



# Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.  
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## Newsletter June 2023

I hope everyone is enjoying this spell of lovely weather. We are getting Active+++ this month and will be spending more time outdoors so slop on sunscreen and slap on a hat every day! Bring plenty of water to stay hydrated and wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

**Active & Wellness Week** will be held next week (12th – 16th June) and we are planning lots of activities to encourage the children to be active, get outdoors, be healthy and have fun with their friends.

<b>Monday 12th June</b>	<b>School Disco</b> (has anyone got disco lights?- let me know) The Ard Rí Student Council have organised a fundraiser to kickstart the week. Each child is asked to dress up in disco gear and there will be a school disco this day. Each child is being asked to donate €2 via Way2Pay. The money will go towards a special surprise that the Student Council have organised for later in the day!
<b>Tuesday 13th June</b>	<b>Walking Bus</b> We will run two walking buses. One group will congregate in the Supervalu car park at 8.15am and the other will meet on the green in Old Balreask Woods at 8.40am. Some staff members will be present at both locations to co-ordinate and the children, with a parent, will walk to school together. Families living along the route can join the walking bus along the way if they wish. <b><u>NB. Children using the walking buses MUST have a parent supervising them for the duration of the walk. No scooters or bicycles allowed.</u></b>
<b>Wednesday 14th June</b>	<b>Smoothies</b> Each class will get to make and enjoy fruit smoothies today. Please ensure that your child brings a reusable plastic cup to school today to drink from.
<b>Friday 16th June</b>	<b>Sports Day</b> Races will take place this day with a mixture of running races and fun races. Each child will need to bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a sack/pillow case</li><li>• a spoon and potato for the spud and spoon race</li><li>• a tie/scarf for the three-legged race</li></ul>

This year most of the pitches are currently out of bounds to allow them to be restored. Unfortunately, this means that we will not be able to invite parents and other family members to attend Sports Day as we have done in previous years. Apologies for any disappointment this may cause.

**Parent Direct Costs:** From September 2023, schoolbooks for children in recognised primary schools, will be provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs ([more info on Free schoolbooks scheme](#)). The school will use the grant to cover the cost of schoolbooks, workbooks, copybooks, classroom related resources, shared books, photocopying and Art and Craft. We will absorb the cost of running Aladdin also.

The cost to parents for school year 23/24 will be €25 per child. A Way2Pay bill will be raised on your account in the coming weeks. This money will directly pay for:

- €18.20 Music Generation (28 lessons)
- €6.80 Pupil Accident Insurance

Each child will require a well-stocked pencil case:

Jl, Sl, 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>
5 triangular grip pencils	5 HB pencils	5 HB pencils
Sharpener – large enough to pare triangular pencil	Sharpener	Sharpener
Rubber	Rubber	Rubber
Twistables	Twistables/ colouring pencils	Colouring pencils
	2 red biros	2 red biros
	30cm ruler	30 cm ruler
		Pupils with pen licence can use handwriting pen
Pritt Stick	Pritt Stick	Pritt Stick
<b>Please note:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All stationary is to be labelled with your child’s name</li> <li>• Markers are not permitted in school</li> <li>• Pencil cases will be kept in school to reduce risk of transmission</li> </ul>		

**New school uniforms** are now available for purchase from Geoghegan's Department Store, Trimgate Street, Navan. Please do not leave it until August to get your uniforms sorted. ([more info](#))

Our Parent Association are holding the **Pre-Loved Uniform Shop** next week. Please drop in any washed, good condition school jumpers, school tracksuits and coats to the school this Thursday or Friday morning. We will not be accepting shirts, t-shirts, skirts or trousers. The pre-loved uniforms will be available to parents on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of June. Thank you in advance for your support.

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation** will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of June in the Ardboyne Hotel. There will be lots of space for guests to attend this milestone event. Children wear their Graduation Hoodie. If parents have any (really embarrassing!!) school photos of their children through the years please share them by email to [ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie](mailto:ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie). We invite everyone to attend the Guard of Honour for our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils as they leave the school for the last time at 11:45 on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. What song will they choose this year??

We are putting the final touches to **School Reports**. Reports will be launched on Aladdin early next week. Please review the report and if you have any feedback you can send it by email to [ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie](mailto:ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie). We can print report for you upon request. Aladdin software will allow us to Google Translate the report into a broad range of languages. If you would like us to translate the report please just let us know.

We are confirming details on **Class Allocation** for next year. We will communicate the plans for class allocation shortly.

**Ard Rí Summer Camp 2023:** Places have been allocated to all those who have applied. Please check your email. Limited places remain, see details and sign up information: ([click here](#))

School will close for **Summer Holidays** at 12midday on 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. Calendar for school year 2023/24 is available on our website. ([more info](#))