



RETNS is closed from 21 – 25 February. Enjoy the break!

This Week in RETNS

Our Love Bomb Week began, most appropriately, on Valentine's Day when all the staff were showered with good wishes, gifts and some delicious treats, from members of our school community.

Third Class participated in an online science workshop from the Rediscovery Centre all about acids and bases. They then carried out their own experiments testing different liquids.

Today is Cosy Day!

To mark the end of Love Bomb Week, **on Friday February 18th, the Student Council have organised a Cosy Day** for the children to show themselves a little love! On that day, children are invited to wear or bring something cosy to school, (fluffy jumpers, hats, scarves, etc.). In the afternoon, each class will mark the occasion with a cosy and relaxing activity in their classrooms.

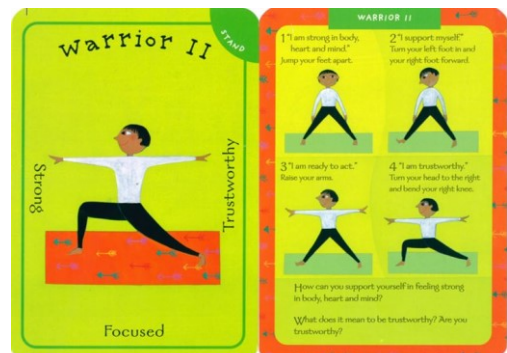
- Children must be dressed appropriately for school on the day (no pyjamas or onesies).
- Small extra items such as cushions or teddies may be brought in, but must fit in the child's school bag and be clearly labelled.
- If they wish, the children may bring their slippers to school on the day, to be worn within their classrooms only.

Frásaí na Seachtaine

Labhair Gaeilge liom!

Bain triail as.

Yoga Pose – Warrior 2 (on the school website)



Pancake Tuesday

Pancake Tuesday takes place on Tuesday, 1 March. Thank you to the parents/guardians who will prepare pancakes for every child in RETNS on this special day.

Please ensure your child's teacher is aware of any allergies. You may wish to send in an alternative if your child is unable to eat pancakes.

As in the past, we will fundraise for the Children's Health Foundation which raises vital funds to support sick children and their families in Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght and Connolly Hospitals. The suggested contribution is 2 euro per child.

Nurturing Schools Questionnaire – Reminder!

The Nurturing Schools Programme is a whole-school approach that helps schools to embed a nurturing culture to improve the teaching and learning, engagement in school life, and wellbeing of all children and staff.

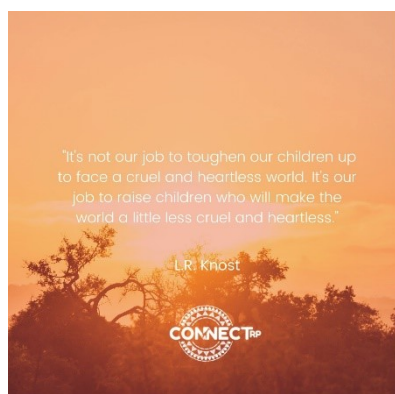
Thank you to all parents/guardians who have already completed our survey on Nurturing Schools. We will also be surveying the opinions of children and staff. This link brings you to the short questionnaire which we hope you will take the time to fill out [Parent/Guardian Nurture Questionnaire](#)

Children from 2nd – 6th class have been answering a questionnaire designed to gather their opinions on how they feel about our school. If you would like further information regarding the children's questionnaire, please contact nurture@retns.ie

The information from all the questionnaires is gathered anonymously and we will share our findings with the school community.

We ask that you please fill out the questionnaire by **Monday 21st February 2022**.

Restorative Practice – Parents' / Guardians' Course – Part 3



'What Happens when we flip our Lids?' – guard dog & wise owl!

- <https://ubuntulearning.connectrp.ie/courses/1062046/lectures/22578667>

Harold's Cross ETSS –



Invitation to Community Day on 26th March 2022 – see flyer

Fostering Information Events

The Tusla fostering team are promoting fostering in the Dublin South East and Wicklow area. They will be holding some face to face information events on the week of March 7th. – see information attached

More information on fostering can also be found on the Tusla website.



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Dear colleague

I have recently moved into the Principal social work post for fostering in the DSE-WW area and am currently working on how to promote fostering in the area and am reaching out to groups and services in the community as part of this.

Our aspiration is to recruit enough foster parents so that whenever a child/children enters care in Dublin South East-Wicklow we have a range of placements available from which we can select an appropriately matched placement for that child/children.

I would like to ask you in the run up to **National Fostering Awareness Week, which starts on the 21st February**, to encourage any family, friends, work colleagues or service users who might have an interest in becoming a foster carer to contact www.fostering.ie or 1800226771.

We are also holding face to face information events on **Tuesday the 8th March from 1pm-5pm and Friday the 11th March from 10am-12pm in the Samuel Beckett Centre, Ballyogan, Dublin 18** and on **Monday 7th March from 11am-1pm and Thursday 10th March from 2-4pm in Greystones Library, Co. Wicklow**. Again I would ask that if you have any work colleagues, family or friends who might have an interest in fostering you would share this information with them.

If you have any questions in relation to fostering please contact me on caoifhionn.okane@tusla.ie or 0871973763

Kind regards

Caoifhionn O'Kane
Principal Social Worker

<https://www.tusla.ie/services/alternative-care/foster-care/>

Free Webinar: Supporting your Autistic Child to Thrive through Connection and Play

This evening, Thursday February 17th from 7.00pm - 8.00pm – see [flyer](#)

Road Safety – Observing the Rules of the Road

I recently received this letter from a parent in our school. Please be mindful of the safety of other road users when travelling to school.

My wife and I walk our child to school every morning and we cross Nutgrove Avenue using traffic lights at Costa Coffee/Vets, with the aid of the lollipop lady. Almost every morning there are cars, coming from Whitehall Road and turning right on to Nutgrove Avenue, breaking their red light and crossing the pedestrian crossing while our light is green. Sometimes the lollipop lady has to step in front of a car to prevent them from continuing.

I'd greatly appreciate it if you could add an item to the next weekly update to remind parents of observing the rules of the road, particularly where children are crossing.

Assistance with Research Project – Study on Sleep

We regularly receive requests to participate in research projects. You may be interested and have the time to participate in the study below:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Aobh Nic Ghiolla Phadraig of the School of Psychology in DCU. I am contacting you in relation to our research project, which aims to examine the relationship between children's sleep, their parents sleep and the overall effect on family function.

The study is completely questionnaire based and any information gathered will be anonymised. Attached is a study information sheet that outlines all the details of this study, and what participation would involve. We have also included a link to the consent form.

The study is completely voluntary but if you would like to complete the survey, please follow the link below. If you have any queries about the study or what is involved, please don't hesitate to email.

https://dcupsychology.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_87czFIBNPja91Vc

Thank you for your time in reading this email and your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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Wishing all our school community a happy, healthy break!

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