



Ard Rí Community National School

May and June Points to Note

We hope all Catholic children receiving the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation this month have a most enjoyable day celebrating with their family and friends.

2019 Interfaith Celebrations: This year we will celebrate Humanism on the day of the Summer Solstice, Friday 21.06.2019. We invite parents who class themselves as Humanist or similar i.e. Agnostic, Atheist etc to a meeting on Friday 17.05.2019 at 9am or to email me DRoe@lmetb.ie. We will establish a Humanist Parents Committee to plan learning outcomes and activities and events around this festival. It is not necessary to be an expert in Humanism. Curiosity will qualify!!

Class Allocation: We will receive confirmation on our teacher numbers for 2019-2020 in mid-May. I will call a meeting to announce plans for class allocation as soon as possible. We are very close to gaining another teacher. This would mean reduction in the number of multi-grade classes plus the benefit of smaller classes in some grades. Please continue to encourage people to choose Ard Rí as the school for their children.

Parent Association: A huge thank you to our Parent Association for their on-going support. This term they have organised visits from The National Ambulance Service, Blood Bikes and a local Bee-Keeper. These are excellent hands on learning experiences for our pupils.

We are delighted with the opening of new Community National Schools in Dunshaughlin and Ashbourne. We look forward to working with these schools into the future.

School Closures:

June Bank Holiday	School Closed	31.05.2019 & 03.06.2019
Summer Holidays	School Closes	12pm on 28.06.2019

Tracksuit days are as follows: (these days may change again after swimming or due to other activities; tours etc. in term 3)

Rang Naomi	Tuesday & Thursday	Rang Cailín	Tuesday & Friday
Rang Sabrina	Tuesday & Wednesday	Rang Karen	Tuesday & Wednesday
Rang Rachel	Tuesday & Wednesday	Rang Edel	Tuesday & Thursday
Rang Niamh	Tuesday & Thursday	Rang Jack	Tuesday & Thursday

On hot days children may wear plain navy shorts to just above the knee and their white t-shirts or shirts.



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Party Invitations: We would like to remind parents that staff cannot circulate party invitations among children. Giving out invitations is time consuming but most of all children who do not receive an invitation can be left feeling very upset. We ask all organisation of parties be carried out by *parents* outside of school. Thank you for your continued co-operation on this matter.

Anti-Bullying: If you are concerned about incidents of bullying report it directly and promptly to your child's teacher. If negative behaviour is directed towards your child tell them: *Say STOP, Walk Away and Tell an Adult*. Children must remember to keep the school rules: *Kind Hands, Kind Feet and Kind Words* at all times.

Swimming will continue as scheduled for 6 weeks in total.

Junior Infant Open Day: The school will be open to the Junior Infants of September 2019 and their families on Friday 07.06.2019 from 10-11am.

Down Syndrome Ireland Ice-cream Party: To raise funds for Down Syndrome Ireland we will hold a HB ice-cream party on Tuesday 18.06.2019. This will also be a non-uniform day. We encourage families and children to donate whatever they can afford for this worthy cause.

School tours: The details of school tours have been finalised. You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher and a Way2Pay SMS shortly with all you need to know. The dates for school tours are as follows:

Junior and Senior Infants	07.06.2019
1st Class	11.06.2019
2nd Class	12.06.2019
3rd Class	13.06.2019
4th Class	10.06.2019
5th Class	23.05.2019
6th Class	14.06.2019 (TBC)

Uniform Swap Shop: Please keep an eye on the Parent Association Facebook page for details.

Active Week: Due to a very busy schedule Active Week Activities will be held on the following days: Tuesday 05.06.2019, Wednesday 06.06.2019, Tuesday 25.06.2019, Wednesday 26.06.2019. There will be activities every day. The Sports Day and picnic will be incorporated into Humanist celebrations on Friday 21.06.2019. Children should wear their tracksuits on these days. Further information will be circulated closer to the time.

Ard Rí Summer Camp will run from 1st-5th of July and caters for incoming Junior Infants up to 6th Class. This action-packed camp offers sport, art, drama, music and creative activities in a structured routine, run by experienced teachers. Camp registration forms will be distributed by class teachers shortly.



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