

RATHFARNHAM



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NATIONAL SCHOOL

Weekly Update 18th November 2021

This Week in RETNS

I was delighted to be invited to the 6th class Science Fair on Monday. 6th class also shared their exhibits with 4th class over zoom. We were all impressed with the children's explanations of their projects.

This week is Clean Air Week. The Green Team promoted this by asking everyone to try and walk, cycle, scoot or park and stride on Wednesday. We attempted to have low vehicle numbers at the gates and promoted **No Idling**.

The Green Team ran a Travel Survey in each class on Wednesday. Congratulations to Rang 2 who received the Golden Boot Trophy.

Current COVID Guidelines for Children under 13 - clarifications on some common questions

If my child tests positive for COVID, what are the implications for their siblings?

Siblings are designated as unvaccinated close contacts in a household setting. As they are unvaccinated, they will have to have PCR (and not antigen) tests. The number of tests needed and number of days during which they will have to restrict their movements will be determined by the contact tracer. **Until you hear from a contact tracer, the siblings should not attend school.**

If my child is symptomatic (even if the symptoms are mild) and going for / awaiting the results of a PCR test, can their siblings attend school?

No, siblings should stay at home until your child receives their test result. If the result is negative, the siblings should return to school. However, if the child still has a non-COVID-related illness, they should stay at home for 48 hours after their symptoms are gone

(From the HSE website on 18 November – guidelines are subject to change!)

We have had positive cases of COVID in some classes this week. As you are probably aware, no contact tracing is carried out in schools any longer so no close contacts will be identified. However, it is important to remain vigilant and if your child develops any COVID symptoms, a PCR test should be arranged and they should not come to school while awaiting their result. As a school community, we continue to make every effort to prevent the spread of COVID within the school. Parents / guardians might consider limiting social contacts such as playdates at the present time.

Active School Team 2021 – 2022

This year, the team is made up of children from 5th class. We look forward to lots of great ideas and activities from Maeve, Lauren, Rose, Elle, Donagh and Luke

RETNS Games Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to our fundraising event. Particular thanks go to the organisers of what was a fun-filled afternoon for our children.

Primary Curriculum – Message from NCCA

Parents! Do you know that the Primary Curriculum is changing?

What children learn and how children learn in primary school is changing. The proposed changes aim to enhance children's learning in school and provide for even more relevant and meaningful learning.

You can find the proposals [HERE](#).

As a parent, it is important to have a say in shaping your child's future learning. The consultation will close by the end of February 2022.

Please take 8-10 minutes to tell us what you think [HERE](#)

Want to know more? Visit our website www.ncca.ie/primary

Soccer Coaching

Please see the information attached

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