



Ard Rí Community National School

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

Principal: Darragh Roe

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October Newsletter



September has been a busy month with a visit from the Community Garda to discuss Road Safety, our 6th Classes are applying for Post-Primary Schools, Space Week, Gaelic Games and Conker Championships. The harvest is over and now we move into the autumn proper and start making our way towards Halloween break.



One measure to prevent the introduction and spread of Covid-19 in our school is to ensure rooms are well ventilated ([DES Guidance](#)). We have CO2 monitors in place which measure air freshness and wherever possible we open windows and doors to increase natural ventilation, weather permitting. So far, we are managing to balance ventilation and room temperature. If your child is finding the room cold, please send in a light fleece or a zippy they can pop on when needed. Winter coats are too warm and bulky to be wearing indoors.

By clicking on the 'Attendance and Notes' tab on your Aladdin App you can directly inform your child's teacher of the following:

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Complete the Return to School Declaration



You currently have no declarations to complete

Enter a reason for an existing absence



You currently have no absence reasons to submit



My child will be absent



My child will be late



My child will be collected early



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| *"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right."* - Rosa Parks

At our last Board of Management Meeting the Chairperson of our Board of Management Cllr Yemi Adenuga stated it is not enough, not to be racist. As a school we must be actively anti-racist. Lead by our Chairperson we will work to develop an Anti-Racism/ Equality Policy. All stakeholders in the school; management, school staff, parents and children will be involved in the development of this policy. As a first step, this October, we will be celebrating 'Black History Month' in our classes. Each class will complete a case study on Black people from various walks of life who fought inequality to bring about change. We will create a gallery and hold an assembly where children can then come to share what they have learned.

It's Enrolment Time...

Please direct prospective families to the enrolment section on our website ([click here](#)) or tell them to give me a call on 087 1341007.

The school will close for one week for Halloween Mid-Term Break from 1.40pm/2.40pm on Friday 22nd October. Children can wear their Halloween Fancy Dress on Friday 22nd October. [21/22 School Calendar.](#)

School will close at 12:30pm on Friday 19th November for staff training in the new [Primary Language Curriculum.](#)

Reminder: We have a [Healthy Eating Policy](#). Healthy Snacks we encourage are: sandwiches, rolls, wraps, pitta or rice cakes with cheese, meat or other healthy fillings, fruit, vegetables, cheese, pasta, salad or yogurt with a drink of water or plain milk. It is very difficult for parents to encourage children to eat a healthy lunch if other children are coming to school with crisps and biscuits. If you feel you need support to encourage your child to eat a healthy lunch, please let us know and we will support you.