



Weekly Update 23 March 2023

This Week in RETNS

National Children's Choir Rehearsal

On Tuesday, we hosted Edmondstown N.S., St. Clare's N.S. and St. Attracta's N.S. for a rehearsal of the National Children's Choir. I was treated to wonderful singing all day from the Halla and am really looking forward to the concert in the Basketball Arena on 26 April.

5th class visited Kilmainham Gaol yesterday and 2nd class will go to IMMA tomorrow.

Today we have a team from 6th class representing RETNS in the Divine Word N.S. Quiz for local schools. We wish Anna Mae, Caoilfhionn, Lauren and Rose all the best and hope they have an enjoyable afternoon.

Frásaí na Seachtaine –

Please see attached a photo of our new Gaeilge signs in the senior yard.



Click on the link for a booklet of Frásaí Simplí. We hope every child from Junior Infants to 6th will understand and use these frásaí. [Frasai Simpli](#)

Yoga Pose – spring yoga on the RETNS website.



Home Languages

We have received a grant to purchase books for children in their home languages (i.e. languages they speak at home other than English).

Please let us know if other languages are spoken at home or if children are learning other languages at home using this link <https://forms.gle/Cr62DKVd7nAfJZFf6> . This will enable us to purchase books in the appropriate home languages or dual language books.

Please respond by next Thursday, 30 March.

Free schoolbooks for all children in primary schools

You may have heard in the media that all children in primary school will receive free textbooks, workbooks and copybooks in the next school year. We will receive €96.00 per child so there may be some additional costs for parents based on previous booklists. Further information will follow later in the school year. In the meantime, I have attached some further information.

[Letter re free books](#)

[Free-schoolbooks-for-all-Primary-Schools-Parents-and-Guardians](#)

After-school Care and 1.30 Club

I am pleased to announce that Sherpa Kids will be running an after-school service in RETNS from 2.30 pm starting in September 2023. Further information will be available from Sherpa Kids shortly.

Our 1.30 Club for Junior and Senior Infants will run as usual. Children availing of the Sherpa Kids service will be able to transfer to that at 2.30 pm.

RETNS Lotto

The winner of last week's lotto prize of €20 was Louise Farragher.

There was no winner of the jackpot last week.

Please spread the word and encourage family and friends to join to help grow our fundraiser at <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/retns>

Thank you so much for your support and best of luck in our jackpot draw

Dublin Learning City Festival

The Dublin Learning City Festival takes place from Monday to Wednesday, 3rd to 5th April 2023 to celebrate and promote learning through fun with a series of exciting and creative FREE events. The Festival is open to anyone interested in learning, and will focus on new and existing community-based initiatives to promote learning among a variety of different groups in Dublin city and the greater Dublin area.

This three-day programme of learning for all features a diverse programme that includes a range of subjects through traditional and non-traditional learning. There are over 100 events both in-person and online, including workshops, webinars, tours, exhibitions and much more! Try samba drumming, building your professional brand on LinkedIn, practising your public speaking or taking a tour of one of Dublin's cultural buildings. For lots more events: www.dublinlearningcity.ie/festival/whats-on-all-events/

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