

## Rackard League Girls' Football

A huge congratulations and well done to the Rackard League girls who played Adamstown in the shield football final on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. They never gave up but unfortunately it wasn't their day. Their runners up medals were presented after the game. A big thank you to Ms Wright and Ms K. Doyle.



## Seomra Fiadh

Seomra Fiadh has made great progress over the last number of weeks and it will be officially opened in the new year. This will be a huge addition to the school where pupils can engage in art, music, science and wellbeing activities. A huge thank you to all the volunteers and anyone who helped out in any way.



## Reminders

### **Christmas Holidays**

School closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. @ 12 midday and re-opens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

**Bank Holiday** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb school closed

**Parent/Teacher Meetings** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb & Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Mid Term** 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.—school closed

**Staff Training** 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.—school finishes @ 12.30 for all students.

**Bank Holiday** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March—school closed

**Easter Holidays** 22<sup>nd</sup> March school closed @ 12pm re-opens on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**May Bank Holiday**—School closed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May

**May Mid Term**—School closed from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer Holidays**—School closes Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June @ 12pm

## **\*\*Gaeilge\*\***

The pupils are making great strides in their Gaeilge. Please continue to encourage them in their efforts and engage with them as much as possible. This will really help to reinforce their learning in school.

Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam.



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## **Newsletter Christmas 2023**

Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh  
go léir!



### **Green School Committee**

Our committee continues to monitor bin, water and electricity usage in the school. Thank you everyone who participated in 'Clean Air Week'. After Christmas, we will be learning what it means to be a global citizen. We will also be delving into the global goals for sustainable Development.

### **Active School Committee**

For the last four weeks, all classes have taken part in the Active Break Every Day Challenge. We all followed the Olympic Movement Breaks videos where we got to meet some of our amazing Irish Olympians. They got us all up and moving about doing different exercises to help keep us active. Big thanks to our Active School Committee who also help keep us moving and active with Fun Line Fridays for the month of December.

### **Wellbeing Committee**

Our Wellbeing Committee has been working hard this term. We are working towards the Amber Flag awarded by Pieta House. Many more activities and initiatives to promote wellbeing in school and at home will take place after Christmas.

### **Graduations**

Congratulations to Ms.K Doyle on being awarded a Masters in Primary Education and to Ms.Wright on being awarded a Masters of Education in Special and Inclusive Education .

### **After School**

Homework club will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45—3:30 for pupils in 3rd to 6th class. Lego club ran for 6 weeks every Monday and was a huge success. Thanks to Ms. Wright and Ms. K. Doyle for coordinating Coding Club has now begun. We hope the pupils, Ms. Stanley and Ms. D. Doyle thoroughly enjoy it.

### **Swimming**

Well done to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class on completing their 7 weeks block of swimming lessons in Ferrybank swimming pool. There was an excellent level of attendance and participation each week.

### **Gymnastics**

Lessons will begin for all pupils on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb for 6 weeks with coaches from Gymstars! The cost is **€15.00 per child** which can be paid through Aladdin e-payment.

### **Performances**

Well done to all of our pupils who participated in 'Sing Out Loud' concert. An excellent night was had by all involved. Thank you to all the pupils and their teachers for preparing a wonderful Carol Service which took place in the church on the 19<sup>th</sup> December . It really got everyone in the festive mood!

### **Board of Management**

Welcome to our new Board: Chairperson: Geraldine Waters, Darren Nolan, Aine Wright, Hugh Sheridan, Colm Davis, Eileen Ormonde, Collette O'Connor, and Eamonn Carroll. The new board came into effect on 1st December. We are grateful to all members for their time and commitment to the running of the school.

### **Parents' Association**

The PA will hold a Christmas jumper disco from 6:30-8:30 in the community centre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. All support is welcome. The man himself, Santa, will also visit the school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. We appreciate the PAs ongoing dedication to the school and it's pupils.

### **Mobile Library**

Thank you to Ms D. Doyle who organised for the mobile library to visit us every second Friday. Pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes are encouraged to take advantage of this facility and change their books on the relevant days.

### **Scór na bPáistí**

Scór na bPáistí is a competition held for primary school aged children in Co. Wexford. Last year the school entered an Irish Dancing Figure Team. The children did themselves and their school proud, winning two rounds and gaining a place in the County Final. This year, we are delighted to say we have entered, not one, but two Irish Dancing Figure teams. For the first time ever, we are also entering a solo singer, a ballad group and a comedy sketch into the competition. The first round will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup> in Rathnure Community Hall. We wish all participants the very best of luck! All support is greatly appreciated!

### **Fresh Today**

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