

**RATHFARNHAM**



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## **Weekly Update 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

### **This Week in RETNS**

This week is Fire Safety Week. We practised our fire drill using our new doors to evacuate the classrooms this morning. All went very smoothly for the first fire drill of this school year.

We will have a visit from Garda Pádraig next week to talk to the children about safety at Hallowe'en.

Today is Tree day and classes have been focussing on the wild cherry tree in our side garden. Is comharsana den scoth iad na crainn.

As part of Climate Action Week, 4<sup>th</sup> Class will be taking part in the Pocket Forest project, beginning this Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. More information on this project can be found on the links below, and Katie will be posting photos of their activity on the school website.

We have been given a space in Loreto Park in which to plant the pocket forest, and on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> class will be preparing the land.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZO0IWAjJdlk>

Miyawaki forest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLjIKIhvsQ8&t=46s>

Pocket forest story

<https://www.changex.org/ie/pocket-forest/balbriggan-co-dublin-ireland>

Balbriggan project

<https://www.google.ie/maps/@53.2903767,-6.2726462,17z>

Maps of site

Tomorrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes will attend a dance performance in the senior yard, choreographed by Alba's mother. We are hoping for good weather!

After school today, our staff will have an information session on Gaelbhreach, an initiative to promote the use of oral Irish in our school. I will keep you informed of the next steps.

### **Visits to see the new doors**

Thank you to all parents and guardians who came to see our new doors this week. Some of our visitors volunteered to help out with the wildlife and vegetable gardens. If you would like to get involved, please let Carol know at [info@retns.ie](mailto:info@retns.ie).

### **Stepaside ETSS**

Admissions for the academic year 2022/23 at Stepside Educate Together Secondary School are now open!

<https://stepasideetss.ie/page/Admissions-20222023/26874/Index.html>

This video is a representation of Stepside Educate Together Secondary School, and gives a short introduction to some of the staff and students.

<https://stepasideetss.ie/page/Open-Event-Video/264573/Index.html>

### **Childminders wanted**

A couple of our Junior Infant parents are seeking childminders for a couple of afternoons a week. I mention this in the absence of a working school noticeboard during COVID times. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Carol at [info@retns.ie](mailto:info@retns.ie)

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