



# Weekly Update 9 February 2023

## School Closure



RETNS will be closed for the midterm break from Monday, 13 February to Friday, 19 February inclusive.

Lost Property will be outside the school entrance before and after school tomorrow, Friday, 10 February.

Book covering we are looking for volunteers to cover new rental books (with contact paper). If you had some time available tomorrow we would be very grateful.



LOTTO Don't forget to sign up for school lotto. Information was sent home yesterday or click the following link. [RETNS Lotto](#) First draw will be held on 23rd February.

## **This Week in RETNS**

Values of the month for February are love and nurture. This week we had our Seachtain Grá, where children participated in activities showing love and kindness to staff and classmates alike.

In our side yard, you may notice the new bird boxes that Maurice has installed. These were presented to us by last year's 6th class and can be found on the Silver Birch trees in the side yard. The Infants and 1st and 2nd classes will have a great view of the bird boxes and orange-breasted bullfinches have already been spotted flying around. We hope we will have birds nesting there in April.

The winners of the Golden Boot competition this week were Rang VI, closely followed by Rang II and Senior Infants.

It was such a privilege to attend the Peace Proms concert in the RDS last Sunday night. Our 4th class did us proud and the whole school are looking forward to them singing at assembly tomorrow morning. Thank you to Katie, Nicola and Annaick for all the practice and for joining the children on stage.

Rugby started for 4th – 6th classes this week.

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday, 7 February with a number of classes participating in related activities.

## **Week of 20 February in RETNS!**

There will be a National Children's Choir rehearsal for 5th and 6th classes on Tuesday, 21 February.

Pancake Day will take place on Thursday, 23 February in aid of the Children's Health Foundation which raises vital funds to support sick children and their families in CHI hospitals and urgent care centres in Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght and Connolly.

**Yoga Pose** – please choose your favourite poses from the school website.

## **Frásaí na Seachtaine**

Féach ar na Frásaí faoi Lá Fhéile Vailintín see below poster.

## **Walking Bus**

We had a great turnout for the Walking Bus last Friday. Thank you to all who participated. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed meeting everyone at the gate. The next Walking Bus will be on Friday, 3 March.

**Ireland Reads is back for February 2023!** – see information attached [Grade 3 Calendar Reading](#)

## **Message from Cybersafe Kids**

We are delighted to share our new online safety parental awareness campaign 'Same Rules Apply', which we are launching as part of Safer Internet Day. In partnership with the National Parents Council and supported by Accenture, this campaign highlights the need to approach parenting children 'online' in the same way that we approach parenting them 'offline'.

Our video challenges the arbitrary distinction between 'offline' and 'online' worlds asking, "As parents, we'd never allow this to happen offline, so why allow it online? Giving your child unsupervised access to the online world means you're also giving the online world unsupervised access to your child. Remember, online or offline, Same Rules Apply."

As part of the campaign, we have created a new interactive Digital Parenting guide in association with the Irish Examiner, National Parents Council and Accenture. Digital Parenting: Keeping your Kids Safe Online will help parents provide the support and care their children need to navigate the online world safely. The #SameRulesApply campaign is accessible here: [samerulesapply](https://www.samerulesapply.com)

Have a great half-term

Le dea-ghuí

Maeve

# Lá Fhéile Vailintín

*as Gaeilge*



“I love you”  
(taw grow agam ditch)

“Sweetheart”  
(a stohr)



“True love”  
(feer-ghraw)



“dear”  
(a hush-la)

“my darling”  
(a worneen)



“You are the bright light of my heart.”  
(iss too grow gayl mo chree)