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RAHEEN WOOD COMMUNITY NATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 22ND MAY 2024

Class 3 / 4 Trip to UL for Science Blast
Kindergarten Maypole Festival
Class 5 / 6 overnight trip to Peterburg OEC
Main school Maypole Festival / Sports Day
June Bank Holiday
Cooleenbridge AGM
Class 1 / 2 Play "Mr Straight & Mr. Curve"
Class 1 / 2 trip to Aillwee Cave
Class 3 / 4 trip overnight camping to Ruan
Last day of school

Thursday May 23rd
Friday 24th May
Wednesday 29th / Thurs 30th May
Friday 31st May
Monday 3rd June
Monday 3rd June, 7pm at the school
Thursday June 13th
Wednesday June 19th
Wednesday 19th / Thurs 20th June
Thursday 27th June 2024
Summer holidays begin on Friday 28th June 2024

Verse of the Week

Like swelling waves that flood the land,
A green spring-tide is surging, streaming.
Saps flow, touched by a mighty hand
Whose force we feel, though dimly dreaming.

God weaves amidst the radiant light.
His helpers work in joyful bliss.
With his creating we unite
When we, with open hearts, behold all this.

From - *In the Light of a Child*,
Michael Hedley Burton



Maypole Festival & Sports Day

Fingers crossed for the weather for the Main school Maypole Festival / Sports Day to be held next Friday 31st May. Kindergarten will hold their festival this Friday 24th.

Applications for Next Year:

Applications for all classes are open until May 31st. We still have a few places left in Juniors for next year. All information is on the website www.raheenwood.org under the Enrolment tab.

We would be grateful to any parent that knows that their child won't be here next year if they could inform the school as soon as possible.

School photos

Many thanks to Avia and Ziva for taking the school photos again this year. Proofs and order forms will be going home soon. Orders and money to be returned no later than Friday May 31st.

Cooleenbridge AGM

The Cooleenbridge AGM will take place on Monday 3rd June, 7pm at the school. (the bank holiday Monday). All are welcome.

School Calendar 2024 / 2025

Next year's school calendar is attached with the Newsletter

Class 5 / 6 recycling

There is still time to help Class 5 6 with their recycling fundraising initiative if you can.. refunds from any bottles or cans that can be recycled will go towards their trip to Petersburg OEC next week.



Visiting Artwork...



This lovely print '*Creativity + Play*' by artist Niamh Sharkey is on display in the halla at the moment. It is on short-term loan to us as part of an initiative by the Glucksman Gallery in Cork – the image celebrates the right of all children to express themselves and through art explore and create worlds larger than themselves..

School Fundraising Update

The total amount of fundraising to date is €43,363 with €33,297 from parental voluntary contributions and €10,066 from other fundraising endeavours. Many thanks as always to those who give so generously to the school and who help out with all our great fundraisers.

Account name: LCETB Raheen Wood

Account Number: 06757324

Sort Code: 93-54-76

IBAN: IE89 AIBK 9354 7606 7573 24

Swift: AIBKIE2D

Please put family name on all lodgements

School Website Improvement Survey

A link to a website survey was sent yesterday. We would be grateful to any parent who would like to complete it and give feedback on improving the school's website.



Brian and Páidí at the Clare v Limerick game in Cusack park on April 21. Páidí was representing the Clare Primary Games team comprised of select number of primary school children from around the county.

New Hiking Group- PA initiative



NEW RAHEEN WOOD HIKING GROUP

A free PA initiative for families, to strengthen our school's community and celebrate nature together.



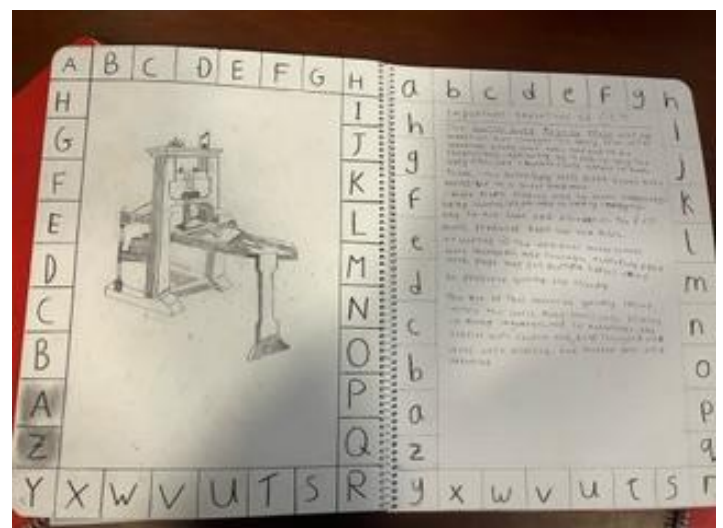
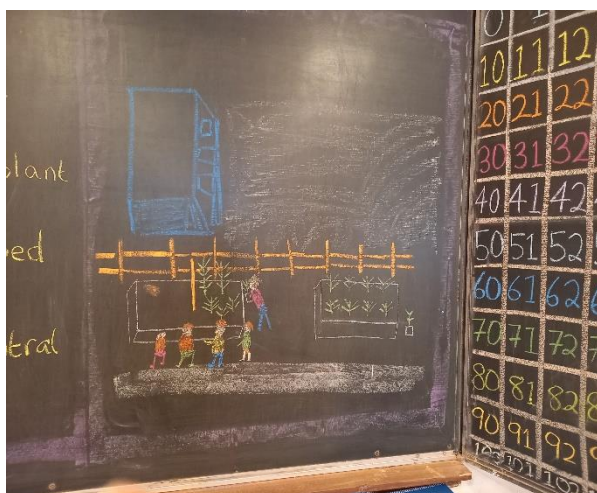
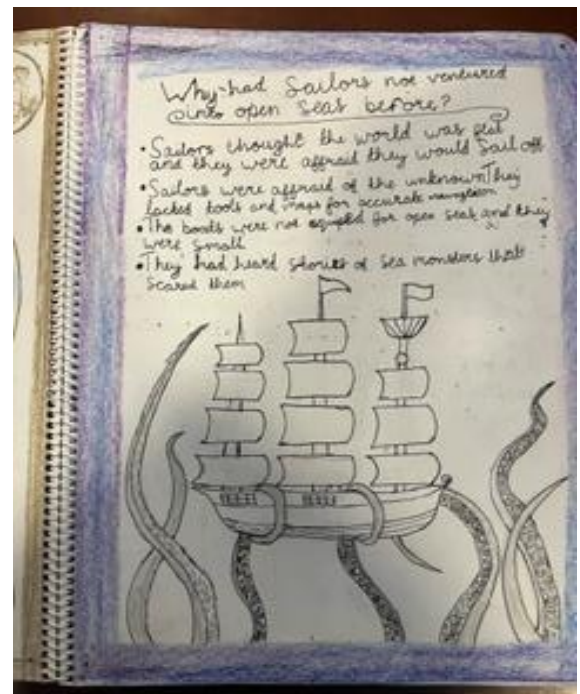
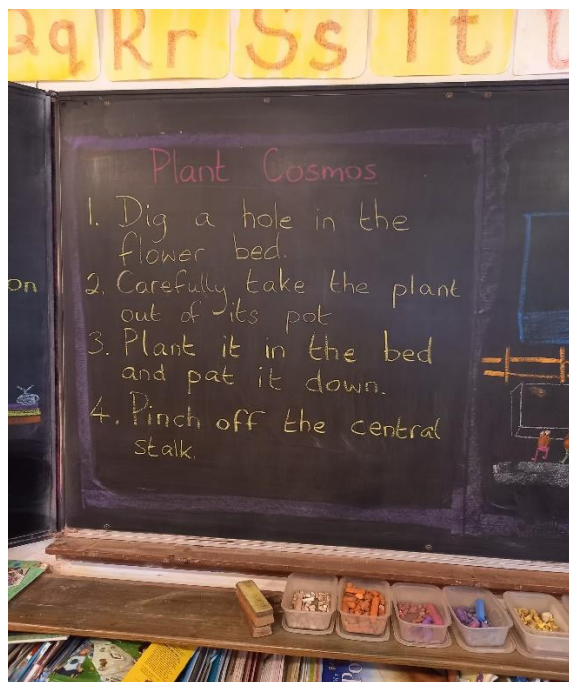
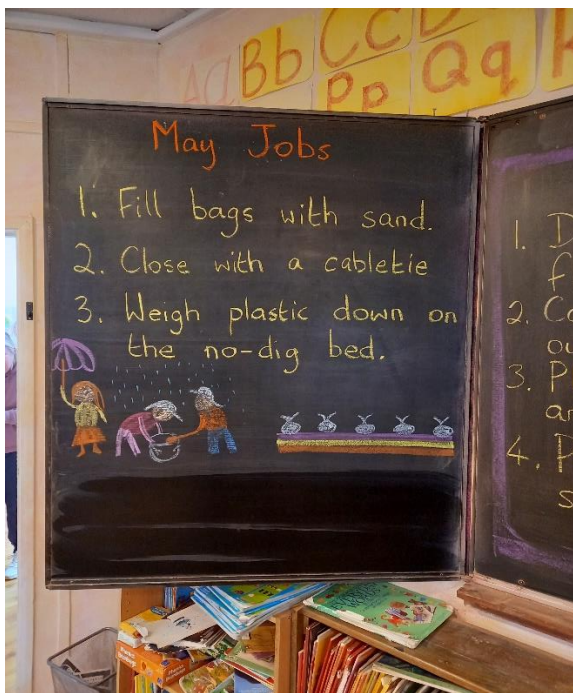
JOIN US AT PRESENTATION DAY:
20th June, 09.30h, Craft Room.

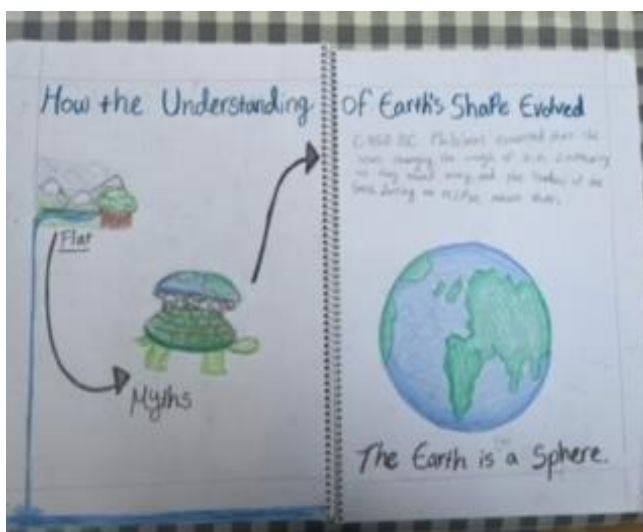
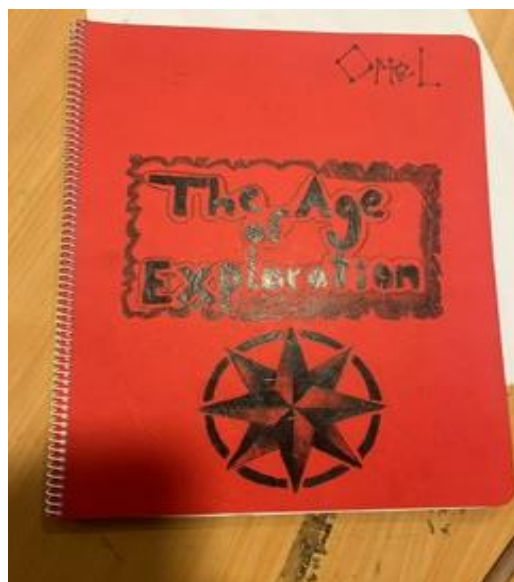
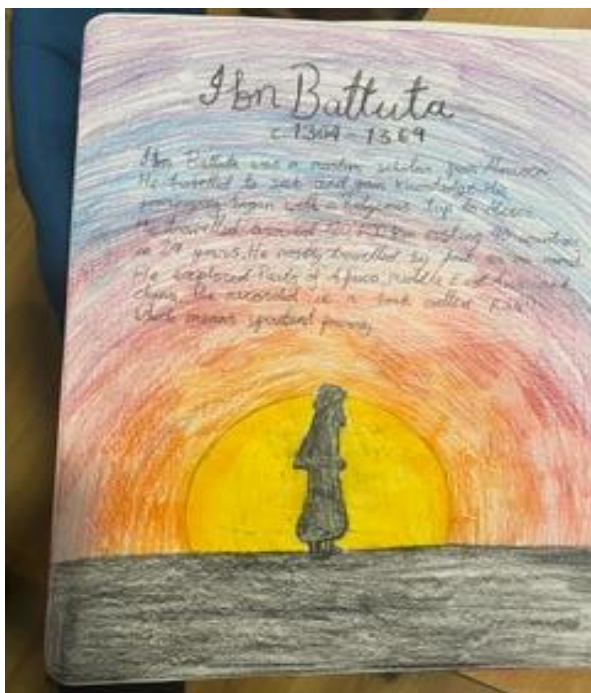
Can't attend, but still interested?
Please, send a whatsapp to Aitor and Alba at 0 851 575 526 and we will forward the information to you after the day.

Some recent activities from the classes....



Laila & Matilda working hard..





Notices:

Steiner Tutor Sought

We a small group of parents seeking a private tutor who is passionate about incorporating Steiner methodologies to teach a group of children three mornings a week. If you are experienced or interested in this approach, we would love to connect with you to discuss this unique tutoring opportunity.

Please contact Marie on 0876318331

Forest School Afterschool on Wednesdays and Fridays

Wild Plants Can Sing WILD PLANTS CAN SING FOREST SCHOOL

Corracloon More, Flagmount

JOIN US FOR FOREST SCHOOL AFTERSCHOOL!

WEDNESDAYS 3.30 – 5.45 PM

FRIDAYS 3.30 – 5.45 PM

AGE 5 – 12

- ~ Nature arts & crafts
- ~ Nature connection through all the senses
- ~ Stunning setting in a beautiful Oak woodland
- ~ facilitated by qualified & garda vetted Forest School leaders
- ~ discover native Irish plants & trees & their folklore
- ~ make amazing clay sculptures
- ~ learn how to cook on a campfire
- ~ enjoy the healing benefits of playing in a Forest!
- ~ sing songs and be part of teamwork
- ~ relax in a hammock, and have a go on the tree swing
- ~ learn safe wood crafts
- ~ and so much more!

**COST: €20 PER CHILD,
10% DISCOUNT FOR A SIBLING**

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

**FOREST SCHOOL 6-WEEK PROGRAMME,
HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS**

Discounted rates if booked through Heritage in Schools:
<https://www.heritageinschools.ie/heritage-expert/profile/marina-levitina>

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To book email Marina at
WildPlantsCanSing@gmail.com
or ring **(087)2601017**

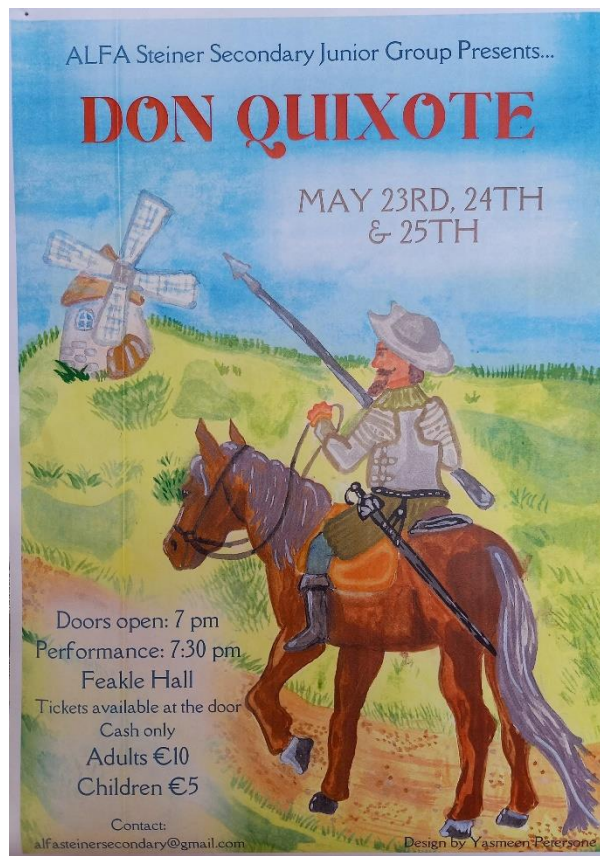
www.WildPlantsCanSing.ie



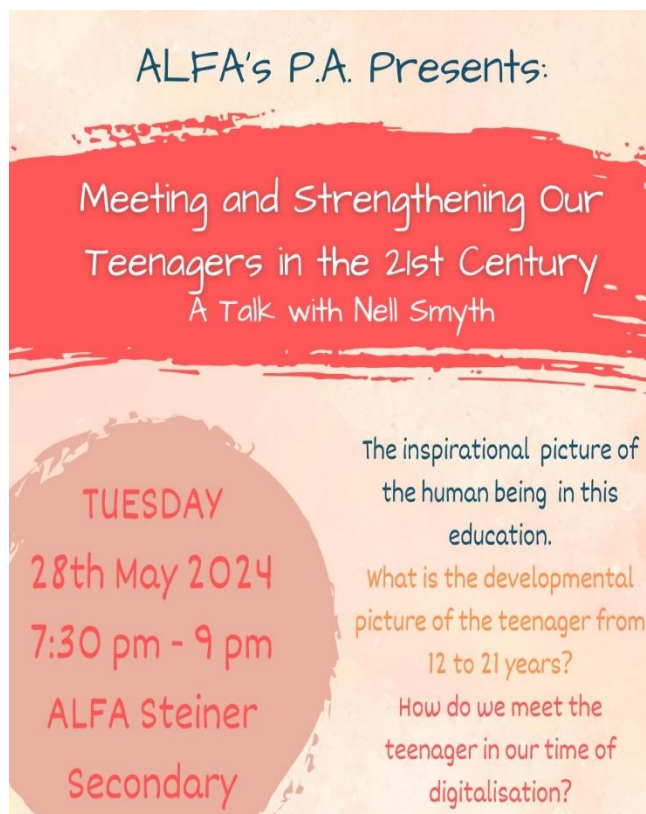
Marina also has a brand new website, and here is a recording of a 12min presentation made about the principles and benefits of Forest School.

<https://www.wildplantscansing.ie/videos>

ALFA Junior Play starting tomorrow!



Upcoming ALFA Event for parents of older class children



Woad 2 day Workshop



Core elements of Steiner Education Taster Day

Core Elements of Steiner Education is an introductory course suitable for anyone with an interest in Steiner Education, parents, teachers, support staff, school board and committee members, homeschoolers, individuals interested in becoming a Steiner teacher.

Core Elements of Steiner Education covers the developmental picture of the child from 0-21years and reveals how the Steiner Waldorf curriculum can meet the child on that developmental continuum through archetypal themes and activities that address the whole unfolding human being through head, heart and hands.

While the main focus of the course is primary education, (which in Ireland is 4-12yrs), we adapt the course according to who is taking part and can offer specific focus on early years and/or teenage years,

as well as chosen aspects of the curriculum in more detail, through the mentoring groups that are part of the course.

For more information or to book a place on the taster day, please email swim.cpd.training@gmail.com

EDUCATION FOR OUR TIME



Taster Day for 'Core Elements of Steiner Education' on 25th May 2024

Introduction, child development, games, arts, drama, singing, story, Q&A. Taster day or just treat yourself to a fun, informative day out.

Cost €60 including quality Lunch and refreshments.
€50 fee reduction for those who go on to do the course.

Part Time Course commencing Autumn
2023 in Tuamgraney, Co Clare.



For more information contact

swim.cpd.training@gmail.com

or see

www.steinerwaldorfireland.eu

Mountshannon Arts Festival Film Making Workshop

FILM WIDE PRESENTS
MOUNTSHANNON ARTS FESTIVAL FILM MAKING WORKSHOP
IN COMMUNITY HALL MOUNTSHANNON
SUNDAY - JUNE 2, 2024
2PM - 5PM
20 EURO PER CHILD

We will show you how camera, lights and sound work, how to make a movie storyboard and you can act out your story idea. You will learn some filming tricks, work with a green screen to make a short film with magical background. Edited video from our workshop will be sent to you later on.

ADVISED AGE GROUP:
8 to 12

Please book in advance spaces are limited

M: 085 2537496-OLGA E: FILMWIDEWORKSHOPS@GMAIL.COM
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If you wish to submit articles or
adverts please note that the next
deadline is June 7th

The Newsletter is published by e-mail
once a fortnight.

There is a small charge in advance
for any adverts making money



Agreed Report to the School Community re- Board of Management Meeting 25/04/2024

- BOM are going to await the consultation of the new guidelines on Student and Parent Charter Bill before publishing the School Charter.
- Pearse O' Shiel is working closely with the school office to complete the finishing stages of setting process whereby Alumni of the school can offer voluntary contributions.
- The BOM is also working in the background with LCETB to create a taxback donation form which parents could allocate to the school. In effect, it would mean that a parent who has donated €250 or more to the school can allocate a portion of their annual tax to the school, costing the parent nothing.
- The Parents' Association are requesting a Report which outlines how the school's fundraising and voluntary parental contributions are spent. The BOM are working closely with the LCETB to see how this request can be met while following Best Practice in the Organisation.
- The Board of Management wish to commend the parent community on the trojan efforts that have been made in this school year to voluntary contribute and fundraise the amount of €43,363. Further to this, following new financial/pay structures that the Department of Education are putting in place, the school community will, from now on, only be responsible for raising money to pay for our non-funded Waldorf/Steiner staff and will not be required to contribute towards the wages of our Ancillary Staff (Secretary, Caretaker and Cleaner). This will mean that a much more realistic fundraising target will be put in place from the next school year onwards. The Board of Management and the Parents' Association will write formally to the school community once confirmation has been received with regards to this

The secretary presented his report of happenings in the school, namely:

- End of second term celebrations incorporating:

- Parent's festivals, Coírise na Gaeilge and Class 3/4 play.
- The Spar 5-A-Side soccer tournament, in which a boy's and girls team represented the school and the school being represented by a student in the Primary Games team that played at half-time of Clare vs Limerick Munster Championship hurling game on April 21st.
- Continuous Professional training delivered by renowned Steiner teacher Anna Rainville and the Child protection training delivered to all staff with half day closures taken on 13/3/2024 and 10/4/2024.
- Parent's evenings for all classes that have already taken place. The main purpose of the meetings was to outline plans for school trips in term 3. The Parents' Association and the Board of Management are working closely together to organise an information evening with Dr Maureen Griffin for the school community in relation Internet Safety which will take place on May 15th.
- The class 1/2 trip to the Ailwee caves on June 19th, class 3/4 trip to Fota Island on May 23rd and class 5/6 trip to Petersborough, Galway on May 29th and 30th.
- The school welcomed 3 new interns from the Steiner Waldorf college in Stuttgart who spent four weeks working in our classrooms.
- Brian Kenney, DP, outlined the recent Main Lessons that have been undertaken by the Mainstream Classes since the previous meeting as well giving detail around the activities planned for the school's 'Active Week' initiative as part of the school's effort to attain the Active Schools Flag with yoga and aerial gymnastic instructors visiting classes next week as well as Maypole performances for the school community on Friday, 3/5/2024 followed by traditional Sports Day events such as 'Sack Races and Egg and Spoon Races'.
- The BOM will await the input from the Parent's Association regarding the Anti-Bullying, Relationships and Sexual Education (RSE) Code of Behaviour policies before they are ratified. These policies are now overdue and need to be published soon.
- The school is working closely with the Building Department of the LCETB to secure an Emergency Works Grant which will provide a secured outdoor sensory area for the children attending 'An Cuan' going forward.
- The Board of Management is working closely with Cooleenbridge Ltd around necessary site works to be carried out over the summer holiday period. We are hugely thankful to school caretaker, Nicholas Coady who has reconstructed the Fire Emergency Route in the Handwork building over the last few weeks and also to Cooleenbridge Ltd who have agreed to fund these extra works.