

September Newsletter 2022



The Board of Management and staff were very happy to welcome all the boys and girls back to Rashina NS on Wednesday, August 31st with a special mention to the pupils who started in Junior Infants. It is great to see busy classrooms, school yard and astro-turf pitch this month. Lots has been happening in different classrooms so far this year including sport, a nature trail and baking. We are also delighted to have Ms. Henshaw and Ms. Bryan as part of our staff this year.

- We enjoyed a lovely **beginning of school year mass** with Fr. Brendan in St. Colmcille's Church, Ballinahown on Thursday 22 September. The boys and girls read confidently, sang beautifully and represented our school so well. A massive thanks to all parents, grandparents and family members who brought children to the church and added so much to the ceremony.

- It has been a busy month on the football field for the school. **Girls and boys from 3rd – 6th classes have represented the school in the Cumann na mBunscoil competition.** We played two very competitive matches versus Coolanarney and Highstreet. Despite losing both

games, the skills and determination on display were great to see. First and Second Class children were on the pitch for training this week. It's lovely to see so many children exercising and having fun. Well done to all!

- The boys and girls are enjoying exploring their musical talents with our visiting music teacher **Zoe from Music Generation** on Tuesday afternoons. It is lovely to hear the different sounds and songs from the classroom.



- **Rugby for 1st to 6th classes** started back on Thursday 29 September. Rugby coach Pudge will visit the school every fortnight.

- **School uniforms are looking very well** this school year. Pupils are reminded to wear full uniform except for school tracksuit on PE/ football days. It is great to see so many healthy lunches in our school. We encourage children to bring a healthy lunch each day and thank families for adhering to this. Children are permitted a small treat on Friday if they wish.

- **After School Club** for the infant classes from 1.40pm – 2.40pm with Louise is going very well. The boys and girls enjoy playing games with their friends.

· A **big thank you** to all families who have paid the Book Rental/ Art & Crafts. Any outstanding money can be paid through the online banking or sent in with your child to the office.

· **County Photos** visited our school this month. The proofs will be sent home shortly giving families different options to buy if they wish.

· The bake sale at the threshing day in Doon was a huge success. **€1,130 was taken in on the day** and all treats were sold. We expect Rashina Vintage Club to confirm the final total for the school soon. The generosity of families is hugely appreciated, especially after the late postponement! Esker House Women's Refuge and Support Centre, Fr. Shay Casey in TUS and the Simon Community were very grateful for all the food donated by the families of Rashina NS on 11 September.

· **Car parking at the Tullamore Show** went very smoothly on Sunday 14 August. Thanks very much to all the parents who volunteered on the day. The school will receive a cheque for €1,000 from Tullamore Show Committee for helping on the day.

· School will close at **12pm on Wednesday, October 19th** for all pupils. This is to accommodate a half-in/ half-out meeting for the staff.

· **Parent/Teacher meetings** are scheduled to take place on the week of Monday 14 November. Your child's teacher will be in touch regarding a date and time for meeting after midterm.

· The school will have a **Christmas Carol Service** this year, which will take place in St. Colmcille's Church, Ballinahown on **Wednesday 14 December at 7pm**. This promises to be a great evening's entertainment and ask all families to keep it free.

· **End of year standardised testing** will take place on the week of Monday 23 May 2023. It is important that children are present at school this week.

· The road outside the school is busy, especially at home times. Thanks again to all parents for being **extra vigilant at these times** and ensuring the safety of all.

· Reminder that in-class supervision starts at 8.50am and class starts at 9am.

· Check out our school website www.rashinans.com for information and photos from the school.

· Children are invited to wear Halloween fancy dress on Friday 28 October if they wish. School will close from **Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November** for midterm break.



Junior Infant Class 2022/2023