message from Child and Family Support Network

**Join the Conversation**  
Ask the experts

Are you parenting alone with a child or children aged 0-6 years old? Do you have questions about your child's development and early learning? Do you want to ask an expert while also connecting with other parents? One Family is offering parents an opportunity to join a free, free Zoom group focusing on children aged 0-6 years. Every month a different parenting expert will join the group to answer parents questions. Topics would look at conversations like:

- 22 March: Learning to talk
- 19 April: Tears, tantrums and temper: The power of positive attitudes
- 17 May: Stuck in routines
- 16 June: Potty training
- 15 July: Building independence
- 16 August: Transition from the home to the Early Years
- 16 September: The power of play
- 16 October: Supporting social skills
- 22 November: Screen time in the Early Years

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A new parenting support group, focusing on parents who have Early Years aged children (0-6 years): The name of this new initiative is **"Join the Conversation"** and it will be hosted monthly, with a different topic discussed each month. This will be carried out virtually over zoom. In each session we are inviting in another organisation to join the conversation, support parents awareness of what is out there for them and develop peer support. Our first conversation is "Learning to Talk" and focuses on language development in the Early Years on the 25th March @ 11.30am.

**Join the Conversation**  
Ask the experts

**Learning to Talk**  
- 25 March 2021 - 11.30am -

Would you like to learn more about your young child's language development? Have you questions or experiences you would like to share?

Join our conversation on the 25th March to find out more about how we can support our young children's language development.

The conversation will focus on the Early Years (0-6) and how we as parents can support this learning journey of language and communication skills.

Our guest speaker, Lúilla Mergath a programme coordinator from the ParentsChild Home Programme will also be joining us to discuss the benefits of reading in the Early Years.

For more information or to join our conversation contact  
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