



# Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.

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Season's Greetings,

18.12.2020

First, there are lots of people we need to thank at the end of the most challenging school term in my lifetime. A huge thank you to the teachers and SNAs who have created a happy and safe environment for the children to come and learn every day. Thank you to Debi, our secretary, for co-ordinating the day to day running of the school and Ewa our cleaner for cleaning every surface, every day! Thank you to Shelley, Celine and all the Parent Association for your support. Thank you parents for wearing masks and following public health advice- keeping your child at home or collecting them early when they displayed Covid symptoms. Keeping Covid out of the school is our single best hope of staying safe. The biggest thank you goes to our wonderful pupils who followed the Covid-Hero Code. I am proud our school adapted, opened and continued to provide care and excellence in education in this difficult time.

The Ard Rí Winter Show has gone virtual for 2020. In a year where we had to stay apart, friendship has never been more important. Therefore, Friendship is the theme of the show and each class has produced a short video which will be available on their class Seesaw from 6pm on Friday 18.12.2020. Get together and enjoy the show! Please do not share the show on social media.

The school will close for Christmas Holidays on Tuesday 22.12.2020. Tuesday will be a no-uniform day.

To avoid over-crowding:

- buses and creches may leave from 11.30
- Classes Infants-2<sup>nd</sup> to be collected at 11.50
- Classes 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> to be collected 12.00

Thank you to everyone who supported our Charity Partners- Team Hope and Children's Medical and Research Foundation Crumlin. You can still donate a Team Hope virtual shoebox until 23.12.2020 by visiting their website: <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/> and you can donate to Crumlin until 21.12.2020 by emailing [ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie](mailto:ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie) and we will raise a bill on your Way2Pay.

Finally, I have some very exciting news to share. Contracts for the purchase of the site for our new permanent school on Academy Street have been signed. A Design Team will be appointed early in the new year. I want to thank Ms Sinead Murphy, her team from LMETB Building Section and Mr Martin O'Brien LMETB CEO for getting us to this stage. Meanwhile at Balreask Old, we will receive handover of four new prefabs in January. This will leave us much more comfortable for the rest of our time at Navan Rugby Club, Balreask Old.

Have a holly, jolly Christmas,