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Christmas

Our Student Council will once again organise a 'Santa Dash' before Christmas. The money raised will be donated to St Vincent de Paul locally. It is essentially a fun run. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers and Santa hats. The event will take place on Monday December 19th at 12pm. We are not asking the children to sell sponsorship cards, but donations can be made on the day.

If they wish, the children can wear Christmas jumpers between December 12th – 21st.

Our Parents' Association will again kindly sponsor the online school panto from The Heilix, 'Hansel and Gretel'. It was a big hit last year and we've no doubt the children will really enjoy it again.

We will close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday December 21st at 12:30pm. We will reopen on Thursday January 5th.

5th & 6th Class History Trip

Our 5th and 6th Class pupils recently visited the famine workhouse museum in Donaghmore, Co. Laois. They learned all about the lives of people in Laois and all around the country before, during and after the Great Famine. It was a fantastic learning experience. There are more photos to view on the school website.



Football

Hard luck to our Boys B football team who narrowly lost in their recent final in O'Moore Park. They were excellent throughout the league campaign and indeed the final also. It was great to field four teams in the school this year. The work continues as we reach the finals in our 3rd - 6th Class Autumn Lunchtime Football leagues. They will be played this week. Courtwood GAA also continue to support us with their Friday afternoon visits.



Congratulations Somya and Jayden

Well done and congratulations to Jayden Murphy (Rang 6) and Somya Lall (Rang 2) who recently won prizes in the Portarlinton Credit Union Art Competition. It is a great achievement from our two talented young artists.



Junior Infant Enrolment 2023

Enrolment for the Junior Infant Class 2023/2024 will open on Thursday January 5th and will remain open until January 27th. Please inform any family members or neighbours if they've children ready to start school in September 2023. Enrolment forms will be available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website www.rathns.ie. We cannot accept any applications before January 5th. Our Admissions Policy is also online. It is important that all prospective parents read the policy carefully beforehand.

Gaeilge

Mí na Nollag (December)

Seachtain 1 - Tá mé ag tnúth le... (I'm looking forward to...)

Seachtain 2 - Ó mo Dhia! (Oh my God!)

Seachtain 3 - Nollaig Shona duit/ Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit (Merry Christmas / Happy New Year)

Science Week

There was lots of activity around the school recently as we celebrated Science Week. On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Rok from Armagh Observatory and Planetarium. Their mobile dome and planetarium was a big hit with all classes. On Friday, classes got an opportunity to display their experiments and projects at our Mini-Science Fair. There was lots of learning and it was great fun. Well done to all the children and staff for participating. There are more photos on the school website.



Parking

As per previous correspondence, we ask all those parking in front of the school to reverse into the spaces provided. It is much safer to do so. If you're using the car park at the church, please ensure that you collect your child at the gate at the end of the field, before escorting them to the car park.

We ask you to please be conscious of the buses parking parallel to the wall in front of the school. These spaces are reserved for buses only.

Parents' Association Noticeboard

Halloween Hike: The Halloween Hike was a great event and raised the grand total of €3,456. We are very grateful to each of you for supporting the Hike. The money raised will go towards the outdoor classroom and outdoor equipment.

Split the Pot: Our Christmas Split the Pot draw is up and running. The first draw took place last week and the pot was a wonderful €630! The winner was Ciarán Reilly. Comhghairdeas Ciarán. A very big thank you to everyone who contributed. The draws will continue every Wednesday between now and the 21st December. Envelopes are available from the school, Donoher's Service Station, Village Coffee and Íosa Linn. Best of luck to everyone.

Santa's Visit: Santa will take time out of his very busy schedule to visit all the boys and girls in Rath on the 21st December. We are looking forward to a fun filled morning.

Social Night: Following on from the success of the last social night, we have decided to have a get together on the 9th of December from 8:30 p.m. in the Fisherman's Inn to kick start the Christmas season. Looking forward to seeing you all on the night.

Beannachtaí na Nollag: We would like to thank the whole school community for all of their support during the year. Míle buíochas also to Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. McCormack and all of the staff for their hard work, it is very much appreciated. Thank you also to our Board of Management. Wishing everyone a magical Christmas and a wonderful 2023. We hope Santa calls. Guímid gach ráth agus sonas oraibh an Nollaig seo agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise.

Next meeting: The next meeting will take place on Wednesday the 7th December at 8:30 p.m. in the school. We would love if you would join us.

Student Council

The Student Council have been busy at work since we were elected. We have been organising events such as our upcoming school Talent Show and we also organised the removal of the large green container from the school pitch. This will improve the view from the pitch and will make the grounds a lot safer. For the talent show, two acts will be picked from each class this week. Those acts will then perform in front of the whole school next week. We look forward to seeing all the talent on show.

Seán, Seán Óg, & Píra (Rang 6)

Table Tennis

Our annual 6th Class table tennis league is in full swing at the moment. Many thanks to Ms Phelan and Ms Bergin for giving up their lunchtimes in recent weeks to facilitate this. The finals are scheduled for December 16th agus míle buíochas to Courtwood GAA once again for sponsoring the prizes.

