



# Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.  
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Roll No 20352T



## September/October Newsletter

Welcome back to Ard Rí for 2018/2019. It is great to see everyone settling in so well. Here are some important points to note as we begin the school year. There is quite a lot going on so please read this carefully!!

**Code of Behaviour:** The school Code of Behaviour has been reviewed and amended. It is available on our website at: [www.aridrcns.ie/about/schoolpolicies/](http://www.aridrcns.ie/about/schoolpolicies/). The new policy and its procedures are being enacted from today Monday 03.09.2018.

**PE Days:** Tracksuit days are as follows:

Junior & Senior Infants (Múinteoir Naomi): Monday and Wednesday

Junior & Senior Infants (Múinteoir Tara): Monday and Wednesday

First Class (Múinteoir Rachel): Wednesday and Thursday

Second Class (Múinteoir Niamh): Wednesday and Thursday

Second & Third Class (Múinteoir Cailín): Wednesday and Friday

Fourth Class (Múinteoir Karen): Wednesday and Thursday

Fifth Class (Múinteoir Edel): Wednesday and TBC

Sixth Class (Múinteoir Jack): Wednesday and Thursday

We ask children wear tracksuits on the PE days assigned to their class **only**. Please ensure your child wears their white polo t-shirt on tracksuit days. These days will change as the year progresses.

**After School Club:** After school is back. It begins for Senior Infants on Monday 03.09.2018 and will begin for Junior Infants on Monday 10.09.2018 (only if they are ready for the longer day). After-school will be held in the school hall. Book early to avoid disappointment. For details please contact Debi on (086)8632741.

**Gaelic Games:** Barry Teather, Simonstown Gaels Games Development Officer, will be coaching Gaelic Games to boys and girls in Classes 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> on Wednesdays for 6 weeks starting 05.09.2018. Please ensure your child wears their tracksuit on Wednesdays.

**Parents Get-together:** The Parent Association will hold their first coffee morning in The Ardboyne Hotel after drop-off on Friday 14.09.2018. All parents are welcome. It is a great opportunity for new parents to get to meet new friends.

We will also have a **used battery collection in aid of Barretstown** in the school yard on 14.09.2018.

**School Photographer:** *Memory Lane Photography will visit the school on Thursday 13.09.2018. All children will be photographed (both alone and with their siblings) but there is no obligation to buy photographs. Junior Infants and 6<sup>th</sup> Class will have a group photograph taken. All children must wear full uniform on the day. Don't forget to brush their hair!!!*

**Ard Rí Kickhams:** Training for the Ard Rí Kickhams will run on Fridays from Friday 21.09.2018 to Friday 19.10.2018. Junior and Senior Infants will play on the school yard from 1.40-2.30. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will go to the field for after school sports from 2.40-3.30. This event will be weather permitting of course. Junior and Senior Infant children attending Kickhams can wear their school tracksuits on Fridays. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will get dirty at these sessions so should bring sports clothes with them to school and will be given time to change before sports begin. We would love as much parental involvement as possible in order to make this a success. No experience is necessary. There will be a €2 cover charge per session. All this money goes towards maintaining our sports equipment.

**Interbelief learning:** This year our *main* belief celebration will be Humanism. We will celebrate The Summer Solstice on 21.06.2019. We will continue to celebrate, in rotation, one special occasion from each belief group represented in our school as per the calendar below.

**Cultural Celebrations:** Please see calendar below for Cultural Events we will celebrate this year.

2018-2019	Inter-belief Celebration	Cultural Celebration
October	Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year) -9 <sup>th</sup>	Hallow'een - 31 <sup>st</sup>
December	Christmas (Christian)- 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cultural Christmas i.e. Santa, gifts, reindeer etc.
February		St Valentine's Day - 14 <sup>th</sup>
March	Holi (Hindu Spring Festival)- 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day - 17 <sup>th</sup> Seachtain na Gaeilge Mother's Day
April		Cultural Easter- Easter Bunny, chocolate eggs
May	Vesak- (Buddha Day) - 19 <sup>th</sup>	
June	Summer Solstice* - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Father's Day

\*Main celebration

**Speech and Drama Classes:** Speech and Drama Classes will resume with Leinster School of Speech and Drama qualified teacher Wilma Roe at Ard Rí CNS on Wednesdays starting 19.09.2018 for Junior Infants to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. Term fee for 10 weeks is €85. Children will be enabled to develop confidence and communication skills in a fun and creative environment, work on vocal clarity and expression through poetry, mime, drama games, improvisation and characterisation. To register please contact Wilma at (087)9315033.

**Curriculum Information Meetings:** We invite the parents of Junior and Senior Infants to our **Curriculum Evening** for a short presentation and a chance to ask questions in relation to Jolly Phonics, Aistear, Mathematics and homework on Thursday 20.09.2018 at 8pm sharp in the school.

**Community Assembly:** We would like to invite parents to join us for a short Community Assembly in the school yard on the last Friday of every month at 9am.

September Assembly: Friday 28.09.2018

October Assembly: Friday 26.10.2018

**Bedtime Stories:** Bedtime Stories is back for pupils in JI-1<sup>st</sup> Class on Thursday 18.10.2018 from 6.30-7.00pm. Children come back to school before bedtime in their pyjamas and they read their favourite bedtime story with their mum and dad. Teacher then reads a whole class story and the boys and girls go home to bed.

**Family Pumpkin Carving Competition:** The Fifth Annual Pumpkin Carving Competition will be held on Wednesday 24.10.2018. One Pumpkin per family please. Winners will be announced on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of October. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of October will be fancy dress for Hallow'een.

## Please note

**Give a note to your child's teacher explaining all absences.**

**Label everything:** clothes, lunchboxes, stationery, wellingtons

**Healthy Lunches:** There is an amazing standard of healthy lunches at Ard Rí Community NS. Please keep it up. Water to drink and lots and lots of yummy fruit and veg please!!! For information about policies visit our website [www.ardrics.ie/about/school-policies/](http://www.ardrics.ie/about/school-policies/)

**Money:** When sending money to school with children please put it in a sealed, clearly labelled envelope. Please send the exact amount. Payment for school books 2018 is due before Friday 07.09.2018.

**Active School:** We like to get out and about as much as possible in all weathers. Please ensure your child has Wellington Boots and rain gear at school every day. Any parents with coaching skills or contacts for sports demonstrations or workshops please contact Múinteoir Jack.

**Twitter:** For an insight into daily life at Ard Rí Community NS why not follow us on Twitter [@AndRi\\_CNS](https://twitter.com/AndRi_CNS). We try to post up to three times a day.