

Rathfeigh NS

Seamus Tansley

“Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul... but I must confess that I love you only because you are the prelude to my beloved October”
(Peggy Toney Horton)

September has flown by! As usual the first month back in school is very busy which is a good way to have it! The children have been very active in school – “Healthy Kidz”, GAA skills, swimming, Cumann na mBunscol GAA competitions and after-school activities. The children have settled in really well and they are all striving towards their full potential. We look forward to a fruitful year ahead with positive memories created on a weekly basis.

Enrolments for 2025/26

We will commence accepting Enrolment Applications for the 2025/26 school year on October 1st 2024. We will cease accepting applications on January 17th 2025. If you have a child starting school in September 2025 please download an Enrolment Form from the school website or call to the office for a hard copy. If you know parents/guardians who have children of school-going age please let them know of these dates.

SNA Appreciation Day

The first ever SNA Appreciation Day took place on Thursday 26th September. We have two exceptional SNA's in our school (Nicola and Tara). I, personally, would like to thank them for their commitment and dedication to their job which they do on a daily basis to the highest of standards. Their care and kindness for the children is second to none and we, as a school, are very lucky to have them. They have a great relationship with the children and it's a pleasure on a daily basis to see the children flourish under their care. My job, as principal, is made so much easier due to the high standards that Nicola and Tara have set and I, along with all our staff, are immensely proud of the job they do daily.

Swimming

The children in 3rd-6th class have completed their third swimming session in Aura Swimming Pool in Navan. The progress, even after a few weeks, has been huge and they are thoroughly enjoying their weekly visit to the pool with their classmates. Swimming will form part of the P.E. curriculum for the next few weeks.

Gaelic Football

Our Boys' Gaelic Football Team have reached the knock-out stage of the Cumann na mBunscol competition for the third consecutive year which is an

amazing achievement as we have only a handful of 6th class boys on the panel. We look forward to another day out in the quarter-finals.

Our Girls' team won the County Final last year for the first time in 23 years. They have played really well again this year despite losing two very close games. Injuries and sickness haven't helped their cause but despite this their commitment and attitude in the games has been exceptional and we wish them the best of luck in their remaining games.

Interactive Multi-Sensory Room

Our new interactive multi-sensory room in addition to our existing sensory Room “The Hideaway” has put an even greater focus on how we help children with special needs in our school. We have never been in a better position to assist children with special needs and it is central to what we do in Rathfeigh NS. The facilities, in addition to our excellent SNA's and teachers, are contributing to the excellent care that our children receive on a daily basis.

We thank Meta for the 20,000 Euro grant that made our dream a reality.

If any parent/guardian in the Rathfeigh and Skryne parish would like their child to avail of the facilities during school hours they are welcome to contact the school by email or phone on rathfeighns@outlook.com (0419825156).

Rathfeigh Church 150th Anniversary

A special Mass will take place this Saturday October 12th 2024 at 6pm in Rathfeigh Church to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Ice-Cream Van

The ice-cream van has made regular appearances at Rathfeigh NS over the years! Helen, who recently retired as

secretary, very generously organised the ice-cream van on September 16th to thank the children for their great support throughout the year. The ice-cream went down a treat and the smiles on the children's faces lit up what was a fairly dreary month weather wise. Thanks Helen.

Our new secretary, Jennifer, has settled in really well to her new role and we wish her happiness in her time in Rathfeigh.

