



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.
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September/October Newsletter

Welcome back to Ard Rí for 2019/20. 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!!

We are experimenting sending these newsletters to you as Downloadable PDF. They are available on [The Parent Section](#) of our website or if you would like a hard copy for your fridge please pick up a copy from our office (".)

PE Days: Tracksuit days are as follows:

Rang Tara (JI): Monday and Wednesday

Rang Edel (JI): Monday and Wednesday

Rang Niamh (SI): Wednesday and Thursday

Rang Maria (1st): Wednesday and Friday

Rang Karen Dillon (1st): Wednesday and Thursday

Rang Laura (2nd): Wednesday and Friday

Rang Cailín (3rd): Wednesday and Friday

Rang Karen Dunne (3rd&4th): Monday and Wednesday

Rang Sarah (5th): Wednesday and Friday

Rang Jack (6th): Monday and Wednesday

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 be subject to change as the year progresses. [Ard Rí School Uniform](#)

Sacramental Preparation: Parents of children at Ard Ri CNS are welcome to apply for the Parish Catechetical Programme. Children in 2nd class or above can now apply for a preparation programme leading to First Penance in 2020, First Holy Communion in 2021, and Confirmation in 2023. Children who have already received First Penance and First Holy Communion can apply for a preparation programme leading to Confirmation in 2021.

Application forms are available from the church sacristies or from the Parish Office. Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 30th September.

After School Club: After school is back. It begins for Senior Infants on Monday 02.09.2019 and will begin for Junior Infants on Monday 09.09.2019 (only if they are ready for the longer day- please discuss with class teacher). After-school will be held in the school hall/Infant Classes. Book early to avoid disappointment. For details please contact Debi on school phone (087) 1341007.

Gaelic Games: Barry Teather, Simonstown Gaels Games Development Officer, will be coaching Gaelic Games to boys and girls in Classes 1st-6th on Wednesdays for 6 weeks starting 11.09.2019. Please ensure your child wears their tracksuit on Wednesdays.

School Photographer: Memory Lane Photography will visit the school on Thursday 12.09.2018. All children will be photographed (both alone and with their siblings) but there is no obligation to buy photographs. If for any reason you do not want your child's photograph taken please let Darragh know. Junior Infants and 6th Class will have a group photograph taken. All children must wear full formal uniform on the day. There will be some members of the Parent Association on hand this year to help with presentation. Don't forget to brush their hair!!!

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 11.09.2018 at 3.45pm for Junior Infants to 4th 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.

Creative Keyboards: [Creative Keyboards](http://www.creativekeyboards.ie) will be running keyboard lessons on Thursdays starting 12.09.2019 at the following times: 1.45pm-2.45pm: JI/ SI 2.45pm-3.45pm and 3.45pm-4.45pm for beginners. Keyboards are supplied. Please contact Krisha on (087)2022505. For more info: www.creativekeyboards.ie

Arts and Crafts: Arts and Crafts Club will resume this September on Mondays starting on Monday 16th at 2.40pm. The class is open to children from 1st class to 6th with Múinteoir Catherine. A note will be sent home with children with further information.

Parents Get-together: The Parent Association will hold their first coffee morning in The Ardboyne Hotel after drop-off on Friday 13.09.2019 after drop off. All parents are welcome. It is a great opportunity for parents to get to meet new friends #Community

We will also have a **used battery collection in aid of Barretstown** in the school yard on 13.09.2018.

Post Office Saving Scheme will begin on Friday 13.09.2019. To learn more [click here](#)

Curriculum Information Meetings: We invite the parents of Junior and Senior Infants to our **Curriculum Information Meeting** 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 1.40pm in the school. There will be supervision provided for the children during the meeting.

How to prepare your child for Post Primary School: Our Parent Association have organised a workshop with LMETB facilitator Catherine Webster around the transition from Primary to Post-Primary on Thursday 19.09.2019 at 7.30 in the school. This workshop is most relevant for parents of children in 5th & 6th Classes however all parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Association AGM: will be held in the school at 8pm on Monday 23.09.2019 at 8pm. I encourage one representative from each family to attend this meeting. [Ard Rí CNS Parent Association](#)

Bedtime Stories: Bedtime Stories is back for pupils in JI-1st Class on Thursday 17.10.2019 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 [Sixth Annual Pumpkin Carving Competition](#) will be held on Wednesday 23.10.2018. One Pumpkin per family please. Winners will be announced on Friday 25th of October. Friday 25th 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!!!

Read our [Healthy Eating Policy](#)

Active School: We like to get out and about as much as possible in all weathers. Please ensure your child (JI, SI, 1st) has Wellington Boots in school and rain gear at school every day.

Twitter: For an insight into daily life at Ard Rí Community NS why not follow us on Twitter [@ArdRi_CNS](#).

“Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on earth, for what they believe is what they will become.”

–Brooke Hampton