

Rathfeigh National School from Seamus Tansley

Weekly RST

I think I speak for everyone in the parish of Rathfeigh and Skryne when I say that the weekly digital RST is providing a fantastic service to everyone in the parish. Although not living in the parish I really look forward to the e-mail on Saturday morning to read the great variety of articles on display. As primary schools are a central part of any parish it gives me, as principal, the opportunity to let the Rathfeigh and Skryne community know what is happening in the school and the activities the children are involved in. Jim has the unenviable task every week of compiling all the information and organising it so that it always makes for an easy and interesting read. So thanks Jim – keep up the great work!!

Graduation Booklet

We are delighted to have completed the Graduation Booklet for our 6th class pupils. It's a big undertaking and particularly so this year as the pupils had to e-mail their information and pictures to the school. A big thanks to Ms Reynolds, Helen and Mrs Vaughan for giving of their time to assemble the books. Many hours were needed to photocopy and scan pictures but it was all worth it in the end. It's a fantastic booklet and I'm sure the children can't believe how quickly the eight years in Rathfeigh have flown by. Mrs Long who retired a number of years ago taught the class in Junior Infants and she has very fond memories of them. She contacted me during the week to send on her best wishes to the class. Thanks Katherine.

Graduation Video

Over the last few weeks Ms Reynolds has been asking the children in 6th class to send in pictures of themselves and their classmates at various times in their school life from Juniors to Sixth. The digital video is being left in the creative hands of Conor. Everyone is looking forward to the finished product. No pressure Conor!!! I'm sure it will be emotional for the children, parents/guardians and teachers. We can't wait!

Parents' Association

Last Saturday our staff, in conjunction with our Parents' Association, organised the collection/return of books and the payment of the book rental scheme. It ran very smoothly with one-way systems, social distancing and sanitisers in operation!! It was great seeing all the parents/guardians. The overwhelming consensus from parents/guardians is that they want their children back in school in September. We are hopeful this can happen for the education and well-being of our children.

Bridget is once again organising the book rental scheme this year in Rathfeigh. It's a huge task but one that Bridget makes look easy! She was ably assisted on Saturday by Anna. I think a few euro should be on its way to Anna!

Art Competition

We hope to announce the winners of the "Keeping Connected" art competition next week. Well done to all the children who entered. The standard was excellent and we will have a small prize for the winners in each class.

School grounds

As you know schools were out of bounds for all staff for March and April. When the government allowed access to the school on May 9th our caretaker (Jackie) was welcomed by large weeds and foot high grass!!

Jackie loves a challenge and it wasn't long before she put the weeds back in their place! She had the school grounds looking great in no time. It was a mammoth task and we thank Jackie for her countless hours in getting the school grounds looking as good as usual. Thank Jackie. Below are a few pictures of the school after the weeds waved the white flag!



