

RATHFARNHAM



EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Weekly Update 22nd October 2021

This Week in RETNS

School closes at the usual time tomorrow afternoon for all classes.

We are very excited about the Hallowe'en Dress-Up tomorrow.

Táimid go léir ag tnúth le Oíche Shamhna.

Frásaí na Seachtaine

Tá sceitimíní orm- *I'm excited*

Tá mé ar bís - *I'm excited*

'Bob nó bia' – *trick or treat*

'Tá mé gléasta mar' – *I'm dressed as -*

Progress Meetings

Progress meetings will take place on zoom on Thursday, 18 November and Tuesday, 23 November, beginning at 1.45 pm. As last year, parents / guardians will have the opportunity to sign up for meetings on Aladdin Connect after the midterm break. Please note that Junior Infants, 1st and 3rd will leave school at 1.20 pm on those days and Senior Infants, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th will finish school at 1.30 pm. There will be no 1.30 Club.

RETNS Website

We have some wonderful photos of our first half-term on the school website. Please have a look!

Enrolment for secondary school – reminder for parents / guardians in 6th class

October is the month when many schools accept enrolments for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Parents / guardians of children in 6th class should ensure that they have applied for their child's enrolment in their chosen secondary school(s).

Charity Impact Awards

Educate Together has entered the Charity Impact Awards this year in order to highlight the positive impact of the work going on in the network, and to increase awareness and engagement with potential supporters of Educate Together as a charity. If you feel it is appropriate, please take two minutes to vote for Educate

Together. Watch the video and VOTE for us in the overall Impact Award at <https://a.cstmapp.com/voteme/917690/651811649?lc=en-us&ep1=tw>

Warning from Food Safety Authority

Warning regarding jelly sweets containing cannabis (THC)

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) is urging parents and guardians to be extremely vigilant to the dangers of their children getting access to and eating confectionary, particularly jelly sweets, containing significant amounts of the psychoactive cannabis component called tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). This warning comes amid the ongoing seizures of these illegal food products by the Gardaí and Customs services, and a number of serious medical incidents whereby these THC-containing jelly sweets resulted in teenagers and young children suffering serious adverse health effects requiring hospitalisation. These jelly sweets are packaged to look like popular brands of jellies and have been found to contain toxic amounts of THC (up to 50mg/jelly). Depending on the concentration of THC, eating one of these jellies can mean an equivalent intake of THC that is 5-10 times higher than that inhaled from a single cannabis cigarette. Also, unlike the almost immediate effects of inhaling THC (smoking or vaping), ingesting THC through these jellies can take up to 30 minutes for any effects to be felt. However, while waiting for those effects, those who have eaten these products may overdose in the mistaken belief that they need to eat more sweets in order to feel the effects. Of particular concern to the FSAI is the inadvertent consumption of these jelly sweets by small children who may somehow gain access to what looks and possibly tastes like ordinary sweets. Unfortunately, given access to a bag of these jellies, children will rarely eat just one and therefore, overdosing is a very likely outcome as witnessed by the hospitalisation of a number of seriously ill young children in the early part of 2021.

The FSAI has become aware of reports about the availability of THC-containing jelly sweets in schools in Ireland and therefore, parents and guardians are asked to speak with their teenagers alerting them to the dangers if they eat them or if their younger siblings get access to them and subsequently suffer the serious consequences of consuming a toxic substance.

*Wishing everyone a great week, while keeping safe and well.
Hoping all our children get plenty of rest during the week in preparation for Oíche Shamhna and the return to school on Monday, 1 November.*

Le dea-ghuí

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