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"This school should be used as a model for other schools around the country" - The Minister for Education and Science



"I get the sense that this is a school that really 'gets' boys." - Catherine Shanahan, Irish Examiner

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**31/01/2022**

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## Happy New Year



## Admission Notice for 2022/2023

Dear Parents we are now taking applications for **Junior Infants and other classes for 2022/2023**. Please click on this link to see our [Admission Notice](#) and click here to order an [Admission \(Enrolment\) form](#). Please click here to view our new [Brochure for 2022](#).

Below you can see our first ever **Virtual Tour of Scoil na mBuachaillí** – a day in the life of the school.



*Many thanks to Ms. Regina Fitzmaurice and cameraman Ethan Deasy for creating this video, to the staff of the school for their assistance and to all the boys and girls who are the stars of the show!*

## Dates for your Diary

- **Enrolling for next year (2022/2023):** is currently underway. Please see above.
- **February Mid-Term Break:** 24th and 25th.
- **St. Patrick's Day and ..:** Wednesday 17th March and Friday the 18th of March
- **Easter Holidays:** Friday 8th of April at 12.00 p.m.. Return Monday 25th of April.
- **School Closed:** Monday 2nd of May.
- **Communion:** Saturday 7th of May, 2022 @ 11.00 a.m.
- **School Closed:** Monday 16th of May.
- **School Closed:** Friday 3rd and Monday 6th of June.
- **Summer Musical:** 15th, 16th and 17th of June or the following week.
- **Summer Holidays:** Tuesday 28th June @ 12.00 p.m.
- **Sixth Class Party:** to be decided.



Below you can see the most up to date calendar with the swimming changes included also.

School Calendar	Swimming and Notifications	The Libris is published each month, through the library. There is no Libris in December.	<b>PARENT'S CALENDAR</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>
12.00 per Child	Parents/Teachers Meetings: School Leaving @ 2.00pm		Spring of School @ 1.00pm	
<b>July 2021</b>	<b>August 2021</b>	<b>September 2021</b>	<b>October 2021</b>	
<b>November 2021</b>	<b>December 2021</b>	<b>January 2022</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	
<b>March 2022</b>	<b>April 2022</b>	<b>May 2022</b>	<b>June 2022</b>	
Swimming: Rang 2/3	Swimming: Rang 2	Swimming: Rang 3 (All)	Swimming: Rang 4th & 5th	Swimming: All Rang 1 and 6th

## Fees for 2022

- **Milk:** if you want your child to get milk from January to Easter, please go to Aladdin and pay for the second term. Milk starts on Monday 10th of January. The price is **€10.80**.
- **Rental Scheme:** if you haven't paid for this yet, please do so now. It's **€30 for Classes 1st – 6th**.
- **Photocopying Fee:** if you haven't paid for this yet, please do so now. It's **€20** for all classes – including Special Classes.
- **Art and Craft:** if you haven't paid for this yet, please do so now. It's **€12** for all classes – including Special Classes.
- **French:** if you haven't paid for this yet, please do so now. It's **€8** for classes Rang 2 – Rang 6 for each term.
- **Elocution:** for all classes Juniors – Rang 6. **€7.50 in total**. Many parents have paid already for this. Don't worry, you can't pay twice.

## The Thorntree Project thank SnB for their generosity

Please click this video below to see Clodagh (from New York) thanking SnB for their support over the past 6 years.









## Debating and Podcasting in Rang 6

Friendly Debate with St. Joseph's Skibbereen

By Logan Leahy

On the 25th of January Scoil na mBuachaillí and St. Joseph's girls school Skibbereen had a friendly debate. The motion was "We need to pay more for our clothes to fight fast fashion". This year in the Concern interschool debating competition we are focusing on the Global Goals. We had to use Global Goal 12 – Responsible production and consumption and Global Goal 13 Climate Action in our Debate. Our team was proposing the motion. They were Captain Richard Kennedy, Josh Khan and Cullen Kearns and for St. Joseph's were Muireann, Leila and Amy. The debate was why we shouldn't shop fast fashion. Fast fashion is inexpensive clothing produced rapidly by mass market retailers in response to the latest trends. It was an amazing rollercoaster of a debate with both sides throwing some fantastic points and also some very sad facts such as 300 million people worldwide work in fast fashion. The average wage they earn is 40cent per day. We also learned that 63, 0000 tons of clothing are wasted in Ireland each year. BY 2030 it's thought that 134,000,000 will be dumped in the year. In March 2020 there were 66 fires in clothing factories around the world.

Both sides put up a nail biting fight. However the proising team (SNB) won and the motion was carried. Congratulations to Scoil na mBuachaillí team of captain Richard Kennedy, Josh Khan and Cullen Kearns for winning the debate. We would also like to congratulate St. Joseph's Girls School for an amazing debate and better luck next time. We would also like to thank Mrs. Hayes in Rang 4 for being one of the adjudicators for our mock debate.





## Aistear in Juniors

The Junior Infants have been working hard this month. We have done some work on Winter and the weather, including making some lovely playdough snowmen and penguin art. We have moved on to construction in Aistear this week. We are designing and building houses, making a puppet show of the Three Little Pigs and we are back building in our sand pit.



**Australia Day in Ms. Galvins**

Australia Day in Senior Infants.

The boys have been very busy learning all about Australia. To celebrate Australia Day on January 26th, they made some popular Australian food. The Fairy Bread and Avocado Toast went down a treat.





**Mr. Carmody's Rang 2 are learning about China**

The boys in 2nd class really enjoyed learning about China these last couple of weeks. Our story in our English lessons was about a visit to China and the boys decided to do a project on China to celebrate the Chinese New Year which takes place at the beginning of February, They researched their own facts as part of their homework as well as learning about the various festivals celebrated in China during class time. They showed great creativity in designing their posters and are very proud of them.



**Ms. O'Neill's class are measuring**

Ms. O'Neill's class are working with length and Max makes a robot.



**Ms. Hodnett's class are baking this week**



## **Cillian's Guinea Pig comes to SnB**

Cillian brought his pet guinea pig into visit us! His name is Elvis.



## Space Telescopes in Rang 4

The James Webb and Hubble telescope

This week 4<sup>th</sup> class did a project on the James Webb and Hubble telescope

The Hubble: The Hubble was sent into space in 1990 to take pictures of planets .The

Hubble is the size and weight of a school bus .The Hubble will stop working in 2030

and will slowly start to disintegrate for the next ten years The Hubble gets energy from

solar panels on the top of it.

The James Webb : The James Webb telescope was sent into space on Christmas day 25/12/21. It is being sent to space to take pictures of the sun and of new galaxies. The James Webb is as big as two full sized tennis courts. The James Webb's base is as thin as hair and protects the telescope from burning up when it gets too close to the sun. It was sent into space in a rocket. Slowly pieces started to fall off as it got further until all that was left was a thruster. Before it was sent they would have to practise folding it out so when in space it would not fall apart. It runs on solar panels.

The Hubble and the James Webb run on solar panels. The Hubble's engine is inside it and the solar panels give it energy. There's a box on the back of the James Webb and solar panels give it energy.

In class we made models of the Hubble and James Webb telescope. This is how we made them.

The Hubble. You will need: tin foil, paper, cardboard, a black colour, Tooth picks, toilet rolls, and glue or tape

**Method:** You stick two toilet rolls together with glue or tape. Then you cover it with tin foil then you use the tooth picks to make the solar panel plates [make with cardboard or paper] then try and make a cool back round [with paper or cardboard] and then you're done.

The James Webb. You will need: Five sheets of paper, ten tooth picks, cardboard, one sheet of yellow paper, and glue or tape.

**Method:** use six tooth picks to hold up the five sheets of paper then use the yellow sheet of paper then use the tooth picks [colour the stick's black] to make four sticks and make a black circle then use the cardboard to make a black box on the back then you're done.

We enjoyed learning about space telescopes and making models of them.

By John McCarthy.

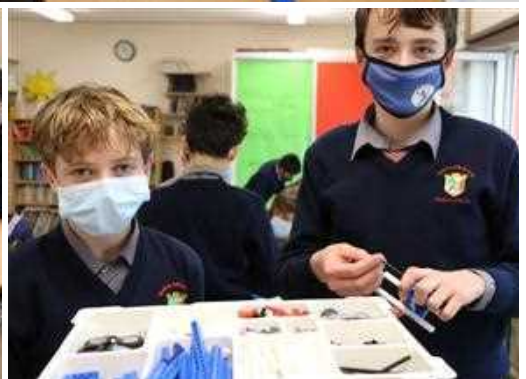
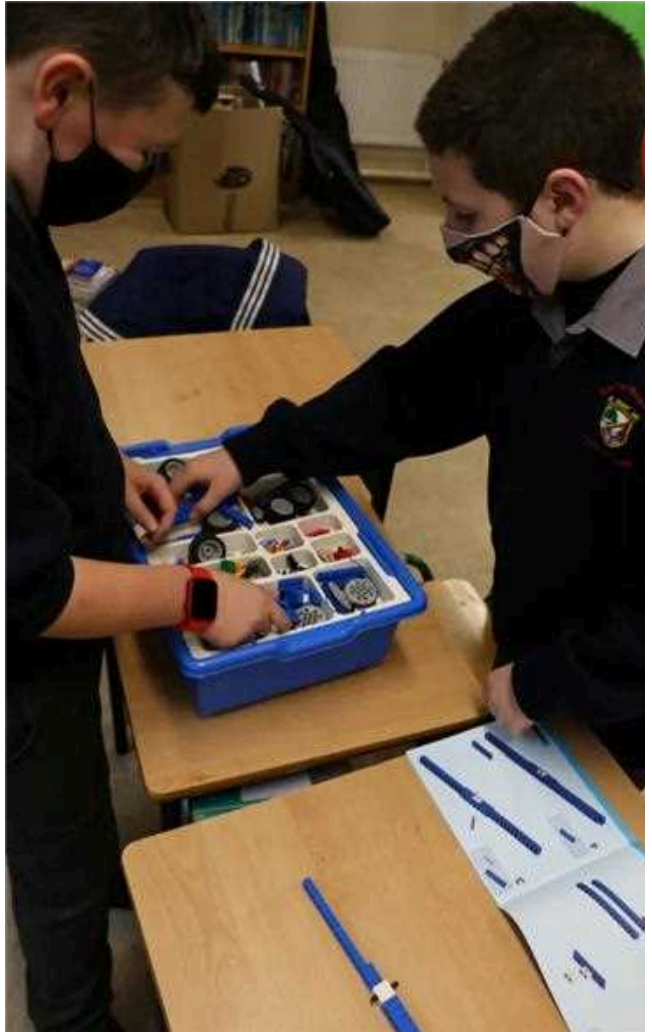




## Lego Time

As Engineers week is coming in March we decided to dust of the Lego boxes and start getting them ready. Kevin Oforji, Paulos White, Ethan Mc Auliffe Ahern and Paddy Kavanagh are the Lego Boys for this year. They are in charge of the Lego with Ms. Fitzmaurice. They are also hoping to make a stop motion movie with Lego so watch this space.

We will keep you posted on all the things we create for Engineers week.





## Macbeth – The Musical – rehearsals



The final date for applications for Macbeth positions – e.g. Producer, backstage etc is

Friday **14th of January @ 12.30 p.m.** No applications will be taken after than, unless in the case of illness.

Rehearsals of the songs start on Monday 17th of January.

Below you can see the stack of Applications for this year's musical and the Witches from 2016



## Stay Safe



The Stay Safe Programme is starting in January in the following classes: **Senior Infants (all), Rang 2, Rang 4 and Rang 6.**

[Please click here to view the explanation note about the programme and links to the website containing further information.](#)

## Enrolment | Community College dates

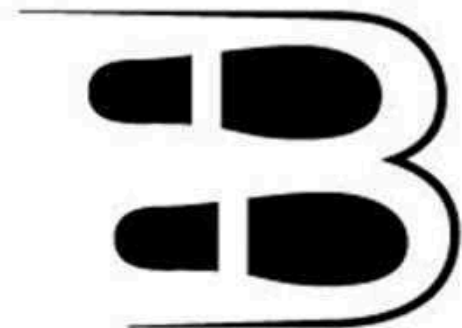
<b>February 2022</b>	<p><i>Message from Community College 17/01/2022</i></p> <p>As you know we had planned for incoming first year assessment towards the end of January. Unfortunately, that is not likely now in the current climate. We are therefore postponing this assessment until later in the year when it is safer to do so. We will be in contact with you when COVID restrictions and Department guidelines allow us to do so.</p>
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## Facts of the Month



**by Finn McCarthy Rang 5**

- 1/ The opposite sides of a dice always add up to seven.
- 2/ A jar of Nutella sells every 2.5 seconds.
- 3/ The average person spends 2.5 weeks of their lives waiting at traffic lights.
- 4/ All babies are born with blue eyes.
- 5/ Cows can walk upstairs but not downstairs.
- 6/ AB negative is the rarest blood type.
- 7/ Dinosaur fossils have been found on all seven continents.



**By Josh Wedlock, Rang 5**

- 1 There are ice caves in Iceland that have hot springs.
- 2 The wind is silent until it blows against something.
- 3 The Olympics used to award gold medals for art.
- 4 Walt Disney started sketching properly from the age of 4.
- 5 The world's longest French fry is 34 inches long.
- 6 Strawberries are the only fruit that bear seeds on the outside.

## Floating and Sinking Experiments in Rang 1

These are the first class boys enjoying floating and sinking experiments. They are testing objects from the classroom to see if they will float or sink.



## Water bottle station – Green Schools

Green News – Water Refill Station

Harry Ellis Green Schools Committee

In early 2020 6th class and the Green Schools Committee submitted an application to the schools drinking water refill station competition funded by Cork County Council's environmental awareness office .

We are one of the 15 schools to be awarded with a water refill station. As a winning school we will receive a free water refill station at a total prize value of approximately €1,500 . This is a contactless machine, it is operated by a sensor which recognises when a bottle is placed underneath whilst also counting the number of refills This will help our school reduce the use of single use plastic bottles in our classrooms. We look forward to using it with our reusable water bottles.



## Last day of Chess for 5A and 1st half of Rang 4

Many thanks to Ms. Gillian Galvin and Ms. Niamh Mac Auley for teaching the boys chess throughout the year. Rang 4 (1st half) will continue their league at break time until Easter.

Below you can see Rang 4 starting their Chess League at break time.



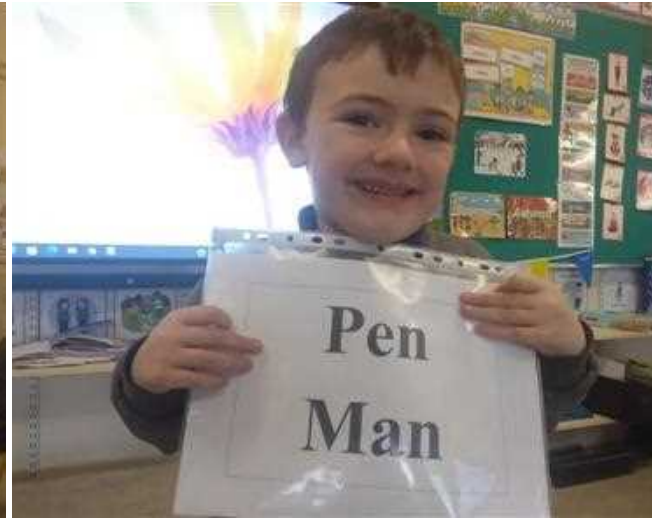
## Penny Dinners Presentation

Many thanks to Clonakilty Red Cross and Pádraig O'Reilly for their presentation to SnB for supporting the Penny Dinners each Christmas.

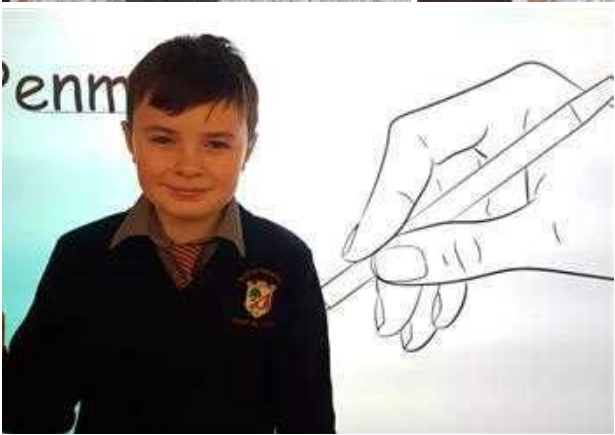


# Gentleman, Lift Off Boy & PenMan of the Month











**Global Classroom Workshop in Rang 6**

**By Dylan Mulcahy**

Last week 6<sup>th</sup> class had their Global Classrooms Zoom Workshop to talk about our Global Goal 12 -Responsible Consumption and Production. This was led by Brigit O’Driscoll from An Taisce and Claire Mc Donnell from Green Schools. Our partner school JSS Dubai will be having the same workshop as us and we will be sharing our ideas on Zoom.

They started by asking the question “Does waste exist?” We found out that waste doesn’t exist in the natural world. Our aim is to create a product that doesn’t create waste or that reuses or repurposes waste materials for new products. We are doing a project called Designathon where we design and create a prototype to solve the Global Goal 12 – Responsible Production and Consumption without creating any waste.

We discovered there are many problems around production like air pollution, creation of tons of waste and running out of time to solve the problem. Solutions to the problems, such as **Up cycling** repurposing items such as furniture or wet wetsuits or ripped clothes to new uses. **Sharing** which is like GoCar where you rent go car around a city so you don’t have to buy a car. The idea of a clothing library where you have old clothes that you wash then hand it to them and swap for some other clothes you might be interested in. Locally people have Clothes Swap using this idea. **Closed loop** is solving the problem of waste by having zero waste or reusing the materials such as edible water bubbles, edible plastic straw, shoes made out of waste materials like fishing nets and mushrooms from coffee grounds and houses made out of containers. We were divided into groups of two or three to think of a product design under the headings food, building, clothing or electronics. We had to attempt to create a product with zero waste or one that reuses waste products to create our prototype. We sketched out the design of our product and in the next few weeks we will be sent a Designathon Maker’s Electronic Kit which has led lights, engines, electric parts and much more so we can start making our project. We will keep you posted on our products but here is a sneak peek of the names of some of our products: The M.O.M , Site recycle, Sea Forces, Sea Clothing & Plasthiginí. Our products range from seaweed for cows to machines that organize metal!!



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*If you would like to book an ad for the coming school year 2021 – 2022 please let Noreen know as soon as possible. The number of ads is limited. Our Links goes to all parents in the school – 10 times a year – at the beginning of each month. Now due to the fact that it's online many more people will*

*view the Links. The cost is €20 per issue or at a discount of €150 for the entire year!  
Please ring 8834487 if you are interested.*

## **“Cent” Box – Thorntree Project**

“Cent” boxes will continue this year in a different format due to Covid-19.

Rang 5 A (Ms. Marguerite Bradshaw) and 5 B (Mr. Seán Daly) will be in charge of this and will inform you later of how it will be organised. We have been assisting the Thorntree Project since 2015, when we release a Christmas single “Butterfly Child”. Please support this worthy cause, when asked to do so.



## **Nut Allergy – IMPORTANT!**

Quite a significant number of boys in our school are **allergic to nuts** and for them any contact with nuts or products containing traces of nuts can be dangerous for example NUTELLA or Peanut Butter!!!!

Please be aware of this when organising your child’s lunch and **DO NOT** allow your child to bring anything containing nuts to school. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated.

Please give your children water to drink coming to school – not sweet or fizzy drinks.



## Contact Numbers

If you have moved, changed phone/mobile numbers or changed doctor or emergency contact person or got a new email address – please update these details on the **Aladdin App yourself** so that we can contact you in case of emergency. You can do this yourself, there is no need to ring in, just change it on the App and we will be notified automatically.

We will no longer be sending texts to parents – we will just use the Aladdin app.

## Recycling – Green Waste

Over the past few years we have tried – in vain – to recycle our Green Waste and unfortunately it hasn't worked out, probably because the only waste was fruit.

The Recycling bins have been attracting visitors that we don't want! Because of this we are asking boys to bring home their apple cores, banana skins (organic waste) etc from now on.

Tin foil and uneaten lunches will be brought home also. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Can Can-Paign



All cans gratefully received. Please contact **Ms. Regina Fitzmaurice** if you have any query re. this matter. Many thanks to Ms. Fitzmaurice. She and 6th class will also look after the school garden and glasshouse. The money that is collected by this scheme is used in the school garden. Thanks to Ehan and Ahmadi for looking after the cans this coming year.



**NUTELLA OR PEANUTS are not permitted. This is for safety reasons. them. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.**

# What's going on? ... in school and extra-curricular activities.

**Basketball 21/22:** Basketball training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the end of September / early October. Thanks to Ms. Carol Anne O'Donovan / Seán Daly / Paul Carmody for assisting again with Basketball this year. This year it have to be run as last year – Tuesday will be for Rang 5 / Thursday will be for Rang 6.

**Quizzard '21/22:** will start in November. Classes from Rang 3 – Rang 6 will be participating. Last year we only managed to do a few rounds, outside in the yard but we are hoping to complete it in the coming year. **Cillian Whooley and Pearse Nolan** are in charge of the Quiz this year.

**Chess:** started in September. Boys in Rang 4, Rang 5 and Rang 6 may participate. It will run on Tuesdays and Wednesday after school. We hope to start before the end of September and end before Easter.

Thanks to Ms. Niamh Mac Auley for her help with the players. Thanks to Ms. Gillian Galvin for her help with the Learners Chess Club.

## **Soccer Competitions**

### **Senior Infants Soccer**

Held on Fridays only

#### **Rang 1**

Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams are on website.

#### **Rang 2**

Held on Mondays / Wednesday – depending on what team you are on. Teams are on the website.

#### **Rang 2/3**

Held on Mondays. Teams are on website.

#### **Rang 4**

Held on Tuesdays. Teams are on website.

#### **Rang 5**

Held on Wednesdays. Teams are on website.

#### **Rang 6**

Held on Thursdays. Teams are on website.

**Multi-Media Authoring / Video Editing / Computer Lessons / Coderdojo** – for Rang 2, Rang 3, Rang 4, Rang 5 and Rang 6 will hopefully start this year. Thanks to Mrs. Margaret Deegan for hopefully teaching Coder Dojo to Rang 2 each week.

**Swimming:** for Rang2 – started on 15th of October and will run until the 3rd of December.

**Wardens** – every year Rang 6 act as School Wardens. The scheme is up and running. Thanks to our team of SET teachers who have taken over from Mr. O'Driscoll. Thanks also to Chris Hinchy for his help again this year.

**GAA** – Conan O'Donovan on Wednesdays.

**Rugby** – Finbarr O'Mahony on Fridays. Finbarr is starting on September 3rd until the October break.

**Sciath na Scol Competitions** – we're not sure what's going to happen with Sciath na Scol this year. We'll let you know as soon as we know.

## P.E. / Soccer Timetable

Class	Soccer	P.E.
<b>Junior Infants (Mrs. Marie Forristal)</b>	Not applicable	<b>Mondays and Thursdays</b>
<b>Senior Infants (Ms. Gillian Galvin)</b>	Fridays	<b>Wednesdays and Fridays</b>
<b>Senior Infants / Rang 1 (Ms. Michelle O'Neill)</b>	Fridays for Seniors Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1st	<b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>
<b>Rang 1 (Ms. Kathryn O'Shea / Ms. Karen O'Regan)</b>	Tuesdays and Thursdays	<b>Tuesdays and Fridays</b>
<b>Rang 2 (Mr. Paul Carmody)</b>	Mondays and Wednesdays	<b>Mondays and Thursdays</b>
<b>Rang 2 / 3 (Ms. Carol Ann O'Donovan / Ms. Laura Connolly)</b>	Mondays	<b>Mondays and Fridays</b>
<b>Rang 4 (Mrs. Marie Hayes)</b>	Tuesdays	<b>Tuesdays &amp; Wednesdays</b>
<b>Rang 5 A (Ms. Marguerite Bradshaw)</b>	Wednesdays	<b>Tuesdays and Wednesdays</b>
<b>Rang 5 B (Mr. Seán Daly)</b>	Wednesdays	<b>Mondays and Fridays</b>
<b>Rang 6 (Ms. Niamh Mac Auley)</b>	Thursdays	<b>Tuesdays and Thursdays</b>

This timetable may be updated in September 2021

## Roots of Empathy

Roots of Empathy is an international, universal, evidence-based, classroom programme that has shown dramatic effect in reducing aggression among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. Barnardos was chosen as the lead agency to deliver the programme in Ireland in 2011.

The programme has been delivered in a hundred and thirty primary schools around Ireland with a small number of schools in Cork and Waterford already participating.



**Roots of Empathy**

As a result of support from the Tomar Trust, Barnardos is now in a position to roll out the programme in West Cork & Waterford schools. They are currently developing a three year plan to involve schools in Cork and Waterford in the Roots of Empathy programme. We have been chosen as one of the West Cork Schools and will be implementing the programme this coming year. Please note Covid-19 may change these plans.

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