

RATHFARNHAM



Weekly Update 9 March 2023

EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Shoe Swap 10th March

RETNS Main Halla

Lots of really good football boots sizes 11-4.

Three pairs of Adult Riding boots size 9.

Kids Wellies ranging from size 1 – 5.

Drop in with your children tomorrow morning so you can get them to try on the shoes.

If you find a suitable pair– please donate towards our Community Garden Spring Planting- seeds, compost, tools etc.

<https://retns.ie/blog/active-shoe-swap/>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CphLLRvtBJn/?igshid=MDJmNzVkMjY=>

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Family Fun Day – Sunday 11, June

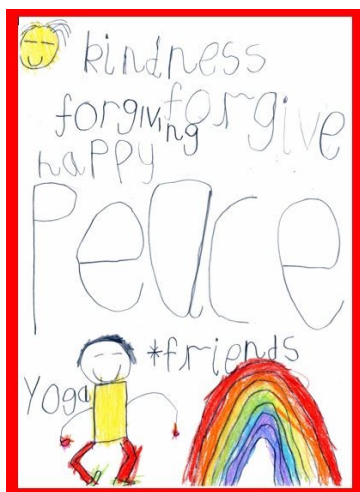
Please see flyer below

‘A Snapshot in Time’

Educate Together has published 'A Snapshot in Time', a celebration of Educate Together primary schools with contributions from 40 schools. The article from RETNS was on the pocket forest planted in Loreto Park by 4th class last year. Huge thanks go to Katie, Laura, and Una who wrote the article.

The book is now on sale for 15 euro. There is a display copy at Reception and if you would like a copy, Carol will be selling them until next Thursday, 16 March. The book may be of most interest to the parents/guardians of children in 5th class but for all parents/guardians, especially new to the system, it gives a very good insight into Educate Together schools.

This Week in RETNS



Our value for this month is peace. Senior Infants did a wonderful assembly this morning on what is needed for a peaceful classroom.

Tá an-chuid gníomhaíochtaí ar siúl againn do Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Tomorrow, 5th and 6th will hold their Science Fair. Parents/guardians are welcome to visit the classrooms from 09.10 – 09.30 and all classes will then visit the fair.

4th – 6th classes have been enjoying rugby over the last four weeks. Rugby will begin for 1st – 3rd classes next week.

This week we introduced a Junior Golden Boot Competition for Junior Infants – 2nd class. Thank you to Hannah and her parents for making the new trophy.

News from the Green Team



Our RETNS Green Team 2022/23 met Jennifer, our Green Schools Officer, on Monday 6th March. Together we conducted a 'Walkability Survey' to determine the feasibility of walking to and near our school. We highlighted advantages and disadvantages in the locality.

Jennifer gave us some great insight and ideas about how we could improve our school's accessibility through Active Travel (by foot, scooter or bike). She also helped us identify what makes our school so great! We have pedestrian crossings, wide footpaths and even our "very own" park that has a brilliant playground, all just a few short steps from our school.

Our school has now been given the path (excuse the pun) to which we can apply for new school signage and where we can propose new zebra crossings. So, all in all, a very successful meeting with our green team here in RETNS!

RETNS Green Team 2022/23

New Climbing Wall



On Tuesday evening, Maurice and Dennis installed our new traverse wall in the senior yard. The idea of the traverse boards is that children move horizontally from one side of the wall to the other. Everyone is very excited about this new addition to our outdoor space which will be used by all children but will be of particular benefit to those with additional educational needs.

Children from the senior classes had their first chance yesterday morning to climb along the wall. It's a lot harder than it looks!

Climbing walls are great for building on physical coordination, flexibility, balance and strength!

A massive thank you to Dennis and Maurice for installing our new climbing wall. There will be years of fun to come! – scroll down for photos on <https://retns.ie/>.

We can afford new equipment such as this thanks to the generosity of our parents/guardians. Thank you to all who have signed up to the RETNS Lotto and congratulations to our first three winners, Siobhán Critchley, Arlene Beaney and Catherine Keegan.

You can join the lotto anytime by clicking here at <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/retns> Next week's Jackpot is €400

Work Experience

This week we welcomed two students to RETNS. Issy is doing her placement in Junior Infants and Aisling in 6th class. We also welcomed back Dorka, a past pupil, who is doing TY work experience.

Yoga Poses – see Spring Yoga on the school website



Review of Special Education Legislation (EPSEN ACT)

The EPSEN Act is currently under review. For those whose children have in the past or are currently receiving support teaching, please share your views and experience of the special education system. Feedback received will contribute to the review so

please take the time to respond. Deadline: 24 March, 2023 See [EPSEN Review share your views](#)

Frásaí na Seachtaine –



Cathain a bhíonn Lá Fhéile Pádraig gach bhliain? - When is St. Patrick's Day?

Bíonn Lá Fhéile Pádraig ar an seachtú lá déag de Mhí an Márta. – St. Patrick's Day is on the 17th of March.

Cad a chaitheann tú ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig? – What do you wear on St. Patrick's Day?

Caithim _____ ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig. – I wear on St. Patrick's Day -

Resources for Parents/Guardians

Please see on the school website under resources - <https://retns.ie/resources-for-parents-guardians/>

Le dea-ghuí

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SAVE THE DATE!

Family Fun Day
RETNS

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 1-4PM