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Confirmation 2025

Congratulations to our 6th Class pupils who were confirmed on March 27th. It was a wonderful occasion and we are very proud of the group as a whole. Thank you to Ms. Bergin and Shirley for having the children so well prepared on the day. Míle buíochas freisin to Helen Mulhall and the members of our choir who added so much to the ceremony. Finally, on behalf of the entire school community we'd like to thank our wonderful Parents' Association for hosting the reception in the school afterwards. There are more photos on the school website rathns.ie



Gaeilge / Lá Glas

Bhí neart spraoi agus spórt againn ag ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge le déanaí. Tá roinnt pictiurí thíos ón seachtaine.

Aibreán

Seachtain 1 – Conas a thagann tú ar scoil?

Seachtain 2 – Cad a tharla?

Seachtain 3 – An itheann tú? Ithim / ní ithim

Ceist coicise: Cén sort clar teilifís is fear leat?



Sport

Football: Football coaching with Courtwood GAA continues on Fridays. 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class boys & girls are after school between 3pm - 4pm. 1st & 2nd class sessions are between 2pm - 3pm.

Hurling / Camogie: Hurling and camogie training continues as the children in 4th, 5th & 6th classes prepare for their respective Cumann na mBunscol competitions. Pupils in 3rd Class are welcome to train also.

Volleyball: Congratulations to our 6th Class Mixed Volleyball team who qualified and competed at the national finals recently in the University of Limerick. The team is pictured below. Thank you once again to Mr Walsh for coaching them.

Rugby: Tag rugby sessions for all classes have been running in recent weeks with club coach Adam from Portarlinton RFC.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on March 7th. The children were invited to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books. It was great fun.

We were also delighted to welcome author, Anthony Garvey, to speak with our pupils. It was a very enjoyable and engaging experience for the pupils. More photos from the day are on the school website.



Parents' Association Noticeboard

Confirmation

Comhghairdeas le Rang a Sé on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation last week. A big thank you to Ms. Bergin & Shirley for preparing the children for the sacrament. We were delighted to host a reception at the school for the children and their families. A very big thank you to everyone who helped on the day, it was very much appreciated.

Church Gate Collection

Our annual church gate collection will take place on April 13th.

Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 7th April at 8pm in the school. We would love to see you there.

Easter Break

Wishing all the boys and girls a Hoppy Easter! Enjoy your break and the chocolate!

Couch to 2K Family Fun Run

On Sunday March 2nd, we hosted our now annual 2k Fun Run in the school. It was the culmination of 6 weeks training for the pupils in each class. It was wonderful to see so many parents, past pupils and extended family members in attendance, with many putting on the running shoes themselves and completing the 2k. Many thanks to our Parents' Association for providing the refreshments afterwards. We'd also like to acknowledge the support we received from Laois Sports Partnership. We will continue to encourage the children to engage with regular exercise. Please visit the school website (rathns.ie) to view more photos from the day.



Student Council



Our Student Council attended our most recent Board of Management meeting. They were invited to discuss their role, explain what they have achieved in recent months and to outline what their priorities are for the remainder of the school year. The board were very impressed with what they heard and how the children presented themselves. Well done and continued success to our Student Council.

School Improvement Plan

In the latest round of School Self-Evaluation, it was decided it would be used to support the implementation and rollout of the new Primary Mathematics Curriculum. This will form a basis for the development of a whole-school approach to one of the key pedagogical practices in the new curriculum, *Emphasising Mathematical Modelling*. ‘How’ children learn is as important as ‘what’ children learn. Mathematical modelling involves children using Mathematics to describe a problem-context and determine meaningful solutions to the problem. In the coming months and years, we will implement the actions outlined in the School-Improvement Plan. Our School Self-Evaluation Report and School Improvement Plan can be found on the school website.

School Calendar 2025/2026

The calendar for the 2025/2026 school year has been finalised. A copy can be found on the school website. The school will reopen after the summer break on Wednesday August 27th.

Defibrillator

A number of years ago, the school purchased and installed a defibrillator. This is situated beside the front door of the school. It was obviously intended for use in the school if ever required, and school staff are trained to use it. However, it was located outside the front door in the event that a member of the community ever required assistance and this assistance was required outside of normal school hours. We would like to remind our school community and indeed the wider Rath community of this, and we would appreciate it if you could inform your friends and neighbours of its existence and what to do if required. The instructions are listed on the outside of the box, including the school’s Eircode (R32Y510) which is required to receive the code after calling 999.



Dates for Your Diary

- April 7th - Parents’ Association Meeting at 8pm
- April 9th - First Confessions at 7pm in Scared Heart Church, Rath
- April 11th - 12:30pm closure for Easter Holidays



