



Weekly Update

16th April 2021

Return to School Declaration Form

Thank you to all parents and guardians who completed the Return to School Declaration Form for their children. Please note that this form must be completed every time your child is absent.

This Week in RETNS

6th class had a zoom meeting with Lord Mayor Hazel Chu this morning. It was a great learning experience for the children and the Lord Mayor was happy to answer all the children's questions.

Value of the Month

Our value for April is responsibility. I look forward to assembly tomorrow when 1st class will be presenting their thoughts on this important topic.

COVID Reminders

Our responsibility to keep our school safe is a shared one. In particular, we ask parents and guardians:

- 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 while Level 5 restrictions continue
- To wear a mask when on the school premises

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
- > If your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or is awaiting the results of a COVID test
- > Is living with someone who has symptoms of Covid-19
- > Has returned from another country in the last 14 days – if this is the case, please follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel

In the event of a case or outbreak of COVID in our school, please cooperate with public health officials and the school for contact tracing purposes and follow all public health advice

Contacting your child's teacher

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please send a message through Carol at info@retns.ie

CoderDojo - Build a Roblox "Obby"

CoderDojo @ RETNS will be starting a new programming project on Tuesday 20th of April at 6:30pm

Participating ninjas will be able to build and program their own Obstacle Course game ("Obby") like this one: Roblox "Obby"

If you would like to join please use this link to register interest: [CoderDojo - Build a Roblox "Obby"](#)

April is Autism awareness month – information from DLR Libraries

Each year, April is designated Autism awareness month, with World Autism Awareness Day on Friday 2 April.

At DLR libraries we have been working to make our library spaces more inclusive. You can read more about that here. Don't forget that our ASC lending collection is available to those who need it. You can view the resources here.

Please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie with requests or enquiries.

During April 2021 we have some online events specifically for those with or supporting those with Autism.

Shenanigans series with Kyle Riley and Paul Timoney

Mondays 12, 19, 26 April & Monday 10 May, 4.00-5.00pm

Yoga for Children with autism

Saturdays 10, 17 & 24 April, 11.00am-12pm

Yoga and Relaxation for Parents of children with additional needs

Fridays 9, 16, 23 & 30 April, 7.00-8.00pm.

Booking essential via DLR Libraries Eventbrite.

Message from Dyslexia Association of Ireland

We offer a Parents' Course on Dyslexia, the next one will run on April 20 and 22. This is a great practical course for parents, especially beneficial for those whose child has recently been identified with dyslexia. The course provides an overview of all the main topics parents need to understand so they can best support their child. Full details on our next parents' course are available at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dyslexiaireland/490488>. This course will be run again in May.

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