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Junior Infant Enrolment 2022

I'll remind you that enrolment for the Junior Infant Class 2022/2023 will close later this week on Friday February 4th. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website www.rathns.ie.

Covid-19 Update

Although many of the restrictions imposed upon us in recent times have been lifted, they remain in place in schools - the guidelines for schools have not changed. They are due to be reviewed on February 28th and we hope at that stage, many of the activities the children enjoy and were an integral part of school life pre Covid-19 may return. These include Cumann na mBunscol games, swimming, school tours etc.

In the meantime, we must continue to abide by the regulations in place. These include mask wearing in the senior classrooms, social distancing where possible and non-mixing of pods and class bubbles.

As you're probably aware, there have been a large number of positive cases in recent weeks. I want to thank you as a parent body for your responsible and considerate approach. The school has been kept informed at all times and we greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Safer Internet Day

One of the areas that parents highlighted and required greater attention in our recent anti-bullying survey was online safety. It was suggested that greater support would be welcomed. Next Tuesday, February 8th, is Safer Internet Day. Each class will be doing age appropriate activities to inform and teach the children how to behave responsibly and safely whilst online. The 'Webwise' website is a fantastic resource for parents. It contains all the latest information and advice. The link is <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/> Please also refer to the flier attached from the Parents' Association regarding upcoming webinars offered to parents.

Sport

The children in the school are fortunate to be exposed to a number of different sports and activities. We value the importance of exercise and participation. In recent weeks, we have had the following;

- Tag rugby for all classes with Paudi Mahon from Portarlington RFC/Leinster Rugby
- Volleyball for the senior classes with Mr Walsh
- Lunchtime table tennis league for 6th Class with Ms Phelan and Ms Bergin
- GAA Fundamental Movement Programme for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class with Darragh O'Keeffe from Laois GAA

Later this week, we will commence a lunchtime basketball league with 5th & 6th Class. Furthermore, we anticipate that Cumann na mBunscol Football will resume in March and we will begin training shortly. We will enter 4 teams - 2 girls teams and 2 boys teams. Please find some photos below of some of the recent activities.



Library

In recent months, it has been wonderful to see the children in each class enjoy our new library space. The room is a fantastic resource. We hope that it will help to inspire a love of books and reading for years to come. We encourage the children to choose their own book to take home and read for pleasure. As you can appreciate, a lot of time and money was invested in the room. Therefore, it's important that the books are returned each week in the same condition they were taken. We have noticed in recent weeks that some books have been returned damaged. We ask you to keep an eye on the books that are taken home and encourage your child to take proper care when in possession of them.

Please see some photos below of our library and the children enjoying the space.



Student Council

The Student Council have been working on lots of things lately. We have window boxes around the school that are looking lovely. We asked for a basketball league for 5th & 6th Class which will start this week and maybe a hurling league for 2nd, 3rd and 4th class. We are also thinking about a rag day to raise money, a talent show some time in June and a cycle. Also, the whole school has started to paint stones with their names on them and they are going to stick them into concrete so they will be there forever.

Signed: *Róisín, Diarmuid and Clodagh (Rang 6)*
The Student Council, Rath N.S.

Gaeilge

Feabhra (February).

Seachtain 1 - An bhfuil cead agam.....? (Can I / Have I permission to...) Mar shampla: An bhfuil cead agam spúnóg a fháil? dul amach? mo lón a ithe?

Seachtain 2 - An féidir leat? (Are you able to....?) Is féidir liom/ ní féidir liom. An féidir leat snámh?

Seachtain 3 - An maith leat? (Do you like?) Is/ní maith liom. Mar shampla: An maith leat seacláid?

Seachtain 4 - An raibh? Bhí / Ní raibh. Mar shampla: An raibh tú ar scoil inné?

We are delighted with the response to ár frásaí gach seachtaine. The children use them regularly throughout the school day and it's lovely to hear. Pictured below are some of our Gaeilgeoirí from Term 1 enjoying their pizzas as a reward. 'Is fearr Gaeilge bhriste, ná Béarla cliste!'



Parents' Association

Internet Safety day takes place on the 8th February. The school will have a number of activities on the day for the children to highlight this important issue. In support of these activities, we would like to make the school community aware of a number of online webinars that Barnardos are running. The webinar is free and only 45 mins long. You can check out the attached flyer for more information or visit www.barnardos.ie/parentsosp

Parents Choir - Singers and musicians are invited to form a new group to help celebrate the upcoming sacraments. It will be a chance for parents, guardians and grandparents to get involved through music and to mix now that restrictions are easing. Rehearsals start on Monday 7th February, 7-8pm in the school hall. For more information contact Helen Mulhall on (087) 6527928.

Bake Sale - We are hopeful that we can hold the school bake sale in March- it is a lovely day for students and the school community alike, more details to follow shortly.

Next meeting: We will hold our next meeting on 21st February at 8:30p.m. via Zoom. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Public Holiday

As March 18th is now a public holiday and the school was already due to close on that date, we have decided to avail of the public holiday on Wednesday March 16th. Therefore we will be closed March 16th, 17th and 18th.