



Ard Rí Community National School

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



School will be closed on Monday 4th of December 2023 to facilitate teacher training in the Primary Maths Curriculum.



Our **Peace and Love** project will launch on Monday 5th of December. Most children are very aware of the wars dominating the media at present, particularly their impact on children. Our teachers have planned lessons to allow children to empathise with and understand how war can impact people's lives. Lessons will be pupil-led, therefore age appropriate. We will be diplomatic and non-political. The dove has been a symbol of peace and innocence for thousands of years in many different cultures. We will share the symbol of the dove to promote our message. We will use circle time, art, writing and music to send out our messages of peace and love to our community and the world.

We will support the people affected by conflict through kindness and charity.

Our staff will donate a percentage of our Christmas present from parents to families in the school who have fled war.

Thank you to the Parent Association and Paddy Brophy for supporting us in our whole school art project, which will be displayed at the school gates.

Through Aoife Bradley, our Parent Association charity partner this Christmas are the **Athboy- People Who Share, Care** charity. This is a food bank charity who directly support over 100 families in Meath affected by poverty. Please bring the following items to the school before Tuesday 12th December. If anyone has strong boxes or crates we could use to help organise or transport the goods, that would be very helpful.

Athboy- People Who Share, Care sample donation items:	
<u>Non-perishable goods</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teabags • Coffee • Sugar • Biscuits • Cake (long-life) • Selection boxes • Sweets • Rice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta • Cereals • Gravy • Tinned goods <u>Treat items</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supermarket vouchers • Toyshop vouchers • Small toys (new only) • Gift sets

Thank you in advance for your support.

Following the success of our Halloween Swap Shop the **Parent Association are running a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop**. You can drop pre-loved Christmas jumpers to the school from Tuesday to Thursday next week. There will be a Christmas jumper stall at the Rugby Club on Friday 8th of December where parents can pick up a new Christmas jumper for their child.

The **Parent Association Cake Sale and Coffee Morning** will be held in Navan Rugby Club on Friday 15th December. This is one of the Parent Association's main fund-raiser for the year. Please support by donating some treats and most importantly popping in for a few minutes on the morning for a cuppa and an auld chat!

Junior and Senior Infants will perform at the **Ard Rí Winter Show** in the Ardboyne Hotel on Tuesday 19th of December at 11.30am. The chairperson of our Board of Management, Yemi Adenuga invites all families of Infants to attend. Christmas jumpers are a must for all our guests and there will be lots of audience participation- Yemi will make sure of it!

Unfortunately, it is not practical for siblings of Junior and Senior Infants to come along. Nobody will miss out- we will host performances here at the school and the show will be recorded by Victor and Luana Raggi de Camargo and shared with the school community and friends and family from all over the world through our Youtube channel.

Teachers will communicate directly with parents of children in the show about what to wear etc.

Our updated **tracksuit day** list is available on the calendar section of our website: [click here](#) Please keep to the tracksuit schedule. Children should be in full formal uniform on all other days.

We have a strong **Extra-Curricular Programme** at Ard Rí CNS

- Creative Keyboards are always enrolling for keyboard classes at Ard Rí CNS with Term 2 starting next week. For all info and bookings: [click here](#)
- Primary Pals Homework Club for Junior and Senior Infants runs from 1.40-2.40, Monday to Friday. For all info and bookings please call Jana on 0863445115
- Study Mates Homework Club for pupils 1st to 6th runs from 2.40-3.40 Monday to Thursday. For all info and bookings please email Niamh and Angela on NDonnachie@lmetb.ie

We have been approached by Niall Fergus from **Mini-Athletics** about hosting Mini-Athletics as an after-school club on Fridays at Ard Rí CNS. This club will cost €6.50-€8.00 p/w. To have a look at the Mini-Athletics website: [click here](#)

To express your interest in Mini-Athletics please complete the following very short survey: [click here](#)