

**This Week in RETNS**

3rd class have been working on the History of Communication. You can see a record of their work on the school website.

Congratulations to Senior Infants who won the Golden Boot Trophy this week. Well done to all children who walked, cycled or scooted for at least part of their journey to school this Wednesday or indeed, any other day.

Next Week in RETNS!**Fundraising Update**

Thank you to the team of children, parents/guardians and staff who worked together to prepare and distribute the Reindeer to raise funds for RETNS. It was a lot of work but we will have many children enjoying their hot chocolate over the weekend.

Our next fundraiser is for the annual hamper raffle. There will be separate raffles for adults and children. Donations for prizes will be very welcome. Please keep an eye out for further information which will arrive in a separate email.

As you know, we had planned to have a RETNS stall at the Rathfarnham Castle Craft fair on Sunday, 12 December. Due to the current COVID situation, we have decided not to participate. However, we hope to have a RETNS event in spring and will keep you updated in the New Year.

Recycled Christmas Decoration Competition

Children will receive lots of guidance from their teachers on this competition. It is worth noting that the closing date is **Wednesday, 8 December**.

Isolation quick guide for parents and guardians of children older than 3 months and up to 13 years of age – please read latest version attached: [Isolation QuickGuide for Under 13s](#) . It provides a comprehensive list of symptoms. The advice is that if your child has any new acute symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, they should self-isolate and you should contact your GP. Even if the child's symptoms are very mild, they should stay at home. You are asked to reassess after 48 hours but still contact your GP for advice.

Informing School of Absences

Please remember to include the reason for absence when using Aladdin Connect to inform us of your child's absence. Occasionally, information can take time to appear on Aladdin so if you would like the teacher to be aware of something early in the day, please send an email via Carol at info@retns.ie

Anti-Bullying Policy – Consultation

We are currently consulting our Student Council and parents/guardians on our revised [Anti-Bullying Policy](#): Could parents/guardians please send any feedback or comments to Carol at info@retns.ie by next Thursday, 2 December.

CoderDojo "Code your own Race Car"

CoderDojo @ RETNS returns on Tuesday 30th of November at 6:30pm

Participating ninjas will be able to make their own Race Car games using Scratch. If you would like to join us please use this link to sign-up: [RETNS CoderDojo - Sign-up Sheet 2021-22](#)

All our sessions are free and easy going. You can attend as much as it suits, no prior experience necessary, just a laptop, aim is to have fun and learn some basic coding. Here is a jazzy video from the foundation :-) [What is Coder Dojo?](#)



Donations for Christmas food hampers - Crosscare Dundrum Rathdown Youth Service & Belarmine Community Centre

Crosscare, which is based in the Loreto Community Centre, have asked us to publicise their appeal for food and gifts for hampers for families in their services – see information

attached: - [Christmas Flyer for Food Hamper Drive](#)

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