



St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

Newsletter September 2023

Welcome Back Boys and Girls

Welcome back to all the boys and girls after our Summer Holidays. A special word of welcome to our **32 new Junior Infants**. Welcome Sam, Daniel, Oscar, Luna, Mason, Harry, Ellen, Liam, Yeva, Alex, Luke H, Ronan, Noah KC, Solamh, Leoinid, Aoibhin, Finn, Cara, Louie, Meabh, Kate, Donnacha, Beth, Conor, Oisin BC, Noah B, Luke D, Alby, Ben, Bobby, Conor and Oisin W. Also, a big welcome to Faye in 1st and Ava in 2nd who joined us this year from Australia.

A big welcome to the teaching staff to **Mr. Donal Kelly** who will be teaching 1st class this year.

Home/School Communications

We believe that good Home/School communications are essential. We send most messages home now via the **Aladdin Connect App** so it is important that you are set up on it. If a note is going home in the school bags with pupils, a text informing you of this is normally sent also. A newsletter is sent home each month. A good way to keep up to date with school news is to follow us on Twitter **@RathanganNS**. Our website address is **stannesns.weebly.com**. The best way to communicate with your child's teacher is via the Aladdin Connect App. We hope to have Parent/Teacher meetings this year on **23rd of November**. If you wish to contact the school office, please note that school secretary Jenny takes her lunch break between 1.30pm -2pm and is unavailable.

School Opening/Closing Times and Supervision

Parents are reminded that school begins at **9.20am** and we ask that pupils are dropped off as close to that time as possible. The school cannot accept responsibility for pupils dropped off before **9.00am**. Just a reminder to continue to come to the church gate at home time to collect and escort your child/children safely to the car.

School Bill

An **Aladdin e-Payments link** was set up by Jenny for a school bill. This is to cover the cost of art and crafts materials, photocopying and insurance. The **Personal Pupil Insurance** with Allianz affords you **24hr cover 12 months** a year for your child inside and outside of school. Claim forms can be collected from Jenny in the school office.

Hurling Coaching

St. Anne's GAA have made their Games Development Officer (GDO) Joe Kearns available to the school once again this Autumn. Joe has commenced hurling coaching with pupils in **2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th classes** every Tuesday and Wednesday until Hallowe'en. Pupils in these classes will need PE gear, hurls, and helmets on these days. Don't worry if your child does not have a hurl or helmet, the school has a supply they can use. The coaching will focus on fun games and fundamental movements and will be inclusive of all levels of ability. **Hurling 365** begins again this Tuesday (26th) from 8.30-9.10am at the astro. All children in 1st and 2nd classes are invited.

Equestrian Team News

St. Anne's NS are defending County Wexford Primary Inter-schools Showjumping Champions. This year's campaign began last Sunday at Wexford Equestrian. Ms. Barry and Ms. Murphy have entered 3 teams this year with 11 pupils involved and all performed brilliantly with a 1st, 3rd and 8th place finish for our teams.

Lunchtime Leagues

The Senior Boys (3rd -6th) Lunchtime Football league has already commenced this year with Mr. Murphy while the Junior Football League (1st -3rd) with Mr. Ormonde is also in full swing.

Rackard League

Our boys are defending Roinn A Football Champions and kicked off this year's campaign with wins over Glynn and Cushinstown. A win in the final group game against Horeswood will secure a quarter final spot in Roinn A. Our girls had a big win over Taghmon in their first game. A narrow defeat to Kilmore in game 2 leaves the girls needing to beat Horeswood in their final group game to secure a quarter final spot. Our Rising Stars Boys' team have played two games so far. A defeat to Cushinstown was followed up by a great win over our neighbours Piercestown/Murrintown. A tricky visit to Castlebridge is next on the cards for the Rising Stars.

Active School News

This week is European Week of Sport so we will walk in the mornings before school starts. The Juniors will walk around the school while 3rd – 6th classes will walk around the track at the GAA Grounds. On Friday we hope to complete a European Flag Relay, passing the flag from class to class around a circuit up to Rathangan Hall and back. The Active Committee has also registered the school for a "Table Tennis Takeover" which we hope to run this Friday.

Greenschools

The Greenschools Committee will continue to meet regularly this year to enhance our school environment, continue to work on past flags -Litter and Waste, Water, Energy, Travel, Biodiversity and work towards our next flag "Global Citizenship – Litter and Waste".

- At assembly Shem & Jane reminded classes about **reducing rubbish** (Try less packaging in lunch boxes); **recycling** (make sure paper/cardboard/plastic are clean and dry; please bring yogurt cartons home to wash and recycle); **composting** (only compost fruit/ veg./pencil toppings – no bread)
- On **Tree Day** (5th October) focus will be on the hazel tree.
- Reminder: we are all trying to conserve energy by switching off the lights when leaving rooms: "**Múch na soilse**" - maybe we can all try it at home too!
- A new **Gardening Committee** will be set up this term and we will continue to work on our new Sensory Garden this year.
- We received a letter and certificate from **Self Help Africa** acknowledging our contribution of €256.35 towards their **One Million Trees** schools' campaign.

Nuts

There are a number of pupils in school with allergies to nuts, some of a very serious nature. To ensure their safety, St. Anne's NS is a "Nut –Free School".

Labels

We ask that parents please clearly label school jumpers and coats to avoid confusion. A Lost and Found Box is located in the reception area.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 27th of October- school closes for Hallowe'en Break
- 13th -17th November Literacy Week – **Book Fair** in school
- Thursday 23rd November Parent/Teacher Meetings

