



WEEKLY UPDATE



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Active Week

There has been a wonderful buzz around the school this week. From skip-a-thons, to obstacle courses to active walkways, everyone has been enjoying Active Week. Tomorrow:



Mini Football Tournament for 1st - 3rd Class and a Mini Basketball Tournament for 4th- 6th Class

Taking part is optional, and players and supporters are asked to make a small donation (€2) towards raising money for the school community.



FAI 5-a-side Dublin Finals

RETNS competed in the FAI 5-a-side Dublin finals in Clontarf on Tuesday. The boys narrowly lost out in the final. The team represented themselves and their school so magnificently and should be proud of this fantastic achievement.



We are delighted to recently be awarded as a TEANGA Academy and a partner school of UCD. Since January we have hosted two post primary teaching students from UCD who have been teaching Spanish to 6th class pupils. The 6th class pupils produced Spanish Recipe Books and showcased them with some of the younger classes. We also continue to develop our languages with a number of our younger children regularly borrowing dual language books for reading at home. We hope to continue with the "Say Yes to Languages" programme next year and allow more of our classes experience an introduction to Modern Foreign Languages as well as expanding our language resources and our dual language lending library. We are very lucky to have participated in a number of language projects recently with UCD as well as the Erasmus+ programme





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Rainbow Fruit Salad with Mary

Some children in 2nd class had a great time making rainbow fruit salad with Mary and some helpers from 6th class.



Green Schools' announcements

Bike week May 11th to 18th: The Green Team and some staff will welcome cyclists at the gate the first week back. Stickers and little awards for cyclists will be presented during the week so get your helmet ready and your brakes fixed!

Thank you to those who filled out the **travel surveys**. We're still waiting on a few so please complete as soon as possible

Don't forget to work on your **green travel code!**



Drumcondra Tests

The spelling, reading and maths Drumcondra tests take place for Rang I – Rang VI during the weeks beginning 13, 20 and 27 May. Children can become anxious about these tests so there is absolutely no need to give them advance warning. However, these tests are an important part of the children's annual assessment so please do not plan any absences over that period. We cannot guarantee that children who miss tests will be able to do them at a later date.

1.30 Club

Would you be interested in working in the 1.30 club? It is likely that we will be looking for some new staff in the 1.30 club next year. We also like to keep a list of subs for the club. If you are interested please send an expression of interest email to info@retns.ie

Walking Bus

When: Friday 3rd May

Stops:

- Aranleigh pedestrian gate
- Pedestrian gate back Loreto park
- Corner of Meadow Park and Beaumont Avenue (Outside Gormley's pharmacy)

There is no driver for the Junction Nugent Avenue/ Whitehall Road stop

The weather looks set to cooperate so it would be great to see as many of you there as possible.



Dates for the diary

17 May: RETNS Community Walk to St. Enda's Park.

More information will follow after mid-term. If you are interested in helping on the day, please contact the office.

26 June: 6th Class Graduation

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