



Our class

NEWSLETTER

Senior Infants
2025/2026



Dear Parents

Welcome to Senior Infants! I'm so excited to have your child in my class, and can't wait to get started with all the fun, learning and activities we've got planned for this year.

This newsletter will provide you with important updates, information and a glance of what's ahead in Senior Infants

All the best - Joanna and Andrea :)

What to expect

- Explore a range of topics in English, Gaeilge, Maths, SESE, SPHE, Learn Together, Art, Music, PE and Drama.
- Expect short, focused homework, four days a week.
- Regular circle time, mindfulness or feelings check-ins to support emotional wellbeing.
- Build skills in teamwork, critical thinking and communication through hands-on, play based activities.
- Theme weeks, school events, class trips and performances.

Important Days

PE Days: Tuesday and Friday - Joanna
Monday and Friday - Andrea

Reading days: Monday and Wednesday -
Joanna
Tuesday and Thursday - Andrea

Please make sure that your child has their reading and homework folder in school everyday

Senior Infant Team

Class Teachers : Joanna and Andrea
Special Education Teachers: Irene and Louise
SNA: Melissa

Learn Together

Learn together will be based on whole school monthly themes and values. These are explored in class and during assemblies with the school community.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is very important. If your child is absent, please submit a note on Aladdin or send a note to their teacher, giving the reason for their absence.

Punctuality - Doors open -8:40am, start - 8:50am. Please make sure that your child is in by this time so they have time to check in.

Collection - please give advance notice if your child is being collected by someone else.

Behaviour System

Focus on positive behaviour with rainbow stickers.

Traffic light system - everyone starts on green - step 1: verbal warning, -step 2: move name to orange, if behaviour improves, back to green, step 3: if behaviour continues - name on red, miss 5 minutes of Golden time on Friday .

if persisting with behaviour - 5 minutes in another room - behaviour recorded in behaviour book and parents informed.

Everyday is a fresh start.

Homework

Senior Infants - 10-20 minutes max - Phonics/ maths/ reading.

If homework is taking longer than 20 minutes the children can leave their homework.

There may be occasional homework projects during the year.

Issues with homework - please let us know

Healthy Eating

As per the school policy - one small treat eg. Cake, biscuits, chocolate on a Friday ONLY

Try to include fruit or vegetables daily
Popcorn, crisps, hard sweets and lollipops are not allowed

No nuts or food containing nuts - including nut butters, nut bars and nutella please.

10 minutes for snack, 15 minutes for lunch
Students please bring all their rubbish home in their lunchbox.

General

School website www.ralet.ie for class news, events, calendar, policies etc.

Please check regularly for head lice.

Seating will be changed every half-term at teachers discretion.

Parent volunteers- to help with ICT, Art, Trips (must be garda vetted)

Outdoor Play

Suitable footwear and clothing

No crop-tops, no heels, no long earrings or necklaces.

Layers for changing temperatures.

Rain-jackets.

Curriculum

English and Gaelige

- Red Squirrel reading programme
- Oral Language, Phonics, Writing.
- Handwriting
- Gaelige: Abair Liom B
- Oral language & comhrá,
- Vocabulary, songs, games
- Gaelige neamhfhoirmiúil

Maths

- New maths curriculum – playfulness, creativity, challenge, risk-taking, collaboration and opportunities for reasoning and solving real-life problems.
- Programme – Mighty Maths
- Maths in real life – sorting, money, telling the time, measuring.

History, Geography and Science

SESE is taught during practical integrated learning activities and in SESE lessons based around topics such as

- The construction site and buildings
- Harvest- (Fruit and Veg)
- Fairytale
- Under the Sea
- The Jungle
- Shopping
- The restaurant
- The Airport/Travel

Arts

Music- Into music programme

Drama- through integrated learning sessions, Gaelige and English Oral language activities

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Art happens regularly in the class during integrated learning and stand alone lessons
-please make sure children wear suitable clothes for painting/ clay etc.

Questions

Any Questions relating to curriculum please email them to the office and I will get back to you as soon as possible

Social, Personal, Health Education

