



Weekly Update 1st December 2022

This Week in RETNS

Our boys' basketball team played an away match in St. Andrew's in Booterstown on Monday. They won the match, 23 – 8. Thank you to the parents who gave them lifts to the match.

On Wednesday, they played a home match against St. Laurence's of Stillorgan. They came back well towards the end of the match but were beaten by a single point. Well done to all for the spirit in which they played and the skill they showed.

On Tuesday, 5th and 6th had a National Children's Choir rehearsal in St. Attracta's. This was the first rehearsal of the year with other schools and it went very well. Thank you to the parents/guardians who accompanied the classes on the walk to Ballinteer.

Today was also a first for 3rd & 4th classes, their first time to go swimming in school.

5th class have been busy making their gingerbread houses this week. Another big thank you to the parents/guardians who helped out.

Rehearsals for Winterfest are now in full swing and we look forward to the performances in just two weeks' time. Thank you to all parents/guardians who have already volunteered to help. Don't forget to reserve your tickets on Eventbrite, link was sent today.

As I read back over this, it is striking how much support we get from parents/guardians in all our school activities.

I would also like to acknowledge our staff who ensure all regular school work goes on in the midst of so many activities. When I visited Junior Infants recently, I was so impressed at how engaged they were in their work. As Brian said, they could have been in 1st class!

Next Week in RETNS!

Green Schools News - Recycled Decoration Competition

The Green Team have been promoting the annual Recycled Decoration competition run by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

Deadline: **Monday 5th December**

Each child is invited to make a decoration for our RETNS Christmas Tree using predominantly recycled materials. These decorations are very special and decorating the tree with these homemade creations is one of the highlights of the Green Team's year!

Please label the entry with the child's name and class and a description of the materials used and how it was made.

Check the link below to see entries from 2021

<https://www.dlrco.co.ie/en/environment-awareness-education/recycled-christmas-decoration-competition>

Talk on Art and Ecology with Beatrice O'Connell – 2nd and 6th classes

Landmarks – Fragments of Nature in Patterns, Imprints and Voice continues at the Pearse Museum for the month of December.

We are delighted to welcome Beatrice artist and past parent at RETNS, to speak about her exhibition Landmarks in the coming week.

The exhibition in St. Enda's is free of charge and all are welcome.

This exhibition is both an exploration of humanity's relationship with the natural world, and a lament for the mindless destruction which we have wreaked upon it. While the work on display draws inspiration from landscapes across Ireland, much of it is rooted in the hinterland of the Pearse Museum and St. Enda's Park.

Frásaí na Seachtaine –

Cúl iontach! - Great goal!

Cé a bhuaigh an cluiche? - Who won the match?



Yoga Pose – Twisting Dragon



Rugby in RETNS

We have had a very successful partnership with Leinster Rugby over the last number of years and the children greatly enjoy their sessions with our coach, Jonathan. Jonathan will be back in RETNS in the New Year but has sent on details of our local rugby club, Stillorgan/ Rathfarnham RFC for children who would like to try rugby outside school - [Stillorgan Rugby Club](#)

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