

**RATHFARNHAM**



**EDUCATE TOGETHER  
NATIONAL SCHOOL**

## **Weekly Update 22 June 2023**

### **This Week in RETNS**

#### **School Reports**

**School reports and STEN scores for standardised tests were issued on Aladdin on Monday. Please ensure you access this information.**

#### **Lost Property**

**Lost Property can be found outside the school over the next week. Please check it while dropping or collecting your child.**

#### **Patricia Leaving RETNS**

**Our wonderful colleague, Patricia Mc Manus, has just informed us that she will be leaving RETNS at the end of this school year. Patricia has been a teacher in RETNS for 17 years but this year is on career break and has returned to live in her native Cavan.**

**Those whose children have been taught by Patricia will know what a talented and inspirational teacher she is. She has been involved in so many RETNS projects over the years and was a highly-valued member of the RETNS Development Committee. As our colleague, we all appreciated her kindness and positive attitude. Our loss is definitely Cavan's gain!**

### **This Week in RETNS**

**School life in RETNS is action-packed these days. We had a great Sports Day on a beautiful sunny morning and this afternoon had football and basketball tournaments organised by the Student Council. There are no results as I write and it's likely these will be finished tomorrow. We will also have our special Medal Assembly for Sports Day.**



**Yesterday we had a special outdoor assembly to raise our Pride flag.**



On Tuesday, Liz, a librarian from Ballyroan Library, visited RETNS to talk to 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> classes about the Summer Stars reading programme. Information for parents/guardians can be found at

<https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>

I have also attached information on library services for children and families .

<https://retns.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/brochure-for-parents-2023.pdf>

### **Next Week in RETNS!**

6<sup>th</sup> class are busy preparing for their Graduation Ceremony which will take place at 12.00 next Tuesday. One of their projects has been to make fondant icing for their Graduation Cake and they are busy working through their bucket list!

### **RETNS Lotto**

Last week's lotto winner of €20 was Peter Houlihan.

There was no winner of the jackpot but this is Peter's second win of the €20 prize.

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

### **The new primary curriculum**

The new primary curriculum recognises the key role parents and guardians play in their child's education and promotes a partnership approach which will encourage increased communication between schools and parents/guardians.

Links below are double sided leaflets in both English and Irish which provide information on the new curriculum. The leaflet is also available in the following languages:

- Polish
- Lithuanian
- Ukrainian
- Russian

- **Latvian**
- **Portuguese**
- **Romanian**
- **Mandarin Chinese**
- **Irish Sign Language**

<https://retns.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Leaflet2P-Gaeilge.pdf>

<https://retns.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Leaflet2P-English.pdf>

All versions of the leaflet can be found at [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) - **New Primary Curriculum Framework (www.gov.ie)** .

The Department will continue to engage with all education stakeholders over the coming months to communicate about the new curriculum.

### **RETNS WALKING BUS**

**FRIDAY 23 June 2023**

**JOIN US ON THE LAST WALKING BUS Of the term 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 Packh**
- 4. Junction Grange Rd/Nutgrove Avenue - Meet 8.25/Depart 8.30 – T**
- 5. Junction Nugent Ave/Whitebarn Road - Meet 8.30/Depart 8.35 - Joe Condon**

**Hope to see you there**

**For more information please email [retnspace@gmail.com](mailto:retnspace@gmail.com)**

### **Message from Parks Tennis**

**Parks Tennis children's coaching returns to Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, starting 10th July for 3 weeks (Mon-Fri). Children can do 1, 2 or 3 weeks. Classes divided by age. Open to girls & boys aged 5-17, irrespective of tennis experience. Staff are fully trained. All equipment (rackets, balls etc.) provided. Fee €35 per week. Further details Registration & payment: can be made online**

**[https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=2381&intMF\\_ID=12544#Anchor](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=2381&intMF_ID=12544#Anchor)**

Enquiries to: (01) 833 8711 or [parkstennisireland@gmail.com](mailto:parkstennisireland@gmail.com)

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### **Dublin Youth Choir**

**Dublin Youth Choir connects young people from across Dublin through exceptional choral music education. Singers receive expert tuition from experienced conductors, vocal tutors and highly skilled musicianship staff. Performances and trips, both in Ireland and abroad, are quickly establishing DYC as one of Ireland's leading youth choir programmes. In addition to singing in choir, all singers also receive musicianship training through a Kodály-inspired programme.**

Email [joindyc@gmail.com](mailto:joindyc@gmail.com) before 3rd July 2023 to join us in September 2023. We have three choirs for Primary School pupils:

- 1. Junior Choir: Prospective singers should be entering Second or Third Class in September.**
- 2. Training Choir: Prospective singers should be entering Fourth to Sixth Class in September.**
- 3. Cambiata Choir: This is our choir for young boys with changing voices. Prospective singers should be entering Fourth to Sixth Class in September.**

**DYC takes place in Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays. The choir asks for a small financial contribution. However, we work with families to ensure that the contribution is not a barrier to participation.**

**For more information on Dublin Youth Choir, please go to our website [www.dublinyouthchoir.com](http://www.dublinyouthchoir.com). You can also hear our choirs on SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-873218325> and on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-nmnXGQyuZRDLGTJK\\_iSmg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-nmnXGQyuZRDLGTJK_iSmg) - See three attachments below**

**Le dea-ghuí**

**Maeve**



## Dublin Parks Tennis in Marlay Park, Rathfarnham

**Summer 2023 children's tennis classes start 10th July for 3 weeks (Mon-Fri)**

- For girls and boys from ages 5-17
- For beginners and improvers
- Children can do 1, 2 or 3 weeks
- All equipment supplied
- Hourly classes divided by age – class times are:
  - 2:00pm for ages 5-7
  - 3:15pm for ages 8-10
  - 4:30pm for ages 11-17
- Fee €35 per week

**Registration & payment:** can be made online [HERE](#)

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# DUBLIN YOUTH TRAINING CHOIRS

Dublin Youth Training Choirs comprises both a Treble Choir and a Cambiata Choir. The singers receive expert tuition by experienced vocal tutors and highly skilled musicianship staff in Dublin's city centre. The Treble Choir is directed by Dr Lynsey Callaghan. The Cambiata Choir is for boys whose voices are changing and is directed by Brian Murphy. In addition to singing in choir, all the young singers receive musicianship training through a Kodály-inspired programme.

Prospective singers should be entering Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Class in primary school or First Year in secondary school in September 2023 to qualify for this programme. Places are limited and assigned following an online suitability check. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays from 5.30–7pm in Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church

Round Two Application Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Register your interest online at [www.dublinyouthchoir.com](http://www.dublinyouthchoir.com)  
or by emailing [joindyc@gmail.com](mailto:joindyc@gmail.com)

Based in Dublin's city centre, Dublin Youth Choir was founded in 2017 with the aim of connecting young people across Dublin through exceptional choral music education. Since then, DYC has grown to be a family of choirs: four Junior Choirs, Training Choirs, Cambiata Choir, Youth Choir, Chamber Choir, and DYC Singers. Dublin Youth Chamber Choir also constitutes one half of the Cross Border Youth Choir, joining with the Belfast Philharmonic Youth and Chamber Choirs for various events and projects, including coaching from the BBC Singers and a performance in the Royal Albert Hall. Among many other successes at competitions in Ireland and abroad, Dublin Youth Choir was named Ireland's Choir of the Year 2022 at the Cork International Choral Festival and Youth Choir Champions at the European Choir Games in Sweden in 2019.



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# DUBLIN YOUTH JUNIOR CHOIR

30 more primary school children will be chosen to take part in Dublin Youth Choir's exciting Junior Choir programme. Dublin Youth Junior Choir's new intake of singers will engage in a carefully crafted programme of musicianship development and choral singing. Singers learn a repertoire of songs and rhymes, develop fundamental musical concepts through games and activities, and receive resources to continue learning throughout the week.

Prospective singers should be entering Second or Third Class in September 2023 to qualify for a place on this programme. Places are limited and assigned following an online suitability check. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays from 4.15-5.15pm in Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church.

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# DUBLIN YOUTH CAMBIATA CHOIR

Dublin Youth Cambiata Choir began in 2022 as part of NYC's Training Choir programme. A Cambiata Choir is specifically for adolescent boys whose voices are changing. Directed by Brian Murphy, the singers receive expert tuition by experienced vocal tutors and highly skilled musicianship staff in Dublin's city centre. In addition to singing in choir, the young singers take part in a Kodály-inspired musicianship programme. Members of Cambiata Choir who have no previous music experience/training are supported with foundational musicianship classes.

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