



Ard Rí Community National School

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

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Ard Rí CNS Newsletter February 2022

We are delighted to welcome the spring to Ard Rí CNS. The nice bright mornings are lifting everyone's spirits and there is great energy in the air at the school. Lets go Ard Rí...Let's go!!

ETB Ethos and Values:



Care

The Lunch Bag: We surveyed parents' interest in provision of packed lunches at school. The response was very positive- 'a great idea'. 85% of parents said they were interested and 70% of parents said they would use the service more than three days per week. There were concerns about cost, food options and quality. We are hopeful with 'The Lunch Bag' as our supplier these concerns will be addressed. Our Lunch Bag Launch Day has been confirmed for Thursday the 17th of February and the first delivery of ordered lunches will be on Monday 21st of February. ([more info](#))



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Respect

Safer Internet Day: Classes 1st-6th will learn the importance of digital citizenship and online safety with the help of the [HTML Heroes](#) and [My Selfie and the Wider World](#) next week. We will have a visit from Navan Community Garda on Friday 18th of February to talk to the children about internet safety. This will be the perfect opportunity to review and secure your child's internet access.

Multi-Denominational

Charles Darwin Day: At Ard Rí CNS we celebrate the Faiths and Beliefs of all the community. To celebrate Humanism we will be celebrating Charles Darwin Day with some extra science lessons and quizzes. *'The love for all living creatures is the most noble human attribute'* -Charles Darwin

Community

Bio-diversity Ireland: This spring Mark, from Bio-diversity Ireland, will be working with the children in 3rd Class Cailín and Ruth to develop and encourage bio-diversity in our school campus.

Excellence in Education

Primary Language Curriculum: School will close at 12pm on Wednesday 23rd of February to facilitate staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum. Pupils from classes Infants to 2nd will be dismissed a few minutes before 12 to avoid congestion in the car park.

School will close for **Mid Term Break** on 24th & 25th of February.



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Rang Sarah have been learning all about animals this month: https://twitter.com/ArdRi_CNS

Enrolment: Since 2010 we have seen our school grow from strength to strength. We are working with architects on some very early stage plans for our new school on Academy Street. We currently have 290 pupils from 203 families enrolled at the school. Every year we present our pupil numbers to the Department of Education and they will allocate us a number of teachers. It is important we work hard to attract prospective families to the community so we can fill classes. We currently have a small number of places in Junior Infants for September and our current Junior Infants to 3rd class. Our location is very much hidden from view. We are a well-kept secret! Please continue to recommend us to families who are looking for a school for their children.

School Uniform: Geoghegan's of Trimgate Street will be our new school uniform suppliers. They have placed an order for stock and I will inform you when it will be available for purchase.