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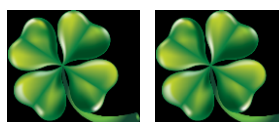
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Weekly Update 4th March 2022

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.

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



Coffee Morning for Ukraine

A coffee morning will be held in the Loreto Community Centre from 09.00 next Tuesday, 8 March. All proceeds will go to the Irish Red Cross. Parents/guardians of RETNS are invited to attend.

Red Cross teams are on the ground in Ukraine and will continue their work to repair vital infrastructure, support health facilities, and help families with life-saving food and hygiene items.

This is a rapidly evolving crisis. Your donation will help those affected get food, medicine, shelter and water. Your support will also help the Red Cross to assist those displaced by conflict. You might also be interested in the following:

[How to talk to your children about the invasion of Ukraine](#)

This Week in RETNS

Our awnings have been installed and are now fully operational. What perfect weather we're having at the moment to enjoy them!

Pancake Tuesday/ Shrove Tuesday

Thank you to all parents/guardians who prepared the pancakes. We had a great turnout of volunteers. Thank you too to our team of 6th class helpers.

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated today and for the first time in almost two years, children from different classes came together for buddy reading. There was a fantastic buzz in the Halla of older children reading to the younger ones. We all enjoyed it so much. The children will have received their book tokens and Homework last night was reading – and spelling for some.

The **Value of the Month** is Peace. This is certainly an opportune time to focus on peace. I have attached an article which you might find useful if you are talking to your children about Ukraine.

Toy Day returns to RETNS tomorrow, Friday, 4 March. For those new to Toy Day, I include information from our Parents' Handbook:

Toy Day Friday is Toy Day. Children are allowed to bring one toy to play and share. Encourage your child to bring a suitable toy. Any toys which encourage aggressive play are not allowed. Motorised/remote control toys are not allowed. For older children we like to foster games, which help to develop social play. Board games and puzzles are favourites.

Frásaí na Seachtaine



"Lá fhéile Pádraig sona duit"

"Caithim seamróg agus téim go dtí an pharáid" (see pictures above)

Coicís na Gaeilge (Gaeilge Fortnight)

- **Is linn ar fad an Ghaeilge!** - Bain triail as!!

Irish belongs to us all so why not give it a try. 'Gaeilge sa Bhaile' might be of help – see attached.

Beimid ag ceiliuradh Coicís na Gaeilge ó Márta 7ú go Márta 16ú anseo i RETNS. Mar is gnáth, beidh na páistí ag foghlaim Frasaí na Seachtaine agus dánta/amhraín trí Gaeilge. I rith na bliana, éistean siad le scéalta trí Gaeilge agus déanann siad cluichí trí Gaeilge fresin. Beidh béim faoi leith ar na gníomhaíochtaí seo ar feadh na coicíse. Beidh imeachtaí eile ar siúl freisin, cosúil le Leitheoireacht Bheirte agus ealaín agus Ióga trí Gaeilge.

Sa dara seachtain (Márta 14ú go Márta 16ú) beidh imeachtaí speisealta ar siúl! **AN LÁ GLAS, AN CÉILÍ MÓR** agus **TRÁTH NA gCEIST**. Cuirfimid a thuilleadh eolas ar fáil an tseachtain seo chugainn!!

SA BHAILE:

Is feidír na h-imeachtaí seo a leanas a dhéanamh sa bhaile:

- Bain triail as **DUOLINGO** le do chlann
- Bain triail as na frásaí seo:
- Labhair Gaeilge Liom
- Bain triail as !!

- Lá fhéile Pádraig sona duit
 - Tóg grianghraif de comharthaí sa timpeallacht

Tuilleadh eolais an tseachtain seo chugainn conas iad a uaslódáil !

We will be celebrating Coicís na Gaeilge in RETNS from the 7th to the 16th of March. As every week, the children will be learning the Frasaí na Seachtaine and performing poems and songs in Irish. Throughout the year, our classes listen to Irish stories and play games as Gaeilge. There will be a special emphasis on these activities for this fortnight. In addition there will be other activities such as paired reading, art and yoga trí Gaeilge. During the second week there will be a couple of special events. AN LÁ GLAS, AN CÉILÍ MÓR and TRÁTH NA gCEIST. More information in the Weekly Update on Thursday 10th!

You can do the following activities at home, if you wish:

- ✚ Try **DUOLINGO** with your child/children
- ✚ Try using Labhair Gaeilge Liom
 - Bain triail as!!
 - Lá fhéile Pádraig sona duit
 - *Your child will explain them!!*
- ✚ Take photographs of Irish signs in the environment _ More information next week on where to upload them!

Using Aladdin Connect

Please remember to record all absences, including the reason, on Aladdin Connect. Aladdin Connect should also be used if your child is late to school or needs to be collected early.

Now that most COVID restrictions have been lifted, classes will be recommencing trips. You will always be informed of trip details and Carol will send a payment request via Aladdin. With the increase in fuel costs, it is inevitable that transport costs will increase. Teachers will factor this into their costing of trips.

Green Schools Update

On Wednesdays, we encourage

WOW – Walk on Wednesday

COW - Cycle on Wednesday

And SOW – Scoot on Wednesday.

If you live some distance from the school, Park and Stride is a good option and reduces the number of cars parked outside the school.

The winners of the Golden Boot competition for this week were 2nd class.

We are reaching the final stages of working towards our 8th Green Flag with the theme of Marine Life. Much has been achieved over the last two years and children are now busy creating a new Green Code for the school with the theme of Marine Life. The closing date for the competition is **Wednesday, 9 March**.

The Green Team are also promoting 'Save our Seas Spring'. They are encouraging all families to reduce the use of single-use plastic and have shared suggestions such as plastic containers or beeswax wrappers that can be used every day.



Yoga Pose – Down Dog (see RETNS website)

Information on Fostering

If you have ever considered fostering, please see the attached [Fostering Flyer](#). If you know someone who might be interested, please pass it on.

CÓR NA NÓG children's choir – see information [Cór na nÓG Children's Choir](#)

Le dea-ghuí

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