



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.
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Roll No 20352T



Last few points to note- June 2024



Community is a Core Value of Education and Training Board (ETB) schools.

I would like to thank and congratulate every member of the school community for showing up and doing your very best every single day this year.

Thank you to all the parents for the very generous summer gift. We had a lovely night out on the tiles in Navan. It was the perfect way to celebrate a job well done. Thank you.

I must thank our wonderful Parent Association for supporting the teaching and learning at the school this year. Everyone really enjoyed the first ever Career Day and the Summer Carnival is as popular as ever. I would encourage everyone to get involved in the Parent Association next year. There are great structures in place now to support your work and there is no better way for you to show your child you are serious about their education.

I would like to thank the amazing team and school management for their dedication and for coming to work every day with a positive attitude and putting the child at the centre of everything we do here. I would like to thank LMETB and our Board of Management for their support in school organisation and development.

I would like to offer the biggest congratulations and appreciation to our wonderful pupils and our pupil council. The children are the centre of this community and it is a privilege to be able to watch you thrive and grow every day. You have all worked hard this year. Have a lovely summer break, you have earned it.

To our Graduates:

It has been a pleasure to work with our graduating class over the last eight years. We have watched you all grow and thrive and we have no doubt you are all ready for whatever the challenges the world will throw at you. Always remember to be kind no matter what. Go n-eirí an bothar libh go léir!

I would like to welcome everyone to attend the guard of honour for our graduates as they leave our gates for the last time at 11.45am on Friday.



To all our in-coming pupils:

We look forward to meeting all our campers next Monday morning. If you are not going to camp we will see you on Wednesday 28th of August at 10am. There will be pre-loved uniforms available for you during camp week and again in August. We will let you know which class your child is in and who their teacher will be in August. If you have any questions over the summer months email ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie. We will get back to you within a few days. For more info [click here](#)

Uniform Swap Shop

For info on school uniforms [click here](#).

Our Parent Association will be running the Uniform Swap Shop for parents to donate and pick up pre-loved school uniforms. The swap shop will take place every morning this week from 8.45-9.10am.

School Calendar

School will close on Friday at 12 midday and will reopen on Wednesday 28th of August at 9am. School attendance is very important. When booking holidays please stick to the school holidays. School Calendar available [here](#)

Student Direct Costs 2024/2025:

Schoolbooks for children in Irish primary schools, are now provided to every child for free. The school will use the grant to cover the cost of schoolbooks, workbooks, copybooks, classroom related resources, shared books, photocopying and Art&Craft.

Last year parents paid for music lessons through Music Generation. We will not be continuing with Music Generation. We have purchased a Music Programme called Dabledoo Music. The cost of the programme will be paid using the book grant and it will be delivered by our own teachers.

The cost to parents for school year 24/25 will be €15 per child. A Way2Pay bill will be raised on your account this week. This money will directly pay for:

- €8.00 Aladdin
- €7.00 Pupil Accident Insurance through Irish Public Bodies Insurance (IPB)

Each child will require a well-stocked pencil case:

Jl, Sl, 1 st	2 nd , 3 rd	4 th , 5 th , 6 th
5 triangular grip pencils	5 HB pencils	5 HB pencils
Sharpener – large enough to pare triangular pencil	Sharpener	Sharpener
Rubber	Rubber	Rubber
Twistables	Twistables/ colouring pencils	Colouring pencils
	2 red biros	2 red biros
	30cm ruler	30 cm ruler
		Pupils with pen licence can use handwriting pen
Pritt Stick	Pritt Stick	Pritt Stick
Please note:		
• All stationary is to be labelled with your child's name		
• Markers are not permitted in school		

Teacher allocation for next year and developing school status

Ard Rí CNS is a developing school. We have grown every year since we were established in 2010. In September we will be opening our 15th classroom. Growth on this scale means we are constantly recruiting new teaching staff. Interviews for new teachers will take place right through the summer months.

Later this week we will bring pupils to their new classrooms and where possible we will introduce the children to their teacher for next year.

Everyone must understand recruitment and contracts is a complex process and unavoidable changes may well happen over the summer months. There is no 100% guarantee the teacher allocated in June will not change over the summer.

Thank you in advance for understanding this.

Primary Pals Plus

We understand childcare is a huge challenge for families in our community. Primary Pals is a club for pupils in Junior and Senior Infants which runs daily from 1.40-2.40pm. Jana and her team will trial Primary Pals Plus which will run from 2.40-3.30pm each day. If you are interested in this service please contact Jana on 0863445115 to discuss.

Study Mates

Homework Club for children in classes 1st-6th will run again next school year. We will share info on this in September.