



## Weekly Update 13th May 2022

### This Week in RETNS



Our National Spring Clean took place on Wednesday afternoon in Loreto Park. Thank you to our 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes for their participation. If you are visiting Loreto Park, be sure to look out for the Pocket Forest planted by 4<sup>th</sup> class earlier in the year.

Rory Keating from Inland Fisheries Ireland visited 3<sup>rd</sup> class this week to talk about fish in our local rivers and lakes and the life of the salmon. Rory spoke about his job as a fisheries officer and how they tackle poaching. Rory will be returning to take 3<sup>rd</sup> class fishing on the river Dodder later in the term.

Senior Infants did observational drawings of Izzie's bicycle with Patricia and Niamh on Wednesday. Their drawings are wonderful.

### Friday Morning

For anyone who missed the Art Exhibition last Sunday (or even if you were there!), there is another opportunity to view the children's art tomorrow morning between 08.50 and 09.10. The art is displayed on the downstairs corridor.

You might also like to visit the library to see the books written by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class for the Write-a-Book project.

### Next Week in RETNS!

#### Standardised Tests

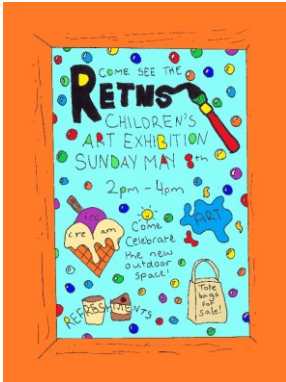
This week, all children in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes did their Drumcondra Spelling Test. **We will have the Drumcondra Reading Test next week and the Drumcondra Maths Test the following week.** It is important that all children are in school for these assessments.

The spelling tests went very smoothly this week with a calm atmosphere in every class. This calm approach is very helpful for the children.

It is important to remember that standardised tests form only one part of the 'jigsaw of information' about your child's overall progress. Results should always be framed in a

broader context. The school gleans much important information from a variety of valuable sources e.g. routine observation, class/individual tasks, class participation, various assignments/homework, teacher-designed tasks and tests, other tests/reports/feedback. All of this information helps us to plan and work around optimising your child's learning.

## Art Exhibition



Thank you to everyone who attended the Art Exhibition last Sunday. It was great to see so many families together again in RETNS. We love having every child's work on display but eventually, each child will bring their own work home.

Thank you so much to all those who donated to the Art Exhibition costs and general fundraising for the school. The fundraising link on Aladdin remains active until 20 June.

The tote bags that proved so popular last Sunday are still on sale from Carol in the office.

**Active Schools Week** – Please have a look at our website for a report on Active Schools Week - <https://retns.ie/active-school-week-in-retns/>

## Frásaí na Seachtaine –

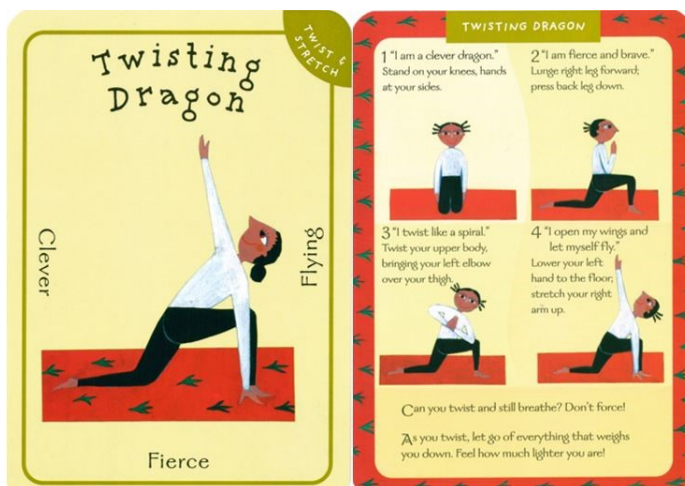
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## Yoga Pose – Twisting Dragon

Available each week on the school website under Yoga Pose of the Week.

<https://retns.ie/yoga-pose-of-the-week/>



## **Childminding**

We have had some queries from parents of new Junior Infants who are seeking a childminder for the next school year. If you are interested in this, please contact Carol at [info@retns.ie](mailto:info@retns.ie).

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