

RATHFARNHAM



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## Weekly Update 11th March 2022

### School Closure at 12.00 on Wednesday, 16 March

RETNS will close at 12.00 on Wednesday, 16 March for Primary Language Curriculum training for teachers. There will be **no extra-curricular activities on that day.**



RETNS will remain closed on **17 & 18 March.**



### Arrival and Departure from RETNS

Now that we no longer have to enforce pods and bubbles, we will revert to **only using the pedestrian gate** for children to access and leave the school grounds. This change will come into effect from **Monday, 14 March.**

Children should not enter the school grounds until 08.45 and if waiting to enter, please give priority to families with younger children.

Parents/guardians are concerned (and I share this concern at times) about safety outside the school in the mornings. The easiest solution would be for all parents/guardians to park some distance from the school (if you need to drive) and approach the school on foot.

We also hope to bring back the Walking Bus - further details to follow!

### Swimming Update

Unfortunately, we will not be able to recommence swimming this school year but look forward to returning to Meadowbrook in September.

### Use of mobile phones and the Internet

As a school, we ask that all parents/guardians monitor their children's use of mobile phones and the Internet. Children's unrestricted use of technology can impact on their behaviour at school, especially at yard-time. As a staff, we have clear boundaries on behaviour, especially on the use of language, and ask for cooperation from all to teach children to respect these boundaries.

## This Week in RETNS

This month's value of the month in RETNS is Peace. 6th Class created Lego Stop Motion Videos to showcase our RETNS Value of the Month – Peace!

*In 6th class, we discussed what Peace means to us in the classroom and at home. We also looked at the wider world and what it means for different countries around the world, particularly with what is going on in Ukraine at the minute.*

*Have a look at our Lego Stop Motion videos - <https://retns.ie/blog/6th-class-create-lego-stop-motion-videos-to-show-our-value-of-the-month-peace/>*

This project is a great example of the positive impact of technology.

## Seachtain na Gaeilge



Tá Coicís na Gaeilge faoi lánsheol agus na páistí agus an fhoireann go léir ag baint taitneamh agus sult as na gníomhaíochtaí atá ar siúl. Tá a lán imeachtaí ar siúl agus tá a lán Gaeilge le chloisteáil ar fud na scoile. Tá na ranganna ag cleachtadh Ióga trí Gaeilge agus ag tógail Sosanna Spleodracha. (exciting movement breaks). Beidh An Céilí Mór agus Tráth na gCeist ar siúl an tseachtain seo chugainn.

Os rud é go bhfuil aon grianghraif deasa agaibhse de comharthaí sa timpeallacht is féidir iad a sheoladh do <https://padlet.com/ronanbarrett/zk8t2cx4lnrb0y23> Bain triail as!

Coicís na Gaeilge is in full swing and the children and staff are enjoying all the activities that are going on. Classes are practising their Yoga and taking movement breaks trí Gaeilge, amongst many other activities. The Céilí Mór and quizzes will take place next week.

If your family have managed to get any nice shots of Irish signs in your locality please send them

to <https://padlet.com/ronanbarrett/zk8t2cx4lnrb0y23> . *There will be a special prize for one lucky winner who posts a photo of Gaeilge in their locality or at home.*

The highlight will be “AN LÁ GLAS” on 16<sup>th</sup> March where everyone is invited to wear a green item to celebrate our language and our Green school status.

PS – Green jersey not essential \_any green item will do (e.g. Socks, hair ribbon, sunglasses, hat)!! – see poster attached!



## Fundraising – Children's Health Foundation

Thank you to all who donated to the Pancake Tuesday fundraiser for the Children's Health Foundation which raises vital funds to support sick children and their families in CHI hospitals and urgent care centres in Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght and Connolly. €330.00 was raised for this worthy cause.

## **Female mini rugby festival - Blackrock College RFC - Friday the 11th of March 2022**

A message from Jonathan Sharkey, our rugby coach

*I know this is short notice but I wanted to let all my schools know of a festival of rugby for female mini players being hosted in Blackrock College RFC tomorrow evening from 6.00pm till 8.30pm, <https://goo.gl/maps/E25FxD9UP1fzRgD17> .*

*This is a great chance for the female players I have had the pleasure of working with so far this year or in the past or in the near future being able to see rugby in full flow within a club environment, maybe getting involved OR just enjoy watching the rugby being played.*

*Below is the brief description I was given by the Leinster Rugby women's development department:*

*"On Friday the 11th of March 2022 a mini U10s & U12s girls' festival is taking place in Blackrock College RFC to promote female rugby during women's international week. Some Leinster Rugby U18s female players will be there to referee the games and Leinster Rugby community department staff will be present to help out on the night."*

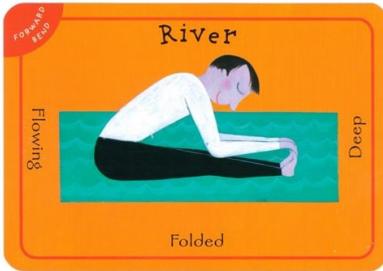
*Thank you in advance.*

*From,*

*Jonathan*

### **Frásaí na Seachtaine –**

- Labhair Gaeilge Liom
- Bain triail as!!
- Lá fhéile Pádraig sona duit



## Yoga Pose – River (see RETNS website)



## Restorative Practice – Parents' / Guardians' Course Part 4

Calm is a Superpower' – what do calm people have in common?

<https://ubuntulearning.connectrp.ie/courses/1062046/lectures/22578834>

*Le dea-ghuú*

*Maeve*