



# Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.  
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## Ard Rí Newsletter May 2022

Hi everyone,

Eid Mubarak to the Muslim families in our community. I hope you enjoyed your Eid Al Fitr celebrations. We are delighted to welcome two families from Ukraine. We extend a strong hand of friendship to you all.

We are currently working out our staffing for next year. If for any reason your child will not be returning to Ard Rí in September please let us know as soon as possible.

Welcome to Term 3...it's going to be a busy one so hold onto your hats!!

We have a lot of great teaching and learning going on. Coaches from Navan Rugby Club, Simonstown, O'Mahoney's and Bective are busy training on a weekly basis. We are delighted to announce 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes will take part in the Meath Local Sports Partnership School Cricket Programme. Well done to everyone who took part in the Navan and Walterstown/Johnstown Community Games Art and Handwriting competitions. Ard Rí CNS had winners in all categories at area and county level. Ard Rí are supporting a French Language Sampler Module funded by Post Primary Languages Ireland for pupils in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes. The children receive a weekly French lesson- très beau !

This month we are enjoying getting our garden up and running and thanks to our Parent Association for their support in planting the flowers again this year. To promote bio-diversity we have constructed an Air Bee & Bee (insect hotel) at our school. The objective is to start the conversation on protecting, restoring and promoting 'Life on Land' ([UN Sustainable Development Goal15](#)). Whenever you are out for a walk collect some dead wood, moss or pine cones to add to the Insect Hotel. We will be developing mini habitats in our free spaces. We are also working with Johnstown Tidy Towns planting 500 sunflowers for the local sunflower trail. The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine so this project is doubly relevant this year. We are delighted to get involved in any project which shows we stand in solidarity with our new friends from Ukraine.

We are in the process of changing our school uniform provider to Geoghegans, Trimgate Street, Navan. Larry hopes to have the Ard Rí uniform in stock from mid-May. I will announce when the uniforms become available. Please just continue to do your best with what you have.

We have taken a step back from using Seesaw. Seesaw is an American company. There are not the same data processing laws in the United States as there are in Europe (i.e. GDPR). LMETB have concerns about this. We are pausing our use of the platform while it is being investigated further by the Department of Education.

The 2022/ 2023 School Calendar is available below, on our website or [click here](#)

Swimming will recommence next year.

## School Tours:

We are delighted to be going back on tour again this year.

Class	Venue	Date	Price
Junior Infants Senior Infants First Class	Causey Farm	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	€22.50
Second Class Third Class	Dublin Zoo	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	€22.50
Fourth Class	Sport Ireland Campus	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	€35.00
Fifth Class Sixth Class	Tayto Park*	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	€30.00

We will add the cost of the school tours to Way2Pay next week. Teachers will circulate a letter to each class outlining times and arrangements for their tour. \*Tayto Park Annual membership is not accepted at school tours.

Booking tours has not been straightforward. A lot of venues have not got the same capacity as before and buses are a lot more expensive. We realise prices are up from previous years.




*One from the archives! Junior Infant tour to Newgrange Farm June 2015*



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2022 - 2023

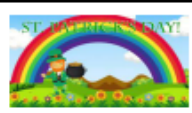
School Hours	
<b>Morning Start Time:</b> 9.00am	
<b>Hometime:</b> Infants: 1.40pm	
1st-6th: 2.40pm	

January 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
<b>School Re-Opens</b> 05.01.2023	2	3	4	5	6
<b>P/T Meetings</b> 24 & 25.01.2023	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31			

July 2022					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

February 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
<b>February Bank Holiday</b> 06.02.2023			1	2	3
<b>Mid-Term Break</b> 16.02.2023 - 17.02.2023	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28			

August 2022					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
<b>School Re-opens</b> All 31.08.2022	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	23	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		

March 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 17.03.2023			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31

September 2022					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30


April 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
<b>Easter Holidays</b> 03.04.2023- 14.04.2023	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28




October 2022					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
 <b>Halloween Break</b> 31.10.2022 - 04.11.2022					
	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
	31				

May 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
<b>May Bank Holiday</b> 01.05.2023	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		

November 2022					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
<b>School Re-Opens</b> 07.11.2022		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	30		

June 2023					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
<b>June Bank Holiday</b> 05.06.2023				1	2
<b>Summer Holidays</b> 23.06.2023	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30

December 2022					
	M	Tu	W	Th	F
 <b>Christmas Holidays</b> 22.12.2022 - 04.01.2023				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30

Important Information	
School Holidays	
Bank Holidays (School Closed)	
Save the Date	

Some dates have yet to be decided eg Educational Tours. You will be informed as soon as dates are finalised. While we endeavor to make the calendar as accurate as possible, there may be some unavoidable changes.