



Ard Rí Community National School

November/December Newsletter

I would like to thank everybody for their support since September. There is a really positive buzz about the school and I am delighted to see so many smiling faces about the place. Happy days.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our trips to the library, choir, the Schools Tennis Ireland Festival of Tennis, The Solstice Theatre and Art Gallery, Simonstown GFC, the Pumpkin Carving Competition, Bedtime Stories, Rugby training and Skip n' Rope lessons.

We hope that immersing your children in this positive environment where they receive exposure to as many high quality learning experiences as possible they will thrive, be positive about learning and develop good mental strength.

Building is going well and we hope to be in our new classrooms before the December 12th deadline.

Here is an outline of upcoming events;

Tennis: Margaret and Sally from Navan Tennis Club will be coaching tennis on Wednesdays. This will cost €5 per child for five lessons.

Choir: Ms Eimear Donnelly will be teaching choir to all children on Wednesdays. This will cost €5 per child for six lessons. The children will perform the songs they are learning in The Ardboyne Hotel for the 2016 Winter Show.

Class	Choir	Tennis	Total
Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1 st , 2 nd	€5	€5	€10
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	paid	€5	€5

Please make payment (in a clearly labelled envelope) before Friday 18th November

Thursday 17.11.2016; Order of Malta will be bringing Adam's Gift to Ard Rí. Adam was a 12 year old boy who died of cardiac arrest. His family have founded a charity to teach CPR. Order of Malta will do a CPR demonstration for the children and teach them about the Ambulance.

Thursday 24.11.2016; 3rd Class will visit The Solstice Theatre to make Christmas decorations

Friday 11.11.2016; 4th and 5th Class will visit The Solstice Theatre to make Christmas decorations.

Wednesday 30.11.2016; 3rd, 4th & 5th Class will perform at the Merry Christmas Concert in The Solstice Theatre at 7.30pm.* Details will follow in a letter shortly.

Thursday 08.12.2016; 3rd, 4th & 5th Class will perform their Christmas songs for the Old Folks in the Millbury Nursing Home.*



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Saturday 17.12.2016; All children will sing in Navan Shopping Centre.*

The times are as follows;

Junior and Senior Infants	11am-12pm
First and Second Class	12pm-1pm
Third, Fourth & Fifth Class	1pm-2pm

This event is a fund raiser for the Parent’s Association. The children will assemble at the stage in The Shopping Centre as per the times above and sing their songs. They will have a break and sing their songs again. While teachers will be present parents will be responsible for the care and behaviour of their children during this event.

Monday 19.12.2016; We will hold our Winter Show* in the Ardboyne Hotel from 10am. There will be a cake sale in the school hall after. All welcome. As children have paid for choir lessons there will be no charge for admission to The Winter Show.

*Children can wear their navy school trousers/pinafore, a Christmas Jumper and a Santa Hat. Please be mindful of children overheating at these events. Wear light undergarments e.g. a t-shirt or vest instead of shirt and tie etc. They will wear their coats to the events and the rooms will be well heated.

Tuesday 20.12.2016; Junior Infants receive 4in1 and MMR Booster Vaccinations.

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The St. Vincent DePaul conference is looking for help this year. While we would like to help people who are experiencing difficulties we don’t want to put pressure on any of our parents who may be facing financial difficulties of their own.

We are hoping to make up a hamper from each class. I have listed the required items below and the teachers have highlighted the item we asked your child to bring in. PLEASE don’t put yourself under any pressure – because we have a list, we can easily add any item to the hamper that couldn’t be provided. We have asked the Parents’ Association to provide a small voucher from the local butcher for each hamper so we are asking you not to send in any perishable items but I have included a list of extra items (treats) which you can send in as well as your highlighted item, if you are interested in doing so. It might be a nice idea to suggest the children buy their item themselves, if they get pocket money, to make it more meaningful for them. Please have your items in by **Friday 25th November**



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Basic Items: Send in the highlighted item please (check all use by dates are well into next year)

Breakfast cereal

Packet/tinned soup

Pasta

Tinned vegetables – peas/beans/corn

Rice

Tinned fruit

Noodles

Tinned fish

Tea

Jar of pasta sauce

Coffee

Jar of 'Uncle Ben' type sauce

Salt

Custard

Stock cubes

Biscuits

Sugar

Hot chocolate

Jam

Mayonnaise

Ketchup

Additional treat items – if you are interested in adding these:

Christmas cake

Christmas pudding

Christmas selection box

Chocolate

Mince pies

Crisps

Popcorn

Sweets

Turkey voucher

Ham voucher

Christmas crackers

Festive napkins

Thank you very much for your support.



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Attention 3rd, 4th & 5th Class parents,

The Solstice Performance for your children will take place on Wednesday, November 30th at 7.30pm in the Solstice Arts Centre, Navan. Tickets are available direct from the Solstice Arts Centre (046)9092300, €15 each or four for €50.

All pupils must be in the theatre for 5pm sharp, dressed for the performance. Ard Rí pupils wear their navy school trousers or pinafore with a Christmas jumper and Santa hat. Children must wear school shoes (black-give them a wee polish☺) and girls wear navy socks or tights. Please be mindful of children overheating and wear a light t-shirt or vest under the jumper. Pupils enter through the main theatre door. Parents should be aware that the theatre is closed to the public until 6.30pm and they will not be allowed into the theatre until then.

The show will end at approximately 9.30pm. The children will be brought to the foyer school by school and parents can collect children in the main foyer.

Pupils can bring books, DSs or portable games to entertain them when not on stage. Label the device clearly! We will do our best to keep these items safe but be aware all devices are brought at your own risk.

There will be a short break between the dress rehearsal and the show so pupils can bring a packed lunch. Choirs will not have access to The Solstice Café in the foyer so pupils should have sufficient food and drinks to last them for the evening. Drinks should be in line with school lunches; sandwich, fruit, water, etc. No fizzy drinks or sweets and chewing gum is strictly forbidden.

A professional DVD will be made of the performance. These can be ordered and paid for in the foyer on the night of the show and orders will be delivered to the school before the end of term.

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I will allow my child to participate in the Merry Christmas Concert which will be video recorded.

Yes No

Child's name: Class:

Parent/Guardian signature