



## Weekly Update 23 March 2023

**RETNS closes tomorrow for holidays at 12.00. We will be back to school at 08.50 on Monday, 17 April.**



### **This Week in RETNS**

We had a fire drill this afternoon. Everything went smoothly.

On Monday, our former pupil, Abbie O'Neill, gave a short presentation on the Earth's structure to 1st, 2nd and 3rd class. We look forward to her visiting again soon.

On Monday and Tuesday this week, boys and girls from RETNS represented the school in the annual FAI 5-a-side tournament held in Wayside Celtic.

The boys managed to reach the semi-final but were unfortunately beaten on penalty kicks.

The girls managed to reach the quarter finals but were beaten 2-0.

Despite the disappointment, the teams can hold their heads high. They represented the team and themselves so magnificently. Their team spirit and attitude was excellent throughout the course of the two days.

Well done boys and girls, and well done to their coach, Darren!

Photos available at <https://retns.ie/blog/fai-5-a-side-2/>

### **Wednesday 29th March Tree Planting**

RETNS signed up to take part in an international tree planting project in conjunction with Self Help Africa and the INTO. We received eight native trees including Scots pine, oak, alder, rowan and birch. The aim of the project is to plant 100,000 native trees in Ireland and to attempt to match this with 1 million native trees planted in Africa.

On Wednesday morning, Anne, Maurice and two representatives from each class group planted the trees.



Maija from 4th also joined the group to plant the native holly tree we received from the Tree Council for Tree Day 2022. She has been caring for this all winter in a pot outside 4th class.



These native trees are very important as they are well adapted to our climate and they will become home to hundreds of species of insect and provide homes and food for our birds and wildlife. They will become part of our established tree plantation in the grounds of RETNS.

We look forward to celebrating this mini native forest plantation when the buds burst after the Easter break.





To celebrate National Tree Week, 5<sup>th</sup> class produced beautiful pictures of hawthorn while 3<sup>rd</sup> class wrote Haiku poems on the cherry blossom.

**Frásaí na Seachtaine** – Rinne mé dearmad – I forgot

**Yoga Pose** – spring yoga on school website

<https://retns.ie/yoga-pose-of-the-week/>

### **RETNS Lotto**

Last week's lotto winner of €20 was Susan Murphy.

There was no winner of the jackpot.

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.

### **RETNS WALKING BUS**

*FRIDAY 31st MARCH 2023*

*JOIN US ON THE WALKING BUS FOR A LOVELY STROLL TO SCHOOL WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

*Meet at one of the 5 Stops and walk together to the School via Loreto Park (Meet at playground gate 8.45)*

- 1. Aranleigh/Barton - Meet 8.30am/Depart 8.35 - Driver Clíodhna Moloney*
- 2. Pedestrian gate back Loreto park - Meet 8.35/Depart 8.40 - Driver as above*
- 3. Daybreak Barton Road - Meet 8.20/Depart 8.25 - Driver Giles Packham*
- 4. Junction Grange Rd/Nutgrove Avenue - Meet 8.25/Depart 8.30 - Driver Fiona Hearst*
- 5. Junction Nugent Ave/Whitebarn Road - Meet 8.30/Depart 8.35 - Driver Joe Condon*

*Hope to see you there*  
*For more information please email [retnspace@gmail.com](mailto:retnspace@gmail.com)*

**Nurture Schools Meeting**

On Wednesday, our Nurture Team hosted a meeting with representatives of Educate Together schools in Harcourt Terrace, Holywell, Portmarnock/ Malahide and Stapolin. It was a great opportunity for us all to share our practice and learn from each other.

I hope everyone enjoys the holiday and will return to school refreshed and ready for the final term

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