



Weekly Update 6th May 2022

Art Exhibition and Awnings Launch

Children, staff and members of the Development Committee, the support of other parents/ guardians have done a huge amount of work to prepare and display every child's beautiful artwork. I look forward to seeing the Art Exhibition Sunday and meeting our children and their parents/guardians.



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The RETNS tote bags will be for sale on the day and from Carol in the office afterwards. These bags are both useful and beautiful. Special thanks go to Yvonne Keogh, Lilian's mum, for all her help with the design of the bag. – see poster attached

Peace Proms

4th class are looking forward to their Peace Proms concert in the Helix Theatre this Saturday night. They have worked hard on their repertoire and we wish them all the best. We are looking forward to seeing them perform at assembly tomorrow.

This Week in RETNS

This week, Breaktime Buddies from 5th & 6th classes returned to the junior yard for the first time since March 2020. The older children are proving to be a huge hit with the younger classes.

5th class had a zoom call with Gavin Whelan, Lorcan's uncle, all the way from LA! He spoke to the class about the work he does with visual effects and CGI on films such as the new 'Sonic' film.

Active Schools Week

We've had a very busy Active Schools Week., with classes taking Active Breaks every day and music on the yard. The dancing was much enjoyed. Active Homework was popular and the highlight for many was the **Buddy Obstacle Course** where senior classes were paired with junior classes. 3rd – 6th classes also have trials for Santry today.

Say Yes to Languages! – Primary Language Sampler Module

Children from 3rd and 4th class are beginning their Primary Language Sampler Modules this week. The aims of these modules are to generate awareness of languages

spoken across the school community which may help support greater inclusion and appreciation of diversity in society. We already discovered that children in our class are exposed to over 25 different languages on a daily basis. We are hoping to give children a taster introduction to Spanish with both Ronan and Katie having experience studying, working and living in Spanish speaking countries. The focus is not exclusively on one language but also to encourage the uptake of languages at post primary level and prepare for Modern Foreign Languages and Irish Sign Language in the Primary School Curriculum.
Muchas gracias! Ronan y Katie.

Walking Bus

We look forward to the return of the Walking Bus tomorrow morning. All five buses will come together at the playground gate to Loreto Park at 08.45 and walk together to the school. All are welcome on what is a great way to mark Active Schools Week.

Class trips have been booked for this school year

Junior Infants	Airfield	8 June
Senior Infants	Airfield	26 May
1 st & 2 nd	Lullymore Farm	15 June
3 rd	the zoo	1 June
4 th	Croke Park	9 June
5 th	Glendalough	2 June
6 th	Blessington	22 June

Carol will issue details of the cost of trips and teachers will be in touch with further information.

Other dates to note are:

Sports Day 23 June

Graduation 28 June

Frásaí na Seachtaine –

An bhfuil sé in am don lón?

Tá mé lán go béal.

Yoga Pose –



Dragon – see school website

Barnardos Online Safety Programme – Cyberbullying Webinar

Thanks so much for having the Barnardos Online Safety Programme into your school this year. We hope you and your students found our workshops useful and they started some good conversations about online safety.

*I'm emailing today to invite you to our Plugged in Switched webinar about **cyberbullying** on Tuesday, **31st of May** from 10-11.30am. Based on feedback from schools, our webinar looks at cyberbullying and how to tackle it and is designed for **principals, teachers and parents**. You'll hear from Webwise, the tech industry (Youtube, Tik Tok) and from a school about how they are dealing with cyberbullying.*

The link to register is [here](#). I've also attached our invite, so please feel free to share it with the parents in your school community. There are more details on our [website](#), and the webinar will be available afterwards for those who can't attend on the day.

We hope you're able to make it on the 31st of May. If you have any questions, please just get in touch!

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