



Weekly Update 19 January 2023

Date for you Diary

RETNS will be closed for children on Friday, 5 May for staff training on the Primary Language Curriculum.

This Week in RETNS

1st class presented a wonderful assembly on happiness last Friday where they talked about some of the things that make them happy.

Amnesty International's Write for Rights campaign

In December, 4th Class took part in Amnesty International's Write for Rights campaign.

After learning about how Cuban artist Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara was imprisoned for protesting against the government's laws which seek to silence critical artists, they wrote letters to Amnesty International to plead for his release. This week 4th Class received a reply from Amnesty thanking them for their support and they will continue to check progress on Luis's case.

Next Week in RETNS!

We will welcome two student teachers to RETNS. Ruth will be in 2nd class and Aisling will be in 3rd class until 24 February.

5th class will visit the National Gallery next Wednesday, 25 January.

Frásaí na Seachtaine –

Bhí gaoth nimhneach ag séideadh - There was a bitter wind blowing.

Ní hé lá na báistí, lá na bpáistí - A rainy day is not a day for children.



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 – Rooftops



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

Tender Process for Afterschool Childcare

Following the survey of parents/guardians before the holidays, the tender documents have been uploaded to the school website with a deadline of Thursday, 2 February.

Flu Vaccine Walk-in Clinics for Children Aged 2-17 this week – see letter attached from HSE [Memo Flu Vaccine walk in clinics for children aged-2-17](#)

Choir Auditions for Cór na nÓg 2023

Cór na nÓg children's choir is running its annual Training Choir auditions on Friday 17, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February in the National Concert Hall.

This year we are taking singers aged 9 to 13 (treble, unbroken voices). As always we are particularly encouraging boys to join the choir - we have a very lively group of them at present and all new members will be made very welcome!

The choir offers great opportunities for performance and vocal development as well as being great fun. We have got to know many families over 35 years, originally as part of RTÉ and from January 2022 in our new home at the National Concert Hall.

Interested families can apply online – see [Training Choir Auditions for Cor na nOg 2023](#)

For further information or queries, you can contact the Choir Administrator Lesley Bishop

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Message from Dodder Action Group

Dear friends, get those sturdy shoes or boots on again and don those gloves, it's time we put a brave face on our Dodder-side beauty spots for 2023!

Join one of these clean ups on Saturday at 10 am:

Milltown, meet opposite Wilde and Green in car park

Terenure/Rathfarnham, meet at old footbridge to Bushy Park nearest Tesco

Woodstown, Rathfarnham: meet Woodstown Village Wildlife group at Woodstown Abbey to clear their woodland path and stream

In all cases bring your own gloves, we have the rest of the gear! Come on, give biodiversity a chance this year!

Le dea-ghuí

Maeve