



## Ard Rí Community National School

Happy New Year everyone!! Ard Rí are delighted to announce Debi Marjara has been appointed as school secretary. A lot of you will know Debi from After-School Club and she has been an active member of the Parent Association for many years. Debi has three daughters in the school. Debi will be available from Monday through to Thursday from 9am-1pm.

I would like to remind you that if you have any concern about your child, their class teacher is your first point of contact for the school. You can now contact Debi to arrange an appointment to see the teacher when necessary.

In a case where your child will have a brief absence of one to three days from school (due to illness etc.) it is not necessary to call the school in advance. Please send in a short note of explanation upon their return. Only in the case of long absences notify you child's class teacher in advance. Please be advised we are obliged to report cases where children miss over 20 days in a school year to The Child and Family Agency.

Please return all Acceptance Forms for Junior Infants 2017 to the office immediately.

### January and February schedule of events:

- Padraic O'Brien from **Navan Bus** will start to run a school bus from Johnstown for Ard Rí pupils. For details please call Navan Bus directly on 086-8520020.
- **Speech and Drama Classes** starting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of January 3.45-4.45 for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class. New members welcome. Please call Wilma on 087-9315033 for details.
- **Parent Teacher Meetings** will be held at Ard Rí on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of January.
- On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of January we will be launching our new **Buddy Benches** to encourage children to look out for each other on yard. This is an initiative funded by the Parent Association to promote better play on yard.
- This term Rang Jack will be attending the **library** on a fortnightly basis. Please return all membership forms as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity to promote a love of books in your children. I encourage you to use Navan library with you children.
- **The school will be closed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Class Choirs will perform with **The Three Tenors in The Solstice Theatre** on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of February at 8pm. There are still tickets available for this event. Call The Solstice Arts Centre Ticket Office for details. Rehearsals will begin this week.
- We will celebrate **Charles Darwin Day** on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of January. Charles Darwin was a major contributor to the theory of evolution. We celebrate Charles Darwin Day for our Humanist families every year with a festival of Science.
- We will be holding an Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of February.
- Ard Rí Kickhams, Tennis and other extra-curricular sport will begin in early spring. Classes will go swimming in Term 3 this year.



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