

# MARCH 2020

## Rathfarnham Parish National School

### REMINDER

School starts for all pupils at 8.20 a.m. Parents are reminded that children are not allowed on the school grounds prior to 8.20 a.m.

Children should make their own way to their classrooms in the mornings; it is not necessary for parents to accompany children into school at this stage of the school year. This is to promote independence and self sufficiency.

Friday mornings are 'Come and See' days and we are delighted to welcome parents into the classrooms to view children's work from 8.20 - 8.40 a.m.

### The Lunch Bag

The Lunch Bag is up and running now and provides lunches to children which can be helpful for busy parents. Many parents have chosen to order lunch for their children regularly or as a special treat.

### Chewing Gum

Chewing gum is NOT allowed in school so please do not let your child bring it in.



## Board of Management

The new Board of Management which was constituted at the end of November has met on two occasions so far this year. The board is made up as follows:

Rev. Canon Adrienne Galligan (Chairperson)

Christopher Sykes (Patron's nominee)

Joyce Perdue (Principal & Secretary)

Eoin Leonard (Teacher nominee)

Dervla Cole (Parent nominee)

David Johnston (Parent nominee)

Liz O'Leary (Community nominee and Treasurer)

Ramon Gillis (Community nominee)





## Boxing

Before mid-term pupils in 1st - 6th classes started some boxing lessons. These have been offered through South Dublin County Council and there is no cost. So far they have been a big hit (!) with the children.

## Imaginosity

Junior and Senior Infants had a great day out recently to Imaginosity. They took part in many different fun and learning activities.

There are lots of lovely photos of the children on the school website; check them out!



## Cross Country

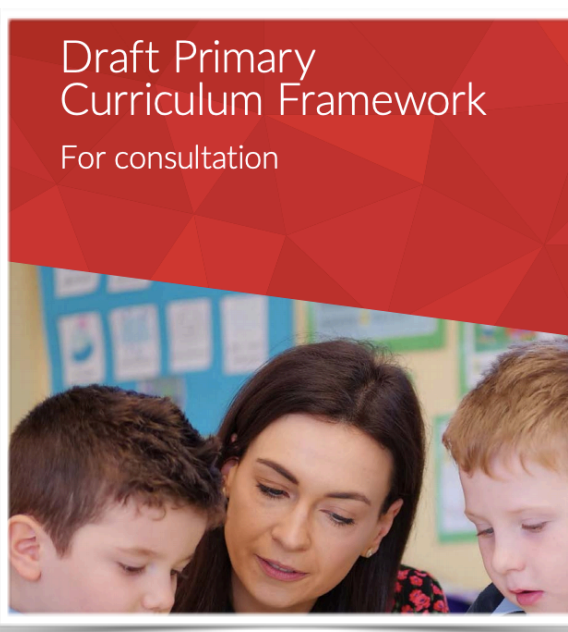
Pupils in 3rd-6th classes recently took part in the South Dublin Schools' Cross Country competition. The children represented the school really well and we were very proud of them. The next meet is on 12th March in Tymon Park.

## NCCA Draft Primary Curriculum Framework

On the 24th February the NCCA published a draft framework for the redeveloped primary school curriculum. This has been the culmination of consultation and deliberation with parents, teachers, schools, patron bodies and other stakeholders. Our school has been part of the Schools Forum which met regularly to examine research and tease out the issues facing primary education in the coming years, and to consider what the future primary school curriculum should be.

Parents and the wider public are encouraged to engage with the public consultation which will be open until October 2020 and to sign up for regular updates from the NCCA. If you visit the NCCA website you will see that our school features in the introduction video at this link <https://ncca.ie/en/primary/primary-developments/consultation-on-the-draft-primary-curriculum-framework/draft-primary-curriculum-framework>

We are proud to have been part of the process so far and will continue to engage with the framework when we pilot some of the ideas in it during the consultation process in the coming months.



## Information Evening for Parents

The PTA has organised an information evening for parents about the Stay Safe Programme and Child Protection. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30 p.m. in the school. Parents will be informed about the aims and content of the Stay Safe Programme, given information on child abuse and bullying (including cyber bullying) and child protection requirements in school. As parental involvement is an essential component of the Stay Safe Programme, this evening will be of great interest to all parents.



## ACE

The next ACE service is on Sunday 22nd March, which is also Mother's Day. The choir will sing at the 10.30 service that morning.

## 3rd and 4th class play

Ranganna 3 & 4 will take to the stage on Friday 6th March at 9 a.m. to perform 'Panto Pandemonium'. They've been practising very hard and it will be a great show. Parents and friends of pupils in 3rd & 4th classes are welcome.

## Science Blast!

5th and 6th class attended Science Blast in the RDS on Monday 3rd March. They presented projects on Food (6th class) and Gender Bias (5th class).

More information and photos on the school website.



## Peter Pan

Rathfarnham Youth Performers' production of Peter Pan will take place in The High School on Saturday 4th April. Tickets for the matinee and evening performances are now available from the school. Prices are €10 for children and €20 for adults. All proceeds in aid of the organ restoration fund.

## Reminder

School will be closed on **Monday 16th March** and **Tuesday 17th March** for St. Patrick's Day.

Term ends at 12 noon on **Friday 3rd April**