

RATHFARNHAM



EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Weekly Update 12 January 2023

This Week in RETNS

Golden Boot Competition

Congratulations to 6th class who were the winners of the Golden Boot competition for this week with 16 class members using active travel to get to school yesterday. They were closely followed by 3rd and 1st classes. Every Wednesday, we encourage children to :

WOW – Walk on Wednesday

COW – Cycle on Wednesday

SOW – Scoot on Wednesday

Looking Ahead

Ridiculous Rhyme Show and TV Workshop – Friday, 27 January

[The Ridiculous Rhyme Show](#) (Jnr Infants - 3rd Class)

[TV Workshop](#) (4th, 5th and 6th Class)

The Ridiculous Rhyme Show was written and developed by BBC children's presenters Joe Chambers and Andrew Crawford who are known for playing First Officer Ditty and Professor Poet on CBeebies' TV show [The Rhyme Rocket](#).

Now with a team of six, they have visited schools across the UK, headlined Glastonbury [Kidz Field](#), and toured Australia and New Zealand!

We are looking forward to their performance on the morning of 27 January

Frásaí na Seachtaine –

Tá sé ag stealladh báistí – it's pouring rain.

Drochlá atá ann – it's a miserable day

Our frásaí are available on the school website at <https://retns.ie/frasai-na-seachtaine-2022-2023/>. You can listen to the phrases if you would like to check your pronunciation

Yoga Pose – Seesaw



Egg Chair



The support team would like to source an egg chair to use for sensory regulation sessions with children. If anyone is doing a New Year clear out and has an egg chair **in good condition**, the school would be delighted to get it. It would be put to good use!! Please contact Maeve at info@retns.ie if you can help us with this. – Photo attached
Go raibh maith agaibh

Raffle Winners

Please see attached the list of winners of the raffles held before the holidays. The raffles raised €2957.00 for the school. Thank you to all who gave their time to the very successful organisation of the raffles

Significant levels of Flu, Covid-19 and RSV currently circulating – Please see letter attached from HSE [Memo Schools 6.1.23](#)

Return of Nutty Scientists After School Club – please see attached [Nutty Scientists](#)

Review of the legislation that provides for education for children and young persons with special educational needs - Public Consultation

The Department of Education has commenced a review of the legislation that provides for education for children and young persons with special educational needs.

The Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004, is often known as the EPSEN act and provides for the education of children aged under 18 years with special educational needs.

The purpose of the review is to ensure that legislation on education for students with additional needs is up-to-date, fully operational, and reflective of the lived experiences of students, families and school communities. The review will help us to understand what aspects of the law is working well and whether aspects of it should be amended.

As part of the review process, a public consultation is taking place. This consultation will seek the views of a wide range of organisations and individuals that have experience with the law and with the services provided under it. It is an important part of the review that the lived experiences of students and families are recorded.

The link to the survey is <http://www.gov.ie/epsenreview>. The Department especially wants to hear from students and their parents, and from young people who left school in recent years.

It is vital that public consultation reaches a large number of people so that a wide variety of views and experiences of different individuals can be captured.

The Department is committed to ensuring that the views of persons with disabilities are fully considered in policymaking. It will also hold focus groups with parents and students over the coming months.

When the survey process is completed, the Department will produce a consultation paper and will run further consultation events. If you would like to be invited to a consultation event, please contact the Department at epsen@education.gov.ie.

Le dea-ghuí

Maeve

ADULT RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 | Tadhg Sinnon Hannifan | 6th |
| 2 | Sylvia Keane | 4th |
| 3 | Elle Dodson | 6th |
| 4 | Ciara Bracken | 3rd |
| 5 | Bobby Goodwin | 2nd |
| 6 | Anthony Nanni | SI |
| 7 | Laila Bray | SI |
| 8 | Elsa Burke Brosnan | 4th |
| 9 | Osgar O'Sullivan | 5th |
| 10 | Liam Condon | 2nd |
| 11 | Lando Cahill | 4th |
| 12 | Patricia McManus | Staff |
| 13 | Charlie Sinnott | SI |
| 14 | Carol Moran | Staff |
| 15 | Sylvia Keane | 4th |
| 16 | Donie O'Sullivan | JI |
| 17 | Dylan Garcia | 1st |
| 18 | Simone Duggan | 5th |
| 19 | Maebh Coss | 6th |
| 20 | Sylvia Keane | 4th |
| 21 | Martin Dimitrov | 5th |
| 22 | Ugne Stankeviciute | 4th |
| 23 | Eva Murphy | JI |
| 24 | Liam Condon | 2nd |

CHILDREN'S RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

| | 1st Prize | 2nd Prize |
|-----|------------------|----------------------------|
| JI | May O'Mahony | Maisie Fitzsimons |
| SI | Heidi O'Connell | Leo Ferrarotto Arandelovic |
| 1st | Joe Brogan | Éabha O'Neill |
| 2nd | Leo Deegan | Luke Beattie |
| 3rd | Sophia Martin | Cian Kidney |
| 4th | James Kavanagh | Max Govender |

5th Simone Caccamo Duggan

6th Lucy Deegan

Marvin Simon Houlihan

Adam Smith