



Reminder – no school next Thursday, 24 November



A reminder that RETNS will be closed for children next Thursday, 24 November due to staff training on the Primary Language Curriculum.

This Week in RETNS

This week we marked both Science Week and Anti-Bullying Week. For Anti-bullying Week, all classes had a lesson on the theme of kindness, our core value for the entire year.

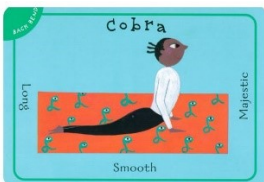
Our Green Team are promoting Clean Air Week which takes place next week.

On Tuesday, our former colleagues, Mary C, GERALYN and Margaret came to answer questions from children in 4th class on the early days of RETNS. We were delighted to welcome them back and grateful for their work in the wildlife garden.

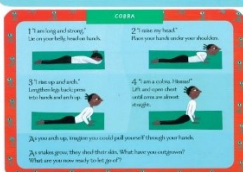
Tomorrow we will raise our second Active Schools flag and have some warm-up exercises outdoors.

Next Week in RETNS!

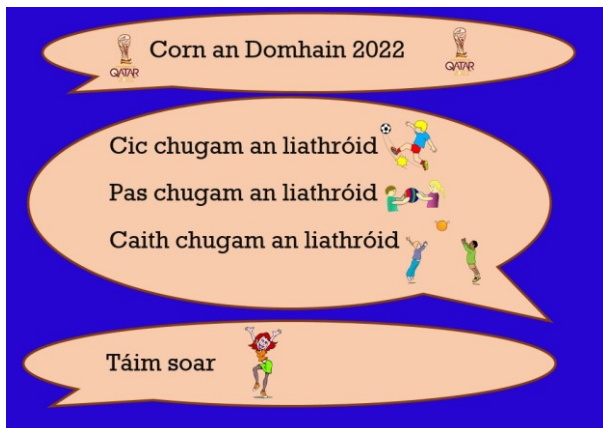
Next week we have our second set of progress meetings. A new zoom link will be sent to parents / guardians who have their meeting on Tuesday. Please ignore the starting time on the link and log on about 3 minutes before your scheduled time.



Yoga Pose – Cobra



Frásaí na Seachtaine



RETNS Dress Code

I have attached our Dress Code as a reminder to children and parents/guardians. [DRESS CODE IN RETNS](#) In the interest of health and safety, **dangling earrings** should not be worn to school. Nor should jewellery such as any necklaces and bracelets which could be distracting and / or a risk to safety.

Table Quiz in the Dropping Well

Thank you to all who took part in the table quiz before Hallowe'en. We are very grateful to the Development Committee who organised a super night. €1,665.00 was raised for the school on a very enjoyable community night.

Clean Air Week takes place next week. Please consider walking, cycling or taking the bus to school if at all possible. If using your car, please remember to turn off your engines when waiting outside the school.

Christmas Cards

We are delighted to announce that as part of our Annual Fundraising Efforts the children have been working on Christmas Card Designs! Each child has produced their own individual design.

Cards will be sent home next week for ordering and will cost:

Pack of 10 cards for €8 of your child's design.

All profits from the card sales will go to the school.

We would appreciate your support in this Fundraising Event.

If you are planning on buying cards this year, why not wait until the RETNS cards arrive!

Walking Bus

You will have received a separate email reminder of the Walking Bus which will take place tomorrow. We hope to see a great turnout with the good weather forecast.

Voluntary Contributions

As highlighted at the recent Parents' Association AGM, the funding received from the Department of Education falls short of what is required to run and maintain our school. Like many schools, we are heavily dependent on voluntary contributions to meet the true running costs of the school.

Thank you to all our families who have chosen to make a voluntary contributions. We are very fortunate at RETNS that many families help to make up this shortfall. The suggested level of voluntary contribution depends on the number of children in your family who attend the school:

1 child	€280 per year or €24 per month
2 children	€330 per year or €28 per month
3 or more children	€380 per year or €32 per month

Any amounts above or below the suggested level are gratefully received and will go towards running the school and enhancing the children's learning environment and experiences. Payments can be made via Aladdin. A payment request will be sent out tomorrow. If you would prefer to set up a standing order, please contact Carol.

A family contribution of €250.00 triggers a significant tax break for the school but no donation is too small, and all are welcomed. Details of contributions are strictly confidential.

Message from Dodder Action Group

CLEAN UPS THIS WEEKEND!

Please support your local clean up and bring your own gloves!

MILLTOWN, 10 am, Saturday 19th

Meet opposite Wilde and Green

RATHFARNHAM/TERENURE, 10 am Saturday 19th

Meet at old footbridge to Bushy Park nearest Tescos

OLD BAWN, 10.30 am, Sunday 20th

Meet Bawnlea Avenue

Le dea-ghuí

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