



# WEEKLY UPDATE



## Value of the Month: Empathy

22/05/25

### Santry Athletics

Our annual trip to the Santry Athletics competition was a great success. A selection of boys and girls from 5th and 6th have been busy practising with Brian and we competed in a number of different team and individual events. Hugo and Fionn from 5th class both took home medals from their individual events and the 6th class boys relay team of Lando, Charlie, Max G and Jacob took home a 4th place medal. Well done to everyone who competed! 🏆



### Positive Behaviour

This week, we have emphasised the importance of **Empathy and Perspective Taking**.

Using our restorative practice animals - this week we looked at the giraffe. He has the largest heart of any land animal and a long neck, representing seeing the bigger picture and acting from the heart.



- Key focus: Teaching children to "see with giraffe eyes" — looking at situations from others' perspectives.
- Encouraging children to reflect on how their behaviour affects others and how others might be feeling.

We kindly ask that you discuss this with your child at home. On Friday, we will send emails to the families of children who have made an extra special effort this week.

### Dates for the diary

13th June - Sports day

14th June - Family fun day

25th June - 6th class Graduation

### Green Team News

The Green Team are delighted to announce that we have been awarded our 9th Green Flag for our work on Travel and Global Citizenship!

This represents more than 20 years of work as a Green School. We are extremely proud of this achievement and delighted to be part of this programme, run by An Taisce. Ireland is one of the 82 countries worldwide who participate in ECO schools programme - an incredible international community.



On Tuesday we were invited to the Helix at DCU to receive our Travel and GC Flag. Our 6th class Green Team reps, Cayla and Juno were excellent ambassadors for our school and enjoyed their afternoon with Anne and Brian, our Green team coordinators.

We look forward to a huge whole school celebration of our new Flag with our Day of Action, next Friday 30th May - The Big Travel Parade and Picnic. The Green Team invite children to bring their bikes, scooters or wear some fun festival clothes to help celebrate on the day! More information to follow!



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### NEWS AROUND RETNS

#### Football Blitz Fun!

Last Friday, our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Class students took part in the Ballinteer St John's Football Blitz at the Broadford pitches. It was a brilliant day of sport, teamwork, and fun in the sun! The children represented the school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, showing off the skills they've developed during our GAA sessions. A big well done to all our fantastic players who made the day so enjoyable for us all. We're already looking forward to the next one!



#### St Enda's park visit

We had a wonderful day at the park today. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers! The children were amazing, showing great sportsmanship, fun and friendship. We all really enjoyed ourselves - photos to follow next week.

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### Development Committee News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Development Committee needs your input to help shape the future of RETNS. Since its formation in 2016, the committee has worked with the Board of Management to develop a child-centred, inclusive school through strategic planning. We've completed two Development Plans so far, the latest ending in 2024. Highlights include the Outdoor Learning Project, new bike storage, enhanced library and classroom resources, investment in technology, and the promotion of sports and well-being.

We also play a key role in fundraising to bridge the gap between government grants and the actual cost of running and improving the school. Events like the Table Quiz, Winter Raffle, Reindeer Hot Chocolates, and the school Lotto support this effort.

We're now preparing our next Development Plan and would love your input. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey that will be sent out through the PA WhatsApp groups. More information will follow from Carol – the survey link will also be in this email.

Thank you,  
RETNS Development Committee



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