

RATHFARNHAM



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NATIONAL SCHOOL

Weekly Update 3rd December 2021

This Week in RETNS

The Foireann Fáilte will greet people at the gate this morning and spread some Festive Joy! It would be great to have parents/guardians join in with the greetings.

Congratulations to Rang IV 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 – and to the Green Team for carrying out their weekly survey.

It would be appreciated if parents/guardians could park at some distance from the school entrance on Wednesdays to facilitate safer walking, scooting and cycling.

If you are obliged to park directly outside the school, please remember to reverse into the parking spaces. When leaving the parking area, please drive slowly and carefully and never park on the pavement.

Our children's safety is dependent on the adults in our school community driving carefully!

Next Week in RETNS!

5th class are looking forward to making their Gingerbread Houses.

Frásaí na seachtaine

Tá áthas mór san aer.

Tá an Nollaig ag teacht.

Active Schools Team News

We the active schools team want to challenge all classes to be more active for the month of December. We challenge each class to complete the Daily Mile Challenge. All classes must walk, jog or run for 15 minutes a day for the whole month of December. It takes on average 15 mins to complete a mile. The route is around both the senior and junior yard. Our aim is to get the children moving and more active. To celebrate our Daily Mile Challenge, we will have a jersey day on the 17th of December. This is where all children and staff can wear a jersey from their local club, or a team they support or any jersey you may have at home. Also, on the 17th December, we will have some fun active games planned for each class to play.

Recycled Decoration Competition



8th December is the deadline for the recycled decoration competition. We have already had some fantastic entries. Please ensure the decoration is labelled with the child's name and class.

Staffing Update

Since the start of the school year, Claire Sheeran has worked with Mary Griffin as a support teacher in 1st and 5th classes. On 1 December, Rebecca Errity returned to RETNS to work as Mary Griffin's job-share partner. She is delighted to be working with 1st and 5th classes.

We are fortunate that Claire will also be staying in RETNS. She will move to supporting groups in a variety of classes, including 1st and 5th.

Free Online Talk on Supporting Children to Manage Big Emotions –

please see information attached: [Supporting Children to Manage Big Emotions](#)

Deliver the Joy of Reading

If you are considering buying books as Christmas presents for children, you might be interested in the attached guide: [Deliver the Joy of Reading](#)

Message from Tusla re. Foster Carers

We are contacting you today to highlight the on-going need for foster carers in the South Dublin region. Tusla in South Dublin are looking for foster carers in communities like Rathfarnham, Lucan, Clondalkin, Inchicore, and Adamstown.

Why not join us for Online Fostering information events taking place this week

December 1st <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/214992587617>

December 2nd - <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/208531993807>

Anyone interested in finding out more about TUSLA is invited to contact us directly at:

Free Phone 1800 226 771
Email tusla.fostering@tusla.ie

In the mean-time, check out [fostering.ie](https://www.fostering.ie) where we have some useful information and videos from carers and young people who have been in foster care, which provides a unique insight into what being a foster carer is like.

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