

RATHFARNHAM



EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Weekly Update

11th June 2021

Outdoor Learning Project – Fundraising Update

We have now reached €6,930.00 euro which is almost halfway to our target of €15,000.00. Thank you to everybody who has contributed so far.

Annual School Walk

Our annual school walk will take place next Tuesday, 15 June, although our usual arrangements will have to be adapted to take COVID guidelines into account. The most significant change for parents and guardians is that we are unable to invite you to join us for our walk. We are already looking forward to next year when we hope we can revert to our regular practices.

Please see [letter](#) attached with details of the walk. Please note the letter contains an appeal for traffic marshals.

This Week in RETNS

We have beautiful displays of artwork in or outside the classes at the moment including wonderful printing in 3rd class. Some classes have also continued baking this week with brownies in 4th class and cupcakes in 3rd class.

This week has seen a limited return of outside teachers, both of whom are carefully following our COVID protocols. 1st – 3rd classes have had rugby and 5th and Infants have had dance.

3rd class are signed up to a workshop called Lets fly run by DLR through zoom. It is on Friday at 11am. They will make different types of airplanes and fly them.

4th class have been learning about Pride Month and the importance of inclusion and acceptance. We had a very positive and mature talk about the origins of Pride and why more work needs to be done. We then made rainbow decorations for our classroom.

6th class will be holding a Zoom workshop with Joe Condon, Lecturer in Mathematical Sciences in TCD and dad of Eoin, Liam and Maeve. Joe will be setting 6th class some statistics challenges. 6th class will also be joining the Zoom play titled "What did we miss?" hosted by The Ark. It is about the life of a 6th class student during lockdown.

No Mow May

Thank you to one of our Senior Infant parents, Jo Denyer, who completed a survey of our No Mow Meadow at the front of the school. We have 26 different types of plants growing in our No Mow Meadow!!

Frásaí na seachtaine



Message from National Parents' Council

NPC are delighted to be able to offer [free coding sessions](#) for families during the summer holidays. We are planning to host workshops for families in groups of 3, so if you know of groups of 3 families who would like to work together to learn how to code please get in touch.

There is lots of information on the attached flier. Places are very limited and will be allocated on a first come first-served basis.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more or would like to take part please contact me (Carmel) via coshea@npc.ie

What a beautiful day we've had today, an opportunity for the children to view a partial solar eclipse using paper pinhole projectors. They will be waiting a while for the next total eclipse to be visible in Ireland in 2090!

Le dea-ghuí

Maeve