

# JUNE 2023

## RATHFARNHAM PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

### Active Week

Our annual Active Week is underway this week with all classes taking part in a variety of activities. The Junior Sports was a great success and enjoyed by the infant classes, all of whom were awarded gold medals! The Senior Sports took place on Thursday in the grounds of Sancta Maria School.

Many thanks to Mrs. Correll who organised the sports and medals and also to 6th class for all their help with the activities.

### Sponsored Walk

Our annual Sponsored Walk from the school to Rathfarnham Castle Park and back takes place on Friday. The children have sponsorship cards and the PTA hopes to raise money to replace the spotlights in the hall and to pay for specialist gymnastic lessons. Please support the children by sponsoring them.

### Free Book Scheme

All school textbooks and workbooks will be provided to the children free of charge next year under the Free Book Scheme. We hope to be in a position to also supply copybooks and a certain amount of stationery. Parents will be required to contribute towards photocopying and art supplies and provide some stationery, details to follow.



### 6th Class Carlingford Trip

6th Class had a three day trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre recently which was a great success. The weather was lovely and the children got to take part in a variety of activities such as kayaking, high line climbing and zip lining, combat archery, team building challenges and a campfire. They were great ambassadors for the school - they behaved with maturity and were very co-operative.





## Dates for your Diary

6th-9th June: Active Week  
 9th June: Sponsored Walk  
 9th June: PTA Quiz  
 12th June: 5th Class trip to Alive Outside  
 14th June: J.I & S.I trip to Zoo  
 16th June: 1st & 2nd trip to Forest Club  
 21st June: Choir Concert  
 23rd June: Choir trip to Clara Lara  
 23rd June: 6th Class Barbecue  
 27th June: 5th & 6th Class Play  
 28th June: End of Year assembly and 6th Class Graduation  
 29th June: END OF SCHOOL YEAR

*(Please note school ends for all pupils at 12 noon on the last day of term)*

## Standardised Testing

This term teachers have been carrying out standardised testing with all children from Rang 1- Rang 6. Children's results will be included on their end of year reports. An explanation of what the scores mean will also be sent to all parents. End of Year reports will be emailed to parents before the end of term.

## Voluntary Contribution

Just a little reminder that the voluntary contribution is very much appreciated in making the books balance. If you haven't paid it yet, perhaps you would consider doing so now.

## Teacher Allocations

The following are the teacher allocations for the next school year.

<b>Team Teacher</b>	Eoin Leonard
<b>Junior Infants</b>	Alana Storey
<b>Senior Infants</b>	Zoë Smart
<b>Rang 1</b>	Debbie Murphy
<b>Rang 2</b>	Heather O'Connor
<b>Rang 3</b>	Aoife Farrell
<b>Rang 4</b>	Laura Kenny
<b>Rang 5</b>	Louise Hendy
<b>Rang 6</b>	Suzanne Beardsley
<b>SEN</b>	Deirdre Connolly/Linda Scannell (jobshare)
<b>SEN</b>	Beverley Maxwell/Tanya Correll
<b>SEN</b>	Lorraine Loftus
<b>SEN</b>	Rob Duff

## 6th Class Barbecue

The 6th class barbecue will take place in the school on Friday 23rd June from 6.30-9.30 p.m. All 6th class pupils and their parents are invited.

This year we're looking for a few volunteers to help cook the food so if you're handy with a spatula and can spare a few hours on the 23rd, please let us know!

## Sandra's Retirement

Sandra Byrne, our much loved classroom assistant, has announced her intention to retire at the end of the current school year. Sandra has worked in the Junior and Senior Infants Classrooms for the past 18 years and has meant so much to all the children. Her patience, sense of fun and professionalism has made her a huge asset to the school staff and she will be sorely missed. We wish Sandra all the best for a long and happy retirement.



## Pride

We have always been an inclusive school and as such we celebrate diversity and difference in whatever form that takes. Earlier this year we celebrated Neurodiversity Week where we learned about the different ways that people's brains work.

We were honoured to have been one of the first ever schools to be presented with a Pride Flag by the INTO and each year we mark Pride. This year we are asking the children to come to school dressed in rainbow colours next Tuesday 13th June. This will be a happy, joyous day and we hope to mark it with all the rainbow colours!

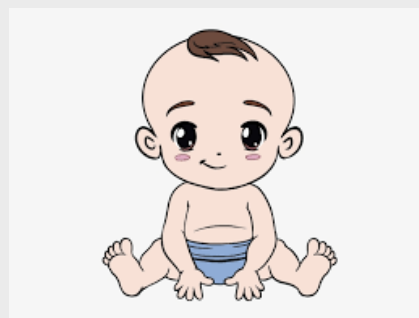


## Pyjama Day

Ms. Buttimer is going to Africa this summer to work as a volunteer in Rafiki Orphanage in Tanzania. The children in her class have suggested that we hold a fundraiser to go towards the building of a school there. We have decided to have a Pyjama Day on Wednesday 21st June to support her. Children can wear their pyjamas to school that day and give a donation.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Eoin Leonard and his wife Catherine on the recent birth of their son, Cathal.



*This is the school that is being built for the children in the orphanage*