

NEWSLETTER

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Hockey

Due to difficulties in getting enough coaches, hockey has been postponed for the moment. If you know of anyone who is interested in coaching hockey, please contact Mrs. Correll here in the school.

Swimming

School swimming takes place on Thursday afternoons for children in 2nd-6th classes. We need two parents to organise swimming and the supervision rota. All parents whose children attend swimming are expected to supervise at least once. Parents must be garda vetted through the school. It's a simple process and forms are available from Jenny in the school office. If you are willing to organise swimming please contact the office

Spanish

Spanish lessons will start for pupils in 5th and 6th classes after mid-term (start date 3rd November at 4p.m. via Zoom) Places are limited so please let us know if your child is interested in these classes.



So far so good!

We've been back in school almost a month now and everyone is settling into a good routine. It's so great to all be together again and to have the school full of happy children.

As expected we've had some positive Covid-19 cases but we're all learning to live with the virus and the school has stayed open, albeit with some children having to be excluded.

With the recent announcement that close contacts no longer need to restrict movements, we're all holding our breath and hoping that the numbers remain low and children don't become unwell. If your child has any symptoms, please don't send them to school - we'll only send them home again!

We've managed to hold assembly outside several times this term and it was really nice to be together and have Canon Adrienne visit to talk to us.





Welcome Jenny!

Our new school secretary is Jenny Garvey. Jenny worked previously as a school secretary and brings her skills and experience to her new role here in RPNS.

WEE recycling

There will be a collection of old electrical items from the school on **Monday 11th October**. If you have anything that you'd like to get rid of, you may leave it just inside the gate at the end of the laneway on the morning of the 11th for collection. It's a great chance to get rid of your old electrical items!

This is part of the Clondalkin Community Recycling Initiative, a not for profit social enterprise.

Music Generation

We're hoping to welcome the Music Generation teachers back this year. Junior Infants - 2nd classes will take part in the Early Years programme, with singing and percussion. We hope that 3rd & 4th classes might learn ukulele and 5th & 6th classes guitar.

This is a great opportunity for the children to have lessons from music teachers at a fraction of the cost of private lessons. More information to follow.

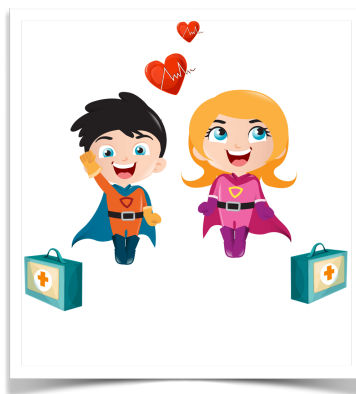
First Aid Workshops

We are running Little Heroes First Aid Workshops for the children in 1st-6th classes this Friday 1st October.

Little Heroes First Aid are specially designed first aid workshops for school going children aged 4 to 12 years and are tailored to the children's age and class level. In this safe and fun learning environment, the children will learn basic life saving first aid skills.

More information at <https://www.parentfirstaid.ie/little-heroes-first-aid/>

Many thanks to the PTA for funding this training.



Cycling Safety

5th class have been taking part in cycling safety lessons this term. This is subsidised by South Dublin County Council and encourages the children to be vigilant and careful when cycling. We love to see children cycling to school and there are bike racks at the rear of the school building.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will take place next week from Wednesday 6th October to Friday 8th October. This year 6th class are going to run the book fair in school and children will be given the opportunity to buy books. To minimise parents coming into school, there will be an option to buy the books online and for the children to collect them. More details to follow.