



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.
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October 2023

Hi everyone, It is hard to believe we are into October already. I hope you are all keeping an eye out for signs of Autumn! 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 336 pupils from 244 families learning in 13 classrooms. We are delighted to have secured our 14th 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 2024.

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 could not attend our Open Night, please tell them to give me call and we'll be delighted to support them in any way we can.

Policy: LMETB Administration of Medication

If your child needs medication while at school you will have to follow the procedures outlined in the [LMETB Administration of Medication Policy](#). For us to administer any medication to children at school we need a consent form as outlined in Appendix 1 & 2 of the policy. Children cannot carry any medication at school without completed consent form.

School Photographer

Memory Lane school photographer will visit the school on Friday 6th October. All children wear formal uniform. There will be group photos of Junior Infants and 6th Class and a portrait taken for every family in the school. There is no obligation to purchase photographs. If you do not want your child's photo taken please email ArdRiCNS@Imetb.ie to let us know.

Parent Association

I must thank Shelley Mercer, Ciara McManus, Katka DeAraujo, Katja Hennessey, and all other PA committee members and volunteers for their support over the past year. They are at the centre of strong home school links here at Ard Rí.

Please note the following events:

- **Clothing Collection Fundraiser** in conjunction with Bag2School. Collection day is Friday 13th October. An information pack will be sent home to every family.
- **Halloween Costume Swap Shop:** Please drop any preloved Halloween costumes to the school next week. The Parent Association will run a costume shop at the Rugby Club stand, before school on Monday 16th October.
- The **Parent Association AGM** will take place on Tuesday 24th October at 7pm in the school hall. At this meeting there will be an election for two Parent Nominees to the Board of Management. More info to follow.

Children's Book Festival 2023

Our 5th and 6th Class pupils will visit the Solstice Theatre on Thursday 12th of October for Candlelit Tales- an event run as part of the Meath County Library Children's Book Festival 2023. All other classes will take part in the Book Festival through a broad range of excellent resources provided by our local library.

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 26th of October. People have gone a bit nuts with their entries in the last few years. We encourage you to keep it simple! We will make a display for everyone to enjoy on the Rugby Club stands. Pumpkins go home again on Thursday afternoon.



Pupil Council Fundraiser

Children come to school in Halloween Fancy Dress on Friday 27th of October. There will be fun and games and a spooky disco to raise funds for Nature Workshops at the school. We will raise a 2€ bill on your Way2Pay.



School will close at 1.40/2.40 for Halloween mid-term on Friday 27th of October and reopens on Monday 6th of November.



Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Our Pupil Council and Parent Association are working together to support Team Hope again this Christmas. Team Hope is an Irish, Christian and child-focused international development organisation. Founded in 2010, they work in Africa and Eastern Europe to help children affected by poverty or marginalisation.

We will teach the children how to create their own shoebox at home. You can find out how to build your shoebox ([click here](#)). We will deliver the shoeboxes to the Team Hope Depot on the first week back after the Halloween break.