



January Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back and wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year. We have a busy term ahead of us and look forward to all that is happening in our school over the next few weeks. We would like to welcome back Mrs Fitzgerald and extend best wishes to Miss Mc Guirk in her studies.

Kind regards,
Helen Molloy (Principal)

Visit to the Pantomime

Our 2nd to 6th classes will travel to the Gaeity Theatre to see Aladdin next Friday the 17th of January. This is a great event and an opportunity for pupils to see a live performance in a theatre. A note will be sent out to the relevant classes this week. So, keep an eye on the schoolbag.

Parents whose children use the school bus should make arrangements to collect their children in case we do not return on time. The **school bus** will operate as normal for children who are not going to the Pantomime.

Junior Achievement Ireland

A Junior Achievement primary school programme has been offered to our school. It shows young students the vast array of opportunities there are for them, to use their talents, imagination and creativity when they grow up.

This is a five-week programme for our sixth class who will have the expertise of a local business person to deliver the programme. It begins on Wednesday the 8th of January.

Cycle Right

5th class will commence a 6- week course of cycling and road safety with Jason of Cycle Right next Monday 13th of January. CYCLE RIGHT is the National Standard for Cycle Training and provides practical cycle safety and skills training to promote competent and confident cyclists.

Fabric and Fibre Classes

Over the next few weeks 3rd class will spend time with Ms Fawcett creating items using different materials and their imagination.

Computers

1st and 2nd classes are starting to learn the skills of computing with our Computer Teacher, Nora Kavanagh over the next 6 weeks.

Music Generation

We are busy preparing for our entry to the Walton's Music for Schools Competition. Áine and Bran have compiled a showcase of our school's talent. Over 40 pupils are participating in this activity ranging from 3rd class to 6th class. We will submit a video of our work by the end of this month and all the hard work and hours of effort will be worth it.

Code of Behaviour Review

Last year we commenced a review of the Code of Behaviour for our school. Many thanks to the staff, Parents' Association, 5th and 6th class of 2018/2019 who were involved in and contributed to the process. It was ratified by the Board of Management in November and is now available on our school website or in hard copy from the office.

Upcoming events and dates to remember

Friday 17th January: School visit to the Gaeity to see Aladdin for 2nd to 6th class pupils

Monday 13th of January: Cycle Right Course

Wednesday 22nd/29th of January: School Draw

Wednesday 5th/12th February: School Draw

Wednesday 5th of February: Junior Infant Immunisations

Friday 14th of February: Mid Term Break Week

Monday 24th of February: School reopens

Reminders

- **IMPORTANT**
PLEASE DO NOT DO A U TURN AT THE SET DOWN AREA, PARK ON DOUBLE LINES OR RESTRICTED AREAS.
PLEASE HAVE KIND REGARD FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY.
- We would be very grateful to avoid confusion if you would please put all monies in an envelope with your child's name, class and reason in the future.
- Please notify the office if you have changed your contact number and ensure that the school has other contacts for your child in the event you cannot be contacted.
- Details of upcoming events and reports on what's happening in our school are available on our school website www.rathvillyns.com.



Charity Initiative

Looking for used postage stamps.

Did you know that we can donate your used postage stamps to Barnardos and they can exchange them for money?

This is a simple yet resourceful way that we can support their work with vulnerable children in Ireland.