



Ard Rí Community National School

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Welcome back to Term 3:

As the days grow longer and the weather begins to improve, there is a real sense of energy and positivity around the school. While the summer is in sight, this is not the time to relax just yet! The weeks ahead are an important period for revision and putting the finishing touches on a good year's work. We remain fully committed to striving for **Excellence in Education** and learning right to the very end.

There is plenty to look forward to, with school tours, sporting activities and Parent Association community events all planned making Term 3 a busy, rewarding and enjoyable time for everyone.

Let's go!

PE Days for Term 3:

With over seven full weeks of school remaining, we kindly ask for your continued support in maintaining high standards with school uniforms. As the weather improves, children may wear plain navy shorts. However, we ask that no flashy, branded sportswear is worn.

- Junior Infants: Monday and Wednesday
- Senior Infants: Monday and Thursday
- 1st Class: Wednesday and Friday
- 2nd Class: Monday and Thursday
- 3rd Class: Tuesday and Friday
- 4th Class: Tuesday and Wednesday
- 5th Class: Tuesday and Friday
- 6th Class: Tuesday and Thursday

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Climate Action:

We continue to work hard to ensure our school is as climate-friendly as possible. To date, we have installed 12 solar panels, upgraded the heating and lighting systems in the old school building and are actively improving how we manage waste, focusing on recycling, composting and reducing what goes to landfill.

One area we are particularly keen to improve is our use of single-use paper hand towels. As you will see from the image below, we use a very large number of single-use paper hand towels each day.



To help reduce this, we are encouraging parents to send in a **small cotton face cloth** with their child, which can be used for hand drying. Single-use paper hand towels will, of course, remain available where needed, but our aim is to reduce our use of single-use hand towels by over 50%.

We appreciate your support in helping us take this small but meaningful step towards a more sustainable school.

Bí Cineálta Week (Be Kind Week):

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Bí Cineálta Week (Be Kind Week) across the school. Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities promoting our ETB core values of Equality and Respect.

Our planned activities include:

- **Tuesday Kindness Kick-Off:** Encouraging positive conversations around sportsmanship and fair play.
- **Wednesday Web Safety Wednesday:** Exploring how to be kind, respectful and responsible online.
- **Thursday Class Buddies:** Activities focused on turn-taking, showing kindness and managing both winning and losing.
- **Friday – Show Racism the Red Card (Wear Red Day):** Taking place on Friday 24/04/2026, this important event will be marked with a whole-school assembly. All children are invited to wear red to school in support.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Equality and Respect, we will also begin the process of launching **Schools of Sanctuary**. We look forward to a meaningful and enjoyable week for all.




Schools of Sanctuary ([info](#))

All Aboard! Internet and Technology Use Agreement ([info](#)):

In line with [Circular 44/25](#), pupils are not permitted to bring personal internet-enabled devices to school. This includes smartphones, mobile phones and children's smartwatches* with camera, call or messaging functions.

School staff act *in loco parentis* during the school day and will always contact parents/guardians if any issue arises.

If you need to get in touch with the school during the day, you can contact us:

 Phone: 087 9315033

 Email: ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie

 School Office: Call in and we will be happy to help

*Please note that we cannot guarantee that “school mode” is activated on children's smartwatches at all times. For this reason, they are not permitted in school.

Case Study: Misuse of Smartwatch

A pupil uses a smartwatch to record video during class, capturing a teacher and several pupils without permission. The video is later shared on TikTok.

The school must respond immediately engaging with the pupil, parents/guardians, affected staff and families and contacting TikTok to request removal and ensure the data is deleted from its servers.

The incident results in damage to trust and reputation within the school community, as well as significant loss of teaching and learning time while the issue is addressed.

Pupil Council:

Our Pupil Council are supporting the Our Shoes campaign

The poster features the 'OUR SHOES' logo at the top left. A central circular graphic contains the text 'WE NEED YOUR SHOES!'. To the right, a photograph shows a man in a blue and yellow shirt kneeling to help a young child in a colorful vest with their shoes. Below the graphic, there is a search bar with the URL 'www.ourshoes.ie' and a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom, a circular icon with a camera symbol is next to the text 'DONATE YOUR PRE-LOVED SPORTS SHOES TODAY!'.

We are delighted to be taking part in this year's **Our Shoes** campaign, collecting pre-loved sports shoes and which are sent to kids in African townships.

We need used but in good condition kids sports shoes for example runners, sneakers, football boots etc...

They need to be reasonably clean with no obvious dirt or muck.

They need to be tied together securely via the laces, with cable ties or strong elastic bands.

www.ourshoes.ie



DONATE YOUR PRE-LOVED SPORTS SHOES TODAY!

Please bring in any used sports shoes that are still in good condition by Friday 24/04/2026.

Thank you in advance for your support.

School Tours:

We are delighted to confirm the details for this year's school tours. Please see the schedule below:

| Class | Destination | Date |
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| JI & SI | Causey Farm | 28 th May |
| 1 st &2 nd Class | Crystal Maze | 13 th May |
| 3 rd &4 th Class | Lullymore Adventure Centre | 7 th May |
| 5 th Class | Crystal Maze | 15 th May |
| 6 th Class | Emerald Park | 29 th May |

We are delighted to remind you that school tours were included in the Student Direct Costs (school fees) paid at the beginning of the year. All tours are run strictly at cost and we have worked to keep expenses as low as possible by booking in bulk, securing early reservations and scheduling trips during off-peak times in May.

If you have not yet paid your school fees for this year, you will receive a reminder via Way2Pay. Please note that payment is required for your child to attend their school tour.

Further details about individual class tours will be shared in the coming weeks.