



Newsletter

October 2024

Welcome back!

We have had a really busy but very enjoyable first half term back here in RPNS. The children have been fantastic and have shown great dedication to their learning. A huge thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work and commitment, and to all parents for their support of the school, its events and, most importantly, their children.

In the lead up to Halloween, each class designed their classroom door with a different theme - here are our creations!





School Information

Leaving Early

It's really important if the children have to leave early for any reason that they are signed out with Nikki at the school office. This is to ensure we know where the children are!

Late for School

Please endeavour to get your children into school as close to 8.20am as possible. It's very important that the children get to settle into class, prepare for the day ahead and catch up with their friends in the morning. Children who arrive after the 8.40 am bell must be signed in at the office.

Enrolment

We are continuing to accept applications for enrolment into Junior Infants in September 2025. All applications must be received before 11th November 2024. Applications forms and further details are available in the enrolment section on the school website www.rpns.ie.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings take place from **Wednesday, 20th - Friday, 22nd November** for all classes except **2nd class**, whose meetings are on **Monday, 18th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd**. Meetings are now open for booking through Aladdin. Meetings will be held in the school hall as normal - please arrive on time and stick to the allotted time allocation. Please note that school will close at **13.05** for all children on **Friday, 22nd November**.



Treats on Birthdays

We are asking all parents to not send in sweets or chocolates with their children on their birthday. This is in line with our healthy eating policy and can be disruptive for classes with the time taken to give out sweets. It can also be upsetting for children who have summer birthdays and don't get to experience this! We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

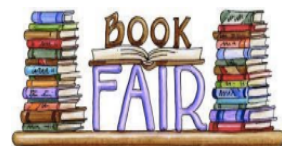




October Events!

Book Week and Sponsored Walk

Book Week was a huge success. The Book Fair raised €3670 and from this, the school receives rewards to spend on books and resources to keep our libraries and readers updated. The Sponsored Walk raised €3400 which will be put towards new maths resources, music equipment and skipping workshops for the older classes in the new year. Thank you for your support!



Maths Week

Maths week was a great week this year, with maths challenges, games and puzzles taking place throughout the week. Thank you to Deirdre Connolly for organising!



Say Yes to Languages

Tara has started Spanish lessons with 3rd and 6th Class as part of the Say Yes to Languages programme - thank you Tara. Keep an eye out for Spanish signs around the school.



PTA AGM

Thank you to the PTA for organising their annual AGM which included a really informative talk from Cybersafe Kids. The information from this talk will be shared with all parents in the coming weeks.



Movie Night

We had a really enjoyable Movie Night on 21st October. The children enjoyed a movie and some goodies with their class. The costumes were fantastic! Thank you to the PTA for organising the evening and to all staff who stayed to help with supervising the classes.

Christchurch Singing Workshops

3rd - 6th Class have been taking part in singing workshops with two members of the Christchurch Cathedral Choir every Thursday. This is a brilliant opportunity for the children to learn from such talented musicians. The children in these classes, and their parents, are invited to Christchurch Cathedral on the evening of **Tuesday, 10th December** for a special concert in which the children will take part. More details to follow soon.

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day was a wonderful occasion on the last day of the half-term. A particularly big thank you to our 6th Class pupils who were wonderful ambassadors and a great help to Grandparents throughout the day!





Coming up in November

Clothing Collection (5th November)

A Clothing Collection will take place at the school gate on Tuesday, 5th November.

4th Class Trip to Newgrange (11th November)

4th Class will be visiting Newgrange next Monday, 11th November. This should be a great trip and we hope they really enjoy it. Thank you to Ms. Kenny for organising!



Science Week (11th - 15th November)

Science week will feature experiments, competitions and science webinars and promises to be a really enjoyable week for the children. Younger classes will also have the opportunity to visit their buddies in the older classes and view some of their experiments and creations. Thank you to Deirdre Connolly for planning the week.



PTA Quiz Night (Friday, 22nd November)

The PTA will be hosting a Quiz Night on Friday, 22nd November. If you're looking to organise a parents night out before Christmas - this is the date! More details to follow soon.

Christmas Fair (Friday, 6th December)

It's hard to believe we're talking about the Christmas Fair already! This year, our Fair will take place on **Friday, 6th December** from 8.20am - 12noon. It's always a highlight of the year! Parents are invited to attend during the morning should they wish to do so. We will be accepting toys, games, books, adults accessories and good-as-new items into school from **Monday, 25th November**. More information about the Fair itself will follow closer to the time.



Other Dates for your Diary!

Junior and Senior Infant Play - 18th December

1st and 2nd Class Play - 18th December

