

RATHFARNHAM



EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Weekly Update 4th February 2022

Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Bríde oraibh go léir!

Xīnnián hǎo (新年好)

This Week in RETNS

Our classes have been celebrating Chinese New Year and St. Brigid's Day.

The Pocket Forest trees were delivered and 4th class are in the process of planting their trees.

3rd – 6th classes finished their dance classes yesterday. It was great to watch some of what they have achieved over this block and to see how much the children have enjoyed their dancing. We are indeed fortunate to have Catherine Casey as our dance teacher.

Next Week in RETNS!

Installation of Awnings

Our new awnings will be installed next Monday and Tuesday, 7 & 8 February. We are all SO excited!

Basketball for 4th – 6th classes with a coach from Basketball Ireland will begin next Tuesday, 8 February and run for 6 weeks.

Safety in the School Grounds

Please keep your children with you if waiting for siblings at collection time. This is a busy time of day with cars entering and leaving the school grounds.

Restorative Practice Update

Last week I shared details of a Restorative Practice Course for parents/ guardians. I would be very interested in any feedback on the course. The first 5-minute session is titled 'It's all about Relationships' – link below

<https://ubuntulearning.connectrp.ie/courses/1062046/lectures/22578619>

Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday, 8 February is Safer Internet Day. For Safer Internet Day 2022, Webwise and the National Parents Council are calling on all families to #TalkListenLearn and help both children and parents talk about the benefits and the challenges of the online world. The online world is a big part of children's and teenagers' lives. It is important to be involved with what your children are doing online, and by talking, listening and learning together as a family it will help to support them to both navigate the challenges and make the most of the digital environment.

See [TalkListenLearn Safer Internet Day](#)

There is also a Family Agreement that you might like to consider [Family Agreement](#)

It's also worth considering that decisions you make on what your child may watch can impact on other children through their conversations, games they play and even stories they write and pictures they draw in school.

To game or not to Game? Everything you need to know about online gaming.

This online event is organised by Ballyroan Library. The session is 60 minutes long.
Date and time

7 pm, Tue, 8 February 2022

Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/to-game-or-not-to-game-everything-parents-need-to-know-tickets-253201270817?aff=efbneb>

About this event

*With games like the latest release of hyperreal games like Cyberpunk 2077, we have come a long, long way from the days of Pac Man and joysticks! This comprehensive session will take you on a tour through the often baffling world of gaming and equips you with the knowledge to make more informed decisions, by covering the positives and negatives of this now multi-billion dollar industry. This talk is designed for parents or guardians of **pre-teen and teenage children** or adults interested in a general overview of the world of gaming.*

Clean-up Dates – Dodder Action Group

Saturday, February 19th for Milltown, meet opposite Wilde and Green, 10 am;

Saturday, February 19th for Rathfarnham, meet at the old footbridge to Bushy Park, 10 am;

Bring your own gloves if possible!

Thanks! Dodder Action

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