

Ard Rí Community National School Newsletter



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School re-opens after
Christmas Break

10th Jan. 2011

Information Evening on
25th January 2011 at 8
pm in Navan Rugby Club

Ard Rí Opens its Doors!

Welcome one and all to Ard Rí's
newsletter.

As you know Ard Rí opened its doors to its inaugural Junior Infant class last September. Since then we have been very busy and our pupils have worked very hard, achieving a huge amount in a short time. Ard Rí congratulates all of its pupils and parents for their terrific work to date.

We have had fruit days, a celebration ceremony, science days, Halloween par-

ties, an information evening, a book fair and a Christmas concert. It has certainly been an action packed few months.

You can read more about some of these



First day at Ard Rí!

First Day at Ard Rí Community National School

It was a proud day for all involved when Ard Rí Community National School opened its doors to its inaugural class of 2010.

The historic day was marked by the attendance of Peter Kierans, CEO Meath VEC, and Christy Duffy, manager of the newly established school.

Pupils and parents were welcomed into the school and allowed time to explore their learning environment.

Pupils settled in very well in their new surrounding and were presented with certificates for completion of their first day at school.

Ard Rí aims to create an environment of acceptance and respect

between all members of the community and is one of only two Community National Schools outside County Dublin.

Since their first day in their new school our Junior Infants have come on leaps and bounds, reaping the benefits of small class numbers.

Well done one and all!!

Celebration Ceremony

Thursday 21st October saw Ard Rí Community National Schools inaugural Celebration Ceremony. Parents, Grandparents, brothers, sisters and parents of the pupils of Ard Rí CNS all came together to celebrate the occasion. The pupils of Ard Rí had been working hard preparing songs and stories to share with their loved ones and by all accounts the ceremony was a huge success.

Principal of Ard Rí CNS, Patrick Sullivan com-

mented "The ceremony was a fantastic opportunity to invite the families of our pupils into our school and celebrate their children's enrolment in our school."

The ceremony was also attended by Meath VEC CEO Peter Kierans and Manager of Ard Rí CNS Christy Duffy. The Celebration Ceremony is part of the multi-belief programme taught in the school. The ceremony was full of songs and stories

explaining about the transition for pupils into school life. It is designed to aid the transition for pupils into their new surroundings, whilst involving parents and families in the school community.

Christy Duffy, Manager of Ard Rí CNS commented that "it was so nice to see such happy faces in the school. The children are clearly enjoying themselves in Ard Rí".

Fruit Day at Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí Community National School held their first "fruit day" of the year in September, as part of their healthy schools initiative.

Students learned all about the different types of fruit and why they are good for us. The students then tasted many different types of fruit including: apple, orange, banana,

kiwi, melon, water melon and plums.

Principal of Ard Rí CNS, Patrick Sullivan, said "It's so important for children to learn good eating habits early in their lives. Having said that I was surprised by how much fruit the children ate at home every day, it is great to have parental support in this area."

"Well done to all of our parents for ensuring that their children are eating healthy".

The children really enjoyed themselves and Ard Rí are planning more fruit days in the future.

*Christy Duffy,
Manager of Ard Rí
CNS:*

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Science Day

Thursday 9th December saw Ard Rí Community National School's first ever Science Day.

Local scientist Fiona Glacken performed a number of experiments with the Junior Infant pupils. The children discovered how plants grow, how to make static electricity, how to mix different colours and even how to produce carbon dioxide.

Patrick Sullivan, principal of Ard Rí commented "it is

great to get members of the community coming into our school and sharing their expertise. Our children love learning about their environment and science is a great way to do this. We all had a fantastic day".



Information Evening Success!

Ard Rí C.N.S. had its first information and enrolment evening of the year on Tuesday 9th November and by all accounts it was a success.

Parents of potential enrollees were welcomed into Ard Rí by parents of our current pupils.

The event was well attended, with both present and potential enrollees turning up to show their

support and to listen to what is on offer in the new model of Community National School.

Presentations were given by Christy Duffy, Patrick Sullivan and Peter Kierans with plenty of time for questions at the end.

There was a very positive reaction from those who attended, highlighting the

sense of community as Ard Rí's strongest asset.

Ard Rí would like to extend a special thanks to all our current parents who helped out on the evening.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh!!

Ard Rí will hold
its next
Information
Evening in Navan
Rugby Club on
25th January at
8 p.m.
All Welcome!!!

New Community National School Website Launched

The IVEA have set up a new website to inform people about the Community National School model in Ireland.

The IVEA worked closely with the principals, managers and Department of Education to gather material for the site.

The addresses for the

site are as follows:

www.cns.ie

www.communitynationalschools.com

www.communitynationalschools.ie

They are well worth a look!!!



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in life. Send them to Ard Rí
Community National School.*



*The opening of Ard Rí
Community National
School will see a won-
derful and exciting de-
velopment in the field
of primary education
in Ireland where all
children, regardless of
creed, nationality or
ability will be edu-
cated together in an
environment that both
respects and caters for
their individual needs
be they physical,
moral or academic.*

Santa Visits Ard Rí CNS

Although Santa is extremely busy at this time of year, he managed to take time out of his busy schedule to pay a visit to the boys and girls at Ard Rí Community National School. The Junior Infant boys and girls were stunned as Father Christmas arrived unannounced to their classroom. Principal of Ard Rí, Patrick Sullivan, commented "There was great excitement and laughter when the children realised who

had arrived to the classroom door. I would like to thank Santa very much for taking the time to come to our new school here in Navan Rugby Club".

Santa had a chat with each of the students, asking them what they wished for and how well they behaved over the year, before giving each child a little present.

It seems that traditional toys were the order of the day for the Ard Rí students, with many asking

for lego, dolls houses and baby borns. Although Nintendo DS's and playstation games were also mentioned.

