

RATHFARNHAM



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Weekly Update 4th November 2021

This Week in RETNS

We were delighted to welcome two student teachers to RETNS this week. Jen will work in 3rd class and Olivia in 5th class until 23 November.

Tomorrow, 4th class will walk to Ballyroan library to participate in a workshop titled 'Women in Science'. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to accompany the class on their walk.

Dance classes have begun for Junior Infants to 2nd with our dance teacher, Catherine Casey. We are so glad to have Catherine back with us.

Next Week in RETNS

Online Safety Workshops

Online Safety Workshops facilitated by Barnardos will be held for 3rd – 6th classes on Monday 8 November.

Third class will take part in two workshops next week as part of Science Week. The first hosted by Ballyroan Library is called *Grandpa's Great Escape* and is a Kite building Workshop based on the book by David Walliams. The second workshop on Friday is hosted by Let's Talk Science and is called Think before You Flush!

Frásaí na Seachtaine

Tá me fuar.

Tá mo lámha fuar.

Tá mo chluasa fuar.

Progress Meetings

Progress meetings will take place this year on Thursday, 18 November and Tuesday, 23 November. Slots are now available to book with your child's class teacher on Aladdin Connect. Please book your slot by 5 pm on Friday, 12 November.

There will be insufficient slots for a small number of children in each class. Class teachers will be in touch with you after 12 November if you have not been able to book a slot.

Latest information on COVID-19 symptoms is available at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#health-advice-for-parents>

Information from Department of Education on Children First

Children First Awareness Week is taking place from 1st to 7th November 2021. Children First promotes the protection of children from abuse and neglect, by setting out what individuals and organisations need to do to keep children safe, and how to deal with concerns about a child's safety or welfare. Society has a duty of care towards children, and everyone should be alert to the possibility that children they are in contact with may be abused or at risk of abuse or neglect. If you are concerned about a child or young person, you should contact Tusla social work department. Organisations classed as providers of relevant services under the Children First Act 2015 are required to complete a risk assessment and must have a Child Safeguarding Statement in place. More information on keeping children safe in our communities is available at gov.ie/childrenfirst

Internet Safety

Barnardos provide free parent webinars on online safety. They are live, run by Barnardos trainers and are held on Zoom. Parents / guardians can register directly for a particular webinar at <https://www.barnardos.ie/learning-development/training/online-safety-programme/for-parents>

Upcoming Parent webinar dates

Wed 17 November -7pm

Wed 8 December – 7pm

Additional dates may be added to the website.

More on Internet Safety

A parent is involved in the production of an animated series on RTEjr and Sky Kids that teaches all about internet safety! The series is aimed at children aged 5-7 and there are 26 X 11 minute episodes on the RTE player and it is on 3 times a day on RTEjr. Sky Kids have 25 episodes available on demand. It's called Alva's World <https://kavaleer.com/show/alvasworld/>

Le dea-ghuí

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