



Ard Rí Community National School

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

Principal: Darragh Roe
Roll No 20352T



October 2020

Hi everyone,

It is hard to believe we are into October already. Everyone has settled in really nicely, routines are embedded and we are getting stuck into some lovely work! Please make sure your child wears a warm coat every day now- we get out and about as often as we can all year round.

Here we go...

It's Enrolment Time:

Strong enrolment is so important for a developing school. There are now 312 pupils from 232 families learning in 12 classrooms. We are delighted to have secured our 13th teacher for next year. We must continue to take in more pupils than we lose, through graduation and migration. Enrolment is now open for September 2023. We have an

OPEN EVENING TONIGHT MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER AT 7.30PM

Please make sure to share the news with friends and family (and on social media if you can!). You will find all the info you need on the [Admissions Tab](#) on our website. If your friends cannot attend please tell them to give me call and we'll be delighted to support them in any way we can.

Parent Association:

I would like to thank Shelley Mercer, Ciara McManus, Katka De Araujo, Katja Hennessey, and all other PA committee members and volunteers for their exceptional service and support over the past 3 years. The committee have been in place since October 2019 and supported the school right through Covid. Three cheers...



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October is a busy month for the PA:

- Navan Rugby Club are launching their new Walking Track on Friday 14th of October. We all benefit from this excellent amenity. Our pupils will have a Non-Uniform Day on Friday and take part in the Walkathon. We will add a bill of €2 on each pupil's Way2Pay and funds raised will go to the final funding of the track and Navan RFC charity partner Childhood Cancer Foundation Ireland. Thank you for your support.
- The PA are collecting pre-loved Halloween costumes and will hold a very spooky Halloween Costume Swap Shop in the Rugby Club stands at 9am on Friday 14th of October.
- The PA will host a Coffee Morning for Junior and Senior Infant parents at 9am on Tuesday 25th of October in the Ardboyne Hotel. Pop in for a coffee and a chat.
- The Parent Association AGM will take place in the school at 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th of October. All parents welcome to attend.

School will close at 12:30pm on Friday 21st of October for staff training in the new Primary Language Curriculum.

Halloween Celebrations

We are delighted to welcome back our annual Halloween Family Pumpkin Carving competition. Each family is encouraged to get creative and bring in a carved pumpkin on Thursday 27th of October. We will make a display for everyone to enjoy on the Rugby Club stands. Pumpkins go home again on Thursday afternoon.

Children come to school in Halloween Fancy Dress on Friday 28th of October. There will be fun and games for the pupils. School will close at 1.40/2.40 for Halloween mid-term on Friday 28th of October and reopens on Monday 7th of November.



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Ard Rí Kickhams in Cuman na mBunscol football competitions



Children in Rang Niamh enjoying weekly Ukulele lessons with Music Generation



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Throwback to Halloween Family Pumpkin Carving competitions

Extra-Curricular Activities: We are delighted to be offering Artz for Kids, Creative Keyboards and Primary Pals Homework Club (Junior and Senior Infants). For more info check out the Notice Board on the home page of our website: www.aridrcns.ie .

Time-keeping: Please try to have children in their line on the school yard before the bell goes at 9am and collect children promptly at home-time. Thank you.

Folen's Christmas Annuals Over the last 50 years [Folens Annuals](#) have become an Irish Tradition. If you would like to order Folen's Christmas Annuals through the school please email aridrcns@lmetb.ie and we will send you a €4 Way2Pay. We will not distribute Annuals until after Halloween

Creeslough Tragedy: As we look forward to a busy month of learning we must keep the community of Creeslough, Co. Donegal in our thoughts and prayers. Ten people who were going about their everyday business had their lives tragically cut short. We think of the schools in Creeslough and wish them the strength and courage they need to keep going at this devastating time.