



2024

New Principal

Following an open competition appointment process, the Board of Management would like to congratulate Mr. Eoin Leonard on his appointment as principal to succeed Mrs. Perdue who is retiring at the end of the current school year. Eoin has been working in the school since 2014 and in recent years was promoted to Deputy Principal. Eoin's appointment has been met with universal support and approval and the board looks forward to working with him in the coming years.

Voluntary Contribution

As we near the end of the school year, we would like to appeal to those families who have yet to contribute to the school to consider doing so now. The board depends on the generosity of parents to help us maintain the school to its current high standard. Every little helps!

Nikki has also requested that parents keep an eye on Aladdin for payments owed i.e. for school trips, after school activities, swimming etc. It is very easy to make the payments though the Aladdin app.



Some of the acts that took part in the Talent Show

RPNS Talent!

Earlier in the school year the Student Council, representing the children in their classes, suggested we hold a Talent Show in school. We decided to hold this on Friday 26th April in the school hall. Each class chose 2-3 acts to represent them and perform for the whole school. The range of talent and performances was truly fantastic and everyone had a great time!

Neurodiversity Week

We celebrated everyone's different abilities and strengths last week with each class learning about different types of neurodiversity. We watched a really lovely video in Assembly about how we are all different and how our brains work in different ways. Many of the children did projects on famous people who are neurodiverse and presented them to their class.





More RPNS talent!

Daltaí na Seachtaine

Each week in Assembly we celebrate children from each of the classes who have been chosen as Students of the Week. Keep an eye on the school blog where a photo of the students is posted.

Choir

The school choir has worked very hard this year and to thank them for their dedication and hard work, a trip to Clara Lara has been organised for the children on Friday 31st May.

The choir will also sing at two more family services in Rathfarnham Parish church on the **19th May** and the **16th June**.

Finally, the choir will end the year with a concert on Monday **24th June** at 6.30p.m. in the school hall.



Barnardo's Big Active

During the month of May we will be taking part in the Barnardo's Big Active initiative which takes a holistic approach to supporting students' wellbeing and promotes three different kinds of activities:

Body – Physical challenges that take care of your body

Mind – Mindfulness exercises that look after your mental health; and

Heart – Activities that promote the importance of charity and helping others.

We will also be supporting Pièta House as part of our Amber Flag Wellbeing programme.

At the end of the month we will be encouraging children to donate some money from their pocket money and this will be shared between Pièta House and Barnardos.



Whole School Evaluation - Maths

On the 17th and 18th April our school was evaluated on the provision of Maths in all classes. Two inspectors spent both days visiting classes, talking to teachers and pupils, meeting with senior management and reviewing planning, documentation and assessment. They left no mathematical stone unturned!

The resulting report was really brilliant! The inspectors commented on the high level of teaching and learning as well as the children's enjoyment, engagement and knowledge. They were very impressed with the children and their ability to talk so knowledgeably about Maths and their learning experiences. The teachers were commended on their teaching, planning and especially on the high level of collaboration.

Well done everyone for showing how great our school is!

The report will be published by the DES on the gov.ie website soon.

Toilet Twinning

Past pupil, Leo Shorten, recently spoke to the children about a charity that he's involved in raising money for which focuses on twinning toilets here with toilets in third world countries where sanitation is poor. This is a great initiative and so far Leo has managed to twin several toilets in Dublin with toilets in Africa. As a result of Leo's talk we raised enough money to twin four toilets! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

SEC Grants

The SEC provides financial aid for necessitous protestants attending secondary schools with a protestant ethos. Further information on eligibility and criteria can be found at www.secgrant.ie

Hockey and Swimming

Hockey and Swimming are very popular and long-running activities in our extra-curricular programme. They have been organised by Mrs. Correll and Ms. Connolly and they are both stepping down from the role in the new school year. A huge thank you to both teachers for their hard work.

We are now looking for volunteers to co-ordinate hockey (paid) and swimming (voluntary). If you are interested in taking on one of these roles, please let us know. It would be a terrible shame if these activities couldn't continue next year.

Shoes

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes to our appeal for shoes for Africa, the response has been great.

Beavers

It's the time of year again when the application process for next year's intake of Beavers is starting.

Beavers is for boys who will be in 1st class next year. If your child is currently in Senior Infants and is interested in becoming a Beaver please send in the application form that has been sent to Senior Infant parents. Any questions please contact Alistair Adair, Beaver Section Leader, on 087 2961473. Places are limited so early application is advised.



May Fête

The Annual May Fête takes place in the High School in Rathgar on the 18th May from 10a.m. As always the organisers are looking for helpers so if you can help in any way please let us know. Donations can be left in the War Memorial Hall in the days coming up to the fête - another ideal opportunity to de-clutter.

This is a great day out so come along and join in the fun!



A trip down Memory Lane!

We were delighted to welcome some teachers who had been staff members some years ago when they visited the school. Mary Geelan and Alison Rowntree (née Edge) taught here in the 70s and 80s and enjoyed reminiscing about their time here. Alison actually taught Nikki when she was in 3rd Class (and of course Nikki was the best pupil!) They were joined by our own Heather Wilkinson who has a long association with the school and the parish.



Dates for your Diary!

8th May	<i>3rd Class trip to the "Dead Zoo"</i>
10th May	<i>Junior and Senior Class trip to Explorium</i>
14th May	<i>Infant Induction Meeting for parents</i>
15th May	<i>Photographer</i>
18th May	<i>Parish Fête</i>
19th May	<i>Choir singing in church</i>
20th-22nd May	<i>6th Class trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre</i>
27th May	<i>Wellbeing Week</i>
31st May	<i>Choir Trip to Clara Lara</i>
4th June	<i>3rd & 4th Class trip to Causey Farm</i>
4th - 7th June	<i>Active Week</i>
11th June	<i>5th Class trip to Alive Outside</i>
12th June	<i>Last chess class</i>
13th June	<i>1st and 2nd Class trip to Navan Adventure Centre</i>
16th June	<i>Choir singing in church (Father's Day)</i>
19th June	<i>Last Lego class</i>
21st June	<i>6th Class Barbecue</i>
24th June	<i>Choir Concert</i>
26th June	<i>5th & 6th Class Play</i>
27th June	<i>End of Year Service and 6th Class Graduation</i>
28th June	<i>END OF SCHOOL YEAR</i>

School Closures 2024-2025

The list of dates of school closures for the next school year 2024-2025 is now available on the school website www.rpns.ie