



RETNS Newsletter

Halloween 26/10/23



HAPPY MIDTERM BREAK

We have all had a wonderful half term in school. Below you will find a class update from each teacher on what has been happening so far this year in RETNS. We have many more exciting things to come. For now, we hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween break. We look forward to seeing you all back on November 6th.

MEET THE GREEN TEAM



MEET THE ACTIVE TEAM



WALKING BUS

- Relaunch on Friday 27th October - weather permitting.
- All of the Groups will meet at the playground gate (Loreto park) at 8.45am and walk to the School together to be greeted by Staff.

ASSEMBLY

- Halloween dress up parade will take place outside at 9.10 on Friday - weather permitting.
- All parents welcome.
- It will not go ahead if it is raining.

Reminder: OneDayTogether fundraiser tomorrow for ET - €2 per child

Le dea-ghuí - Louise



JUNIOR INFANTS

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OFF TO A GREAT START IN JUNIOR INFANTS★

I really can't believe how quickly all of the new Junior Infants have settled into their new school! We've learned so many new routines and rules in the last couple of months and they've all taken it in their stride. We've been learning to approach our work in a positive way and not to be afraid of making mistakes. Instead of saying 'I can't do it', we say 'I can't do it YET!' Growing our independence is a key feature of the infant classroom and I can see everyone making great progress at their own pace. Well done Junior Infants, I'm so proud of all of you!



AMAZING AUTUMN

We spent a lot of time in September and October learning all about autumn. We are lucky to have the most amazing view outside our classroom. We've spotted squirrels and a fox!



WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY.

Some of the things that make us happy are friends, family, pets and our lovely school!



SENIOR INFANTS

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MIDTERM UPDATE

All of the boys and girls in Senior Infants have settled back into school really well and they should be very proud of themselves. The children are all confident with their morning routine and practise taking responsibility for their own things by putting away their bags and lunchboxes in the morning.

The children have been impressing Niamh with their beautiful singing voices. We have learnt a number of songs so far this year: I Can Sing a Rainbow, Do-Re-Mi, I Just Can't Wait to be King. Well done on your super singing Senior Infants.

Wishing you all a lovely break and happy and safe Halloween!



SUNFLOWERS!

Senior Infants painted sunflowers this month. We observed the sunflowers in the vegetable beds in the side garden and examined their colours and shapes. We looked at Vincent Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' before we practiced our listening skills by following a step-by-step art lesson. Well done on all of your beautiful sunflowers, Senior Infants.



NEW FRIENDS

We have been practising how to make new friends in our class. We can smile and ask if they would like to play. We can play with our old friends and new!



1ST CLASS

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OFF TO A FLYING START IN FIRST CLASS!

First Class had some big adjustments to make in September when they made the big jump up from infants, but they proved from the very start that they were more than ready for the new challenges that I had in store for them!

Each week I am amazed at how much progress they have made, not just in their reading, writing and maths skills, but also in how well they are now able to listen to each other in our daily Circle Time. From creating their personal scrapbooks and writing their own stories, to rainbow rice experiments and conker challenges, we have already had a lot of fun and learning, and are looking forward to lots more to come!

Well done on a flying start to First Class!
Katie



FILLING OUR CLASS BUCKET OF KINDNESS!

Back in September we read the book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' by Carol McCloud. The book is all about how little acts of kindness can help to cheer people up and make them feel good about themselves. We then decided to make our own giant class bucket, which is getting filled up fast with some of the wonderful kind things that the children in First Class have been spotted doing!



AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

One of the children's favourite parts of the day in First Class is our Afternoon Activities time, where we work on our SESE topics in fun and creative ways. This week our theme is Halloween and we have been making paper chains, spooky skeletons and haunted houses!



2ND CLASS

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SECOND CLASS SUPER STARS!

What a great start to 2nd Class! We have all been getting to know each other, talking about our strengths and what makes us unique! We decided how important it is for each person to be true to themselves.

Everyone is putting a huge effort into learning new things and should be proud of how independent they are becoming.

We have enjoyed learning about our class animal, the squirrel, spending time reading and drawing outside, singing, playing cooperative games, doing lots of art projects and voting for the first time in the Green Team and Active Team elections.

HARVEST



We harvested beans and peas in September and a very large pumpkin in October! All were planted in 1st class in the class veg bed!



MATHS WEEK

We had lots of fun during Maths Week. We did some Six Bricks activities and practised our doubles in the garden!



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THIS MONTH



So far we have had a very busy October, kicking the month off with 'Space Week' from 4th- 10th October' 2023 to Maths Week running from 14th- 22nd October' 2023.

For Space Week, we learned all about the different space topics, we researched different space vocabulary from constellations, asteroids and comets, we did 'Oral Reports' about space, we created a 'Space Timeline' and the boys and girls drew pictures of one thing from Space.

For Maths Week, we learned all about 'Data' and how to gather, interpret and present Data, we explored different Maths games on the tablets and even took part in a 'Maths Quiz' as part of 'Maths Week' with other schools all over Ireland!



PAST EVENTS

We've also been very busy this month with elections, speeches and presentations. As the boys and girls were running for 'The Student Council', 'The Green Team' and last week 'The Active Team'.

I am so impressed with the hard work that the boys and girls put in workings towards the different elections.

We can now announce our 'Student Council' reps Eve and Mia', our 'Green Team' reps Lily and Aoife and now our 'Active Team' reps Luke and Leo.



REMINDERS

This Friday 27th, there will be the 'Halloween Dress Up' with the whole school involved. So bring your trick or your treat!





4TH CLASS

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MIDTERM UPDATE FROM RANG A CEATHAIR!

What a busy few weeks it has been in 4th Class! ★

Rang a Ceathair have settled in very well to life in their new room and have certainly picked up from where they left off at the end of last year.

Our Student Council, Green Team and Active Team have all been organised. We've even joined in with 5th and 6th class for some choir practice to get us ready for Peace Proms later this year.

Wishing you all a fantastic midterm break and a happy and safe Halloween!

Darren



IT'S CREATIVE TIME IN 4TH CLASS!



MATHS TRAIL!

We made a Maths Trail for 1st Class as part of Maths Week!





5TH CLASS

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FABULOUS FIFTH CLASS ★

We've had a very busy, lively half term in fifth class! The children completed a 7-week Cycle Safety programme, and have also been doing brilliantly at their swimming classes. Many of the children ran excellent campaigns for our various school committees, and we held three respectful and successful elections.

We've made some great progress with multiplication, created some wonderful newspaper articles, had spirited discussions and debates, played countless games, and done some beautiful singing. Certainly a busy and talented class!



ART

One of the highlights of this half term is undoubtedly the artwork the children have produced. We've done self-portraits using photography and cubism, and also created some stunning Autumn landscapes.



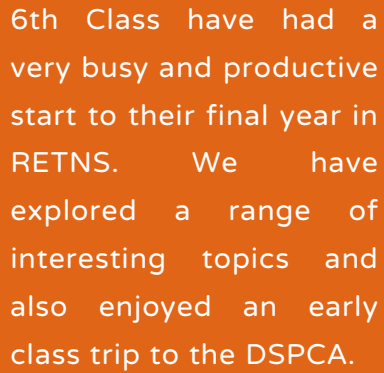
REMINDERS THIS WEEK

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I am starting to discover the abundance of talent in 6th class especially their artistic, creative and imaginative sides. They produced incredible artwork based on the Poolbeg Chimneys. We are also creatively presenting our work in many creative ways both written and digitally.

