



**REMINDER**

**© School Re-opens**

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**TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST, 2023**

## Rathkeevin National School

### June 2023 - Newsletter

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**2022/2023** was a school year to remember in Rathkeevin N.S. Thankfully all activities and events in school were back and it was wonderful to see the children ag fás is ag foghlaim happily once again. Thank you to the wonderful staff in the school for their hard work and for ensuring that Rathkeevin is a happy, safe learning environment for our children. We waved goodbye to Ms. Ryan and wished her every success in her retirement. A huge thank you to all of our Parents and Guardians, especially to those who give their time to helping out our Board of Management and Parents' Association. Our Parents' Association have been very active this year and have provided terrific support to help make our school a better place. We are blessed to have such a supportive community here. We say goodbye and thank you to our Rang a Sé who have made such a positive contribution over the years and we welcome all new arrivals to the school. We welcome Paula Morrissey (Junior Infants Teacher) and Niamh Mackey ( 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Class Teacher) who will be joining us for the start of the new year. Finally, we wish everybody a safe and enjoyable summer and we hope to see everybody back at the end of August.

Le meas,

Diarmuid

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## Farewell to our 6th class students





Congratulations to our 11 **Sixth Class** pupils who received the sacrament of Confirmation on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. They were a credit to their parents, Fr. Ahearne, their teacher and the School.



### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Mass

The 6<sup>th</sup> class mass was held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. The children are to be commended for their preparation and participation in their Mass. All associated with Rathkeevin NS would like to send good wishes to Jake, Lucy, Jason, Michaela, Jamie, Méadbh, Josh, Ailbhe, Ethan, Keeva, Sam, Kyle & Richard.

# COMMUNION 2023

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2023  
in Powerstown Church.



**Communion Congratulations** to our girls and boys in Second Class who received their First Holy Communion. The children have been working hard in their preparations.

Many thanks to all parents for their support, to Fr. Ahearne and their teacher Mr. Curran.

## Book Lists & Book Rental From September 2023

Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for children in primary schools will be provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs. All equipment costs such as pens, pencils etc will be bought by parents and will be detailed on the book lists sent home. Book Lists are sent home in June each year and are also available on our website <https://www.rathkeevinns.ie/>

### TUSLA Reporting

The school completes mandatory reports and an End of Year report to the National Educational Welfare Board. All absences in excess of 20 days were notified to TUSLA. A standard letter is sent to all parents from the school if your child misses 20 days. School Attendance for Rathkeevin NS this year has averaged at 94.5% which is an improvement following the pandemic.

## **Thank you – Thank You – Thank you**

The Parents Association would like to thank all the families and supporters to our events this year!

We had some amazing contributions - Cash for Clobber raised €290 and the Sponsored Walk made just over €3,000!

All money raised 100% goes back into the school for our children.

Your support for the events is fantastic and we will do it all again next year.

We will arrange a coffee morning for early Sep but until then have a great Summer.

As always, we'd love to have any new members join.

Laura Ahearn, Aidan Foley and Elaine Fennessey

## Music at Rathkeevin

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June we had Paul & Paddy from the Big Bang Drumming providing drumming lessons to all classes.

Amazing the progress that all age groups made in a very short period of time. Check out the facebook page for a clip of how well they progressed.

Larry Mullin jr watch out.....



**Music – Maria will be back with music for 2023-2024. We are lucky to have somebody with her talents working with us in Rathkeevin. Please see booklists.**

## **Tipp FM came to Senior's & 1<sup>st</sup> Class**



**Andrew Looby from Tipp FM visited Mr. Ryan's class on Wednesday. He chatted and recorded some of the children and this will be broadcasted next week starting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> at 8.15 am and continuing throughout the week.**



Exciting experiments happening in Ms. Moroney's class with volcanoes erupting and a demonstration of electric current.



Congratulation to Mr. Curran and his wife Rachel on the birth of their son Louis



## Junior World Cup Winners



Class act - Our first Junior World Cup winners

# School Life







# World Cup 2023

**Fixtures**

**Group A**

2-1 ① vs ② ✓ 1-2 ③ vs ② ✓ 2-3 ① vs ③ ✓  
1-3 ③ vs ④ ✓ 0-1 ④ vs ① ✓ 1-3 ② vs ④ ✓

**Group B**

2-4 ⑤ vs ⑥ ✓ 1-0 ⑦ vs ⑥ ✓ 0-1 ⑤ vs ⑦ ✓  
1-5 ⑦ vs ⑧ ✓ 2-4 ⑧ vs ⑤ ✓ 1-1 ⑥ vs ⑧ ✓

**Top 3 from each group qualify!**

**Knock Outs**

7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Place Play Off: France vs. Afghanistan (W 5)

Quarter Final: Nigeria vs. Portugal (W 3)

Semi Final: Australia vs. Argentina (W 1, 0 after pens.)

Semi Final: Pakistan vs. Winner Nigeria / Portugal (1-2 on pens.)

Semi Final: Brazil vs. Winner Australia / Argentina (4-1 AET)

**RATHKEEVIN WORLD CUP FINAL 2023**

 **BRAZIL**  
3  
W.  
4 A.E.T.

vs.

 **PORTUGAL**

**CHAMPIONS**





**This year's World Cup was a great success. The teams were fair and everyone had a great time, because there was no fighting.**

**Portugal and Brazil were in the final.**

**My team Portugal won in the end with a 4-3 scoreline against Brazil. Thanks to Mr. Doody for organising.**

**Josh**

# SCHOOL TOUR 2023

## WIT ARENA





# SPORTS



4 pupils represented our school for trials for the Primary Games

Two were successful and represented the school and county at half time during the Munster Championship.

Congratulation to all four.

# Under 13 5-a-Side Soccer Boys and Girls



We got into group b. In the first game we won eight nil. The second game we did our warm up and started. We won four one with a great start to the tournament. The third match we went down one nil but with a great substitute we won four in one, the final game in the group it was the toughest team Cloneen N.S. we scored an early goal but we were too defensive and the final score was one one. After that game we had to wait an hour and a bit for the next game, the final vs Cloneen again. It was a tight game throughout the whole ten minutes. And the end our goalkeeper made a great save but got injured. The game went to penalties. We got off to a rough start by missing the first penalty as Cloneen scored theirs. We then scored the next two penalties but so did they. It was our final penalty but we missed it. Cloneen went through and we went home.



**On Tuesday the 7th of March, the girls under 13's soccer team headed off to Cahir for the five aside soccer tournament. There were five well organized mini pitches. Our first match was against Moyglass N.S., which we suffered a 4:0 defeat. We were disappointed but we pulled ourselves together and managed to win our next match against Ballyneale N.S. Our winning streak continued as Monard N.S. didn't show up so we got an automatic 3:0 win. After that we had a friendly match against Lisronagh B which we drew. The last match was against Clogheen which once again we won. We all had an excellent day even though we didn't manage to make it to the semi finals. We would like to thank Mr. Doody and Mr. Burke for making this all happen. Slán agus go raibh míle maith agat.**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class leaving their handprint



Big thank you to Rhoda Kinsella who brightened up our school yard with the 6<sup>th</sup> class multi coloured hand prints.



It starts every September asking Mr. Doody, “when can we get our hand prints done?”



## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Lisronagh Trip



On Tuesday the 31st of May we the 6th class boys and girls headed off to Lisronagh for a fun day of sports. Once we arrived we were greeted by friendly staff and students. Soon after we went outside onto the green and played a fun filled game of rounders for 30mins. We split into teams for basketball and soccer and played for another while. We sat down and had lunch and enjoyed the break. After a while Ms. Armstrong brought out ice-cream for everyone in the audience. The 6th said there farewells to the Lisronagh children and headed into the bus. On the journey home the bus driver said "I just have to collect something" and drove down to Saint Patrick's Well and we had a brief discussion about the well known place. We all dipped our feet into the ice cold spring water and enjoyed the cool down. We'd like to thank everyone for making our day such a blast.



# Ice Cream Day - Big thanks to the Parents' Council





## **Trócaire Fundraising**

Well done to all the boys, girls, Mams, Dads and all the Staff on the fantastic work they all did for our Trócaire Fundraiser.

We raised €2,730.00 and this was presented to Fr. Ahearne on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.

# Fun days at Rathkeevin National School





# Celebrating national women's day in Ms. Moroney's Class



# Dressing up for St. Patrick's Day agus Seachtain na Gaeilge





## *Class Allocations 2023 – 2024*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Junior Infants	Paula Morrissey
Senior Infants	Liz English
1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Seán Curran
2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Niamh Mackey
4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Diarmuid Burke
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Class	Stephen Doody
SEN	Helen O'Dea



# School Closures 2023 – 2024

School re-opens.....	<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023</b>
Annual Day :.....	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023</b>
Mid Term Break:.....	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November inclusive. Return – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023
Christmas Holidays: .....	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2023 Return – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024.
St. Brigid's Day:.....	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024</b>
Spring Mid Term Break: .....	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February and Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Return – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2024
St. Patrick's Day:.....	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024</b>
Confirmation Day: .....	<b>To be decided</b>
First Holy Communion Day:.....	<b>To be decided</b>
Easter Holidays:.....	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2024.      Return – Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024.
Public Holiday: .....	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2024</b>
Public Holiday .....	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2024</b>
Summer Holidays:.....	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024</b>

- I would request that parents do not disturb teachers during class hours unless with a prior appointment or in an emergency. In either case please call to Claire in the Office or if the Office is unattended to Mr. Burke in room 5, failing that to Mr. Doody in Room 6
- *Signing In/Signing Out Book – Please enter relevant details if removing or returning your child within school hours*
- **Absence Notes** – required by law for every day absent with relevant explanation
- Please note a record is kept of children who are regularly late without good reason.