

## **Ard Rí Community National School**

Community
NATIONAL SCHOOLS

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

Principal: Darragh Roe

Roll No 20352T

Dear Ard Rí Community,

I hope you are all safe and well. At the beginning of term 3 we are re-emphasising our 'Covid Hero' rules with the children. We are all tired at this stage but I must encourage everyone to stay strong and continue to follow rules and guidelines, especially in relation to wearing of facemasks, congregation and international travel. Thank you.

Spring is finally here. We are delighted to welcome the longer days and celebrate Holi, Easter and the month of Ramadan. Ard Rí CNS is a multi-denominational school. Through <u>GMGY! and our characteristic spirit and ethos</u> we "enable children to share their beliefs and values, and to encounter the beliefs and values of others in a learning environment of enquiry and respect" (GMGY, 2018, p. 7). As part of our <u>Interfaith Calendar</u> we will be learning about the Muslim festival Eid-al Fitr in the month of May. I would like to form a committee of Muslim parents to organise the Eid-al-Fitr celebrations. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

Ard Rí is delighted to announce that we will shortly roll out the Aladdin Connect app. Connect will give you secure access to messages from the school and to details of your child's attendance, test results, reports cards etc via the Aladdin Connect App. In the next few days, you will receive a text/email message containing your registration link. (More Info)

Teachers will be commencing the Relationships and Sexuality education programme (RSE) in the coming weeks. RSE is an integral part of the S.P.H.E programme. RSE provides children with opportunities to develop knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and practical skills necessary to establish and sustain healthy personal relationships with self and others. It is important that parents are aware of the content of RSE lessons and discuss the content with their children. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the messages and/or content at home. (More Info)

There may be some changes to class tracksuit days for Term 3. (More Info)

Our Parent Association are busy developing the gardens at the school. Plans for Term 3 include The Down Syndrome Ireland Ice-cream Party, non-uniform days, School Uniform Swap Shop, school-leaver hoodies and Joe the Magician. Shelley, Ciara and the Parent Association Committee will share details of these events in their next newsletter. Thank you for all your support.

Kindest regards,

