



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.
Principal: Darragh Roe
Roll No 20352T



October 2024

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 are an outdoorsy type of school and we like to get out and about as often as we can all year round.

It's Enrolment Time:

Strong enrolment is so important. At Ard Rí CNS there are now 367 pupils from 266 families learning across 15 classrooms. As a developing school we must continue to take in more pupils than we lose, through graduation and migration, to ensure we maintain and increase our resources year-on-year.

Enrolment will soon be open for Junior Infants September 2025. Complete this Expression of Interest Form to begin the Admissions Process for your child:

[Expression of Interest](#)

<https://forms.office.com/r/AUEWSCVVXY>

Open Night: We will have an Open Night for prospective pupils on Wednesday 9th of October at 6.30pm. Please make sure to share the news with friends and family (and on social media if you can!).

Children are welcome to attend. There will be a quick presentation on the night. The presentation will be for adults only. Thank you.



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ETB Core Values:



Respect: At Ard Rí CNS we have 367 children, 181 boys and 186 girls, from 266 families, representing over 40 different nationalities. To live in harmony, how we speak to each other matters a lot. It is important we have manners, encourage each other and speak kind words. It is amazing how positive and safe our community is.

Cursing, racist language, sexist language, homophobic or inappropriate sexual language has no place at Ard Rí CNS and will not be tolerated. If incidents of inappropriate language occur, parents will be contacted, and the school Code of Behaviour will be implemented. I trust I have the support of all parents on this. Thank you in advance.

School Dismissal at 2.40pm: We share the concern of parents that there is a significant lack of space at the school gate at end-of-day collection time. We are reviewing our procedures. Updated advice to follow.

Teacher Training: School will be closed on Wednesday 16th of October to facilitate staff training in the Primary Mathematics Curriculum.

Swimming: Swimming lessons will commence shortly for pupils in 1st-6th. Lessons run for 3 weeks before Halloween and for 3 weeks after Halloween. The cost of the 6 week block of lessons is €42 per child. Aquatics is one of the strands of PE and Water Safety is an important part of SPHE. We are delighted to give children this opportunity. All pupils 1st-6th will receive a paper note in their homework folders in the coming days.



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Tracksuit Days:

To facilitate swimming and Junior and Senior Infants have GAA coaching tracksuit days will change from next week:

Class and Teacher	PE Days
Junior Infants, Múinteoir Ciara	Monday (GAA) and Friday
Junior Infants, Múinteoir Niamh	Monday (GAA) and Thursday
Senior Infants, Múinteoir Gráinne	Monday (GAA) and Friday
Senior Infants, Múinteoir Ruth	Monday (GAA) and Friday
1st Class, Múinteoir Aoife	Monday (Swimming) and Thursday
1st Class, Múinteoir Ailis	Monday (Swimming) and Wednesday
2nd Class, Múinteoir Meghan	Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday
2nd Class, Múinteoir Laura	Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday
3rd Class, Múinteoir Maria & Edel	Tuesday (Swimming) and Wednesday
3rd Class, Múinteoir Emma	Tuesday (Swimming) and Wednesday
4th Class, Múinteoir Angela	Monday (Swimming) and Wednesday
4th Class, Múinteoir Sarah	Monday (Swimming) and Thursday
5th Class, Múinteoir Claire	Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday
6th Class, Múinteoir Wilma	Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday
6th Class, Múinteoir Cailín	Tuesday (Swimming) and Friday

School Photographer: Memory Lane school photographer will visit the school on Friday 4th 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@lmetb.ie to let us know.



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Parent Association:

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

Please note the following events:

- **Coffee Morning** for all new parents will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 8th October at 9am, please drop in for a cuppa and a chat!
- **Parent Meeting** will take place on Thursday 17th October at 7pm in the school hall. Parent Association election will take place on the night. More info to follow.
- **Clothing Collection Fundraiser** in conjunction with Bag2School. Collection day is Friday 22nd November. An information pack will be sent home to every family.

Goodness Me Goodness You! (GMGY!): Community National Schools (CNS) are multi-denominational. Being a CNS is about welcoming and celebrating the full range of religions and beliefs in the school community. Our teachers follow a multi-belief and values education curriculum called Goodness Me, Goodness You!

World Beliefs and Religions- During the month of October we will be learning about Judaism and the Jewish Festivals of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur. Shanah Tovah to all our Jewish families.

We all know there is war in the Middle East at present. At the school we have families with roots on both sides of the conflict. These lessons will be completely non-political. The only objective of these lessons is to learn about the Jewish religion and Jewish beliefs.



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Halloween Celebrations: We are delighted to celebrate our annual Halloween Family Pumpkin Carving competition again this year. Each family is encouraged to get creative and bring in a carved pumpkin on the morning of Thursday 24th of October. People have gone a bit monkey-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. Please put your family name on every pumpkin. Pumpkins go home again on Thursday afternoon.

Halloween Fancy Dress: Friday 25th of October



<https://youtu.be/4rWe4RCmtQw>



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School Bus: There are still places available on the school bus. This service is a fully self-financed, private job. Going forward, the cost of the bus is €30 per child per week two-way, €20 per child per week one-way or €50 for two children in the same family per week. Make full payment for the service every Monday morning. To join the bus email ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie

Morning:

8.25am Bus Stop Super Valu Metges Road

- Bus Stop Boyne View- Metges Road
- Boyne View- steps between Spire View and Chestnut Court (Old Johnstown Village)
- Bus Stop Cois Glaisín- Metges Road

8.45am Limekiln Wood at the bollards in the center of the estate

8.50am Baker Hall stopping on The Avenue at entrance to

- The Way
- The Park
- The Grove
- The Close

8.53am Academy Street

9.00am Arriving at Ard Rí CNS

Afternoon: At home time the bus will leave Ard Rí CNS just before 2.40pm

2.40pm Ard Rí CNS

2.45pm Limekiln Wood at the bollards in the center of the estate

2.50pm Baker Hall stopping on The Avenue at entrance to

- The Way
- The Park
- The Grove
- The Close

2.55pm Academy Street stopping at Academy Square

The bus will turn left over St Martha's Bridge and up Bóthar Sion

- Athlumney Abbey
- Athlumney Wood

3.10pm Bus Stop Super Valu Metges Road

- Bus Stop Boyne View Metges Road
- Boyne View- steps between Spire View and Chestnut Court (Old Johnstown Village)
- Bus Stop Cois Glaisín Metges Road



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Junior and Senior Infants



October 2024 - After School Classes

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We at Mini Athletics are starting a new class of After School classes here in Ard Ri Community National School to Junior and senior infants.

The classes will consist of fun athletic games that your children will get physical and social enjoyment from.

The classes will begin on **Thursday the 10th of October**



Spaces are limited. Only 14 places available - first come first served.

When: 1.40 – 2.30 pm, Thursday 10th October

Where: Ard Ri Community National School

Cost: 6 weeks for €45

The classes will be every Thursday and a payment of € 45 in full for the 6 weeks is required. Contact me as soon as possible to secure your child's place (email or what's app is best).

To book: email nfergus@miniathletics.com or call 0861542192.



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1st – 4th Classes



October 2024 - After School Classes – First to Fourth class

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We at Mini Athletics are starting a new class of After School classes here in Ard Ri Community National School to first to fourth class.

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The classes will begin on **Thursday the 10th of October**



Spaces are limited. Only 14 places available - first come first served.

When: 2.40 – 3.40 pm, Thursday 10th October

Where: Ard Ri Community National School

Cost: 6 weeks for €48

The classes will be every Thursday and a payment of € 48 in full for the 6 weeks is required.

Contact me as soon as possible to secure your child's place (email or what's app is best).

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