



Weekly Update 13th October 2022

Parents' Association – Tonight at 7.30 pm – including talk on Sunshine and Struggles of parenting

Library Volunteers Needed

Thank you to our parents/ guardians who give their time to tidying the library and re-shelving books. We have volunteers for each morning to re-shelve books but it would be great to have some more parents/ guardians involved so that there is cover if someone can't make it. This commitment is for 30 minutes once a week.

We are also seeking volunteers for the afternoons to help with 1st and 2nd class trips to the library. These visits take place between 2 pm and 2.30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays so would tie in with collection time at the end of the school day.

If you would like to help, please contact jennyhoneill@gmail.com

School Closure – Thursday, 24 November

RETNS will be closed for children on Thursday, 24 November for Primary Language Curriculum training for teachers.

This Week in RETNS

Congratulations to our New Student Council who were introduced to the school at last Friday's assembly. The members of this year's Student Council are:

6th class

Lauren Martin (Chairperson)	Tadhg Sinnamon Hannafin	
Polly O' Carroll	Maebh Coss	Elle Dodson

5th Class

Danny O'Sullivan	Ruairi Coss	Simone Cacamo Duggan
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4th Class

Evie O'Carroll	Lando Cahill VillaNueva
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3rd Class

Sophia Martin	Flynn Hudson
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Break-time Buddies

Our Break-time Buddies team from 6th class have started visiting the Junior Yard. This is a serious commitment by the volunteers as it involves giving up one of their own breaks every week to play with younger children. Their aim is to facilitate play among the younger children and to include all children who may need a friend. So far, both the buddies and the infant classes are enjoying playing together.

5th class will also provide a team of buddies later in the year.

I'm delighted to say the **new heating system** was turned on for the first time this week.

Next Week in RETNS!

Tá Oíche Shamhna ag teacht!

Halloween Costume Drop 'n Swap – 17 – 19 October



The PA are organising the first RETNS Hallowe'en costume Drop 'n Swap next week. Parents/ guardians are welcome to drop clean previously worn costumes to the Halla between 8.50-9am next Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday and to browse and take another donated costume home. A donation box will be available if you would like to make a small contribution to One Day Together, Educate Together's

national fundraising and celebration day. All donations will be sent to Educate Together.

Supporters can also donate to Educate Together for One Day Together on the Educate Together website: www.educatetogether.ie/donations/one-day-together. Here, supporters can also sign up for a monthly gift to Educate Together.

Note on Costumes

A few pointers regarding the dress-up assembly on Friday, 28th October.

This is a whole –school assembly so all costumes should be **suitable for an audience of 4 year old children**

Children's costumes should be simple with no props/ cumbersome parts

Costumes should be comfortable, children should be able to use the bathroom easily and costumes should not be so long that children will be in danger of tripping over.

High heels are not suitable as they are dangerous on stairs and yard. Children should wear comfortable shoes such as runners

No guns or sharp weapons.

Children may bring their own wipes to remove make-up.

Frásaí na Seachtaine –

[Frásaí na Seachtaine 2022-2023](#)

Bhí eagla an domhain orm.

Bhí mo chroí i mo bhéal.



Yoga Pose – Gorilla

[Yoga Pose of the Week on RETNS website](#)



The Walking Bus – a message from the P.A.

The Walking Bus will take place this week on Friday 14 October.

Children will be given Walking Bus reward cards on arrival at the school. When they complete four walking buses, they can get a small prize from Carol in the office

We hope to see as many families as possible at one of the 5 meeting points. All of the Groups will then meet together at the playground gate (Loreto Park) at 8.45am approx. and walk to the School together to be greeted by Staff.

The P.A. is looking for people to volunteer as drivers for the different stops and would really appreciate if you could let us know if you would be able to help out on a route during the year

Bus stop	Location	Meeting time	Departure time	Bus driver
1	Pedestrian gate between Aranleigh + Grange Downs	8:30	8:35	Deirdre Corcoran
2	Pedestrian gate at the top of Loreto Park	8:35	8:40	Ruth Brogan
3	Daybreak, Barton Road	8.20	8.25	Britt Johnson
4	Nutgrove, Argos	8:35	8:40	Helen Carty
5	Junction Nugent/Whitehall Rd	8.30	8.35	Niamh & Joe

If you have any queries or would be able to Volunteer please let us know retnspace@gmail.com.

Educate Together is recruiting an Office Administrator

The Office Administrator is the first point of contact for the Educate Together national office and will work with the administration team to provide support to a wide range of functions within the national office.

This is a part-time post 4 days per week Monday to Thursday (28 hours).

Interested candidates may apply by sending a one-page letter outlining their suitability for this role along with their CV to recruitment@educatetogether.ie under the subject of "Educate Together Office Administrator Application". Closing date for applications is **5pm, Thursday 27 October 2022**. Educate Together is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from people of all backgrounds and identities.

[Download the role description here.](#)

News from Dodder Action

Dear friends

*hoping some of you will be able to come out to clean the Dodder banks at Terenure/Rathfarnham this Saturday 15th at 10 am! Meet Derek as usual at the old foot bridge to Bushy Park, the one nearest Tesco's.
Wear your own gloves if you have them!*

Milltown clean up THE FOLLOWING Saturday 22nd, meet opposite Wilde and Green 10 am. Followed by meeting in Milltown Parish Centre at 11.30 am to discuss next steps in actioning the Milltown Biodiversity Plan over a cup of coffee.

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