



Winterfest – Save the Date!

This year we are planning to have a **whole school production for Winterfest**, our first since 2017. Our current senior classes remember taking part in 'Peter Pan' but for many of our children, staff and parents/guardians, this will be a first experience of a whole-school production which before COVID interrupted, took place every four years.

This year's production is our own specially written version of '**The Wizard of Oz**'!

Traditionally there has been huge demand for seats at Winterfest. Our choice is to issue two tickets only per family or to have two performances. In the interests of giving opportunity for extended family and friends to attend, we have opted for the latter. The performances will take place on **Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December**.

We will give further information on tickets (and requests for help!) at a later date.

This Week in RETNS



Honesty is our value for November.

Rugby started on Monday for 1st - 6th class. This programme will last for 4 weeks.

Visit of Army Band

We had a wonderful performance from 18 members of the Number One Army Band yesterday. Children and staff had a fantastic time. We were particularly delighted to welcome three of our parents, Ruby's parents (Senior Infants) and Éabha's dad (1st class). We hope to see the band back in RETNS in the not too distant future.

Girls' Basketball Blitz

On Tuesday, 6th class girls made the short journey to the National Basketball Arena to play in a series of matches against other local schools. The team played magnificently in their matches and managed to win four out of four! The girls played with great heart and determination and showed terrific fair play throughout. All of their hard work on the court after school on Wednesdays with Mandy is really paying off.

Maith sibh, a chailíní!

Active Schools Team

Well done to those who campaigned to be part of this year's Active Schools Team. This year's team are:

Active Team 2022/23

6 th Class	Leo Irie Ella
5 th Class	Grace Tommy
4 th Class	Jacob Olivia
3 rd Class	Maya Noah
2 nd Class	Bobby Eliza

Next Week in RETNS!

Progress Meetings

Progress meetings will take place on zoom this year on Thursday, 17 November and Tuesday, 22 November. Slots are now available to book with your child's class teacher on Aladdin Connect. Please book your slot by 5 pm on Friday, 11 November.

There will be insufficient slots for a small number of children in each class. Class teachers will be in touch with you after 11 November if you have not been able to book a slot.

Please remember to book a separate slot for each of your children.

Thank you to the many parents/ guardians who have already signed up for a slot on Aladdin Connect.

'Say Yes to Languages'

Over one hundred third to sixth class children from Rathfarnham ETNS are set to take part in the Primary Language Sampler module, 'Say Yes to Languages' again this year starting next week. The module, which is being made available for the second year

following its extension by the Department of Education, was met with overwhelming enthusiasm last year and this interest looks set to continue with 700 schools having registered to take part in 2022/2023.

'Say Yes To Languages' offers an introduction into a variety of modern foreign languages and Irish Sign Language (ISL) while also looking to raise awareness among pupils of the diversity of languages being used by their peers in their schools and community.

Over 500 schools took part in the module last year, which saw French, Spanish, ISL, German, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Romanian, Arabic, Lithuanian, Polish, Tamil and Portuguese being taught across the country.

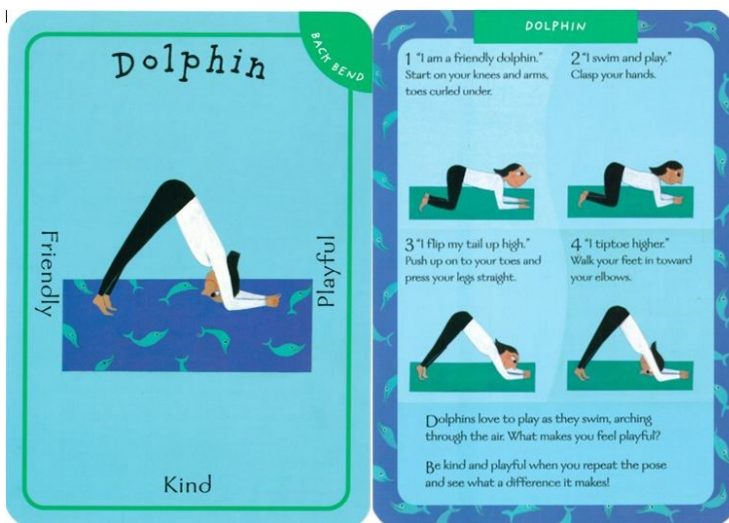
This year, our children will be saying "Sí and Oui" to French and Spanish which will be delivered over an extended eight-week period during the normal school timetable.

Frásaí na Seachtaine

Cic/Pas/Caith chugam an liathróid. – Kick / pass / throw me the ball.

Táim soar – I'm free

Yoga Pose – Dolphin



The Walking Bus

The Walking Bus will take place again this week on Friday 11 November 2022

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) 8.45am approx. and walk to the School together to be greeted by Staff.

We are 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

<i>Bus stop</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Meeting time</i>	<i>Departure time</i>	<i>Bus driver</i>
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	As above
3	Daybreak, Barton Road	8.20	8.25	Giles Packham <u>0857164502</u>
4	Nutgrove, Argos	8:35	8:40	Shonagh Byrne
5	Junction Nugent/Whitehall Rd	8.30	8.35	No driver available

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

Le dea-ghuí

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