



# Ard Rí Community National School

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On behalf of the whole Ard Rí Community I would like to offer our support to the Sviagla family from Ukraine. I have been liaising with Ivan and Olga over the past few days. We are in the process of organising a collection from the school to support the victims of the war.

We will share details of the collection very shortly. There will be no way to shield your children from coverage of the war. I encourage you to speak to them about it in an age appropriate way, give lots of hugs and reassurance- *'There is a war far away in Ukraine. People are fighting with each other. We are not in any danger here, but we are worried about the people in Ukraine'*. We will also be telling children not all people from Russia support this war. Remind children of all the good in the world. Donating to a charity or lighting a candle in your home to show support can help very worried children feel less worried or helpless. (Dr Mary O'Kane [IT article](#))

## Newsletter- March 2022

Spring has Sprung here at Ard Rí CNS. A huge thank you to the Parent Association for providing yummy pancakes for Pancake Tuesday, the children are delighted to be out and about in the fine weather and we have lots of lovely teaching planned. Covid restrictions have been lifted and it is great children from different classes can finally mix together throughout the school.

**Covid 19:** Restrictions in relation to mask-wearing and physical distancing in schools have been removed. The removal of masks and dropping restrictions in relation to pods/bubbles are the only immediate changes we will be making in the school. Continued use of good infection prevention and control measures such as hand washing, respiratory hygiene, and ventilation is still advised. We must continue to do everything we can to avoid the introduction of Covid 19 into the school. If infection is not introduced, it cannot be spread. Please do not send children to school if they are symptomatic or have a positive Covid 19 test.



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**Engineers Week:** Pupils will take part in Meath Library Engineers Week events plus some fun engineering challenges in their classrooms.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge:** Teachers have lots of fun events planned to celebrate Irish language and culture. The 16<sup>th</sup> of March will be a non-uniform day and we encourage children to wear green for our Céilí Mór.

**St Patrick's Day:** School will close on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of March as planned. School will also be closed on 21<sup>st</sup> of March in lieu of the once off public holiday on 18<sup>th</sup> of March. Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh go léir!

**GAA:** This Sunday Meath will play Dublin in the Ladies National Football League in Navan. Each pupil will receive a complimentary pass to the game. It is an exciting opportunity for pupils to see what might well be the best Meath team of all time! Adult tickets can be purchased [here](#). Thank you to Bective GFC for organising.

We receive great coaching support from our local GAA clubs Simonstown Gaels, Bective GFC and Navan O'Mahoney's. Kid's Club training will shortly recommence for all clubs. If your child is interested in football or hurling talk to me or you can contact the clubs directly as follows:

Simonstown Gaels: call Ned on (086) 334 0746

Navan O'Mahoneys: call Niall on (086) 173 8511

Bective GFC: call Brian on (087) 622 9474

