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RAHEEN WOOD COMMUNITY NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24TH APRIL 2024

Parent Association Meeting

Thursday 25th April 9.30am in the Handwork Room

Active Week Maypole Festival & Sports Day

Friday May 3rd from 12 o'clock

Half Term Break:

Monday 6th to Friday 10th May 2024

Class 1 / 2 Parent Evening

Tuesday May 14th 7pm to 8pm

Dr. Maureen Griffin Talk on Social Media: Challenges for Parents

Wednesday May 15th 7.30pm

Class 3 / 4 Trip to Fota Wildlife Park

Thursday May 16th

Class 3 / 4 Trip to UL for Science Blast

Thursday May 23rd

Kindergarten Maypole Festival

Friday 24th May

Class 5 / 6 overnight trip to Peterburg OEC

Wednesday 29th / Thurs 30th May

June Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd June

Class 1 / 2 trip to Aillwee Cave

Wednesday June 19th

Last day of school

Thursday 27th June 2024

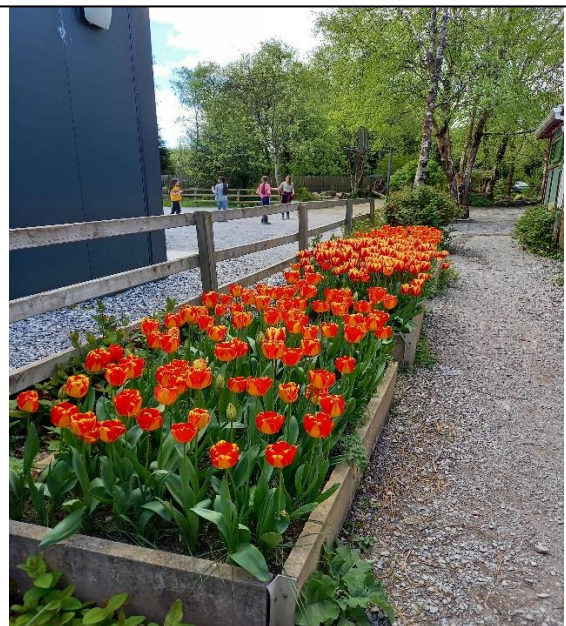
Summer holidays begin on Friday 28th June 2024

Verse of the Week

My spark of light – it must become a flame.
Breathe on me, breath of God, it is my aim
To calmly tend this light within and make it burn
up brightly.

The air that nourishes my tender glow –
It's Love! It quickens me. My light shall grow.
I'm given strength to love all people and to do
things rightly.

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



Spring is definitely here....

May Mid-term week

Reminder that school will be closed for the week from Monday 6th to Friday 10th of May for mid-term break. School re-opens on Monday 13th May for the Summer term.

Active Week Maypole Festival & Sports Day

Next week we will have our **Active Week** at school, culminating in our Maypole Festival and Sports Day on Friday May 3rd.

You are invited to come and take part in the festivities from 12 o'clock on the day—watch the Maypole dances and join in with the various sporting activities – think tug-of-war, sack races etc...

Bring your picnic blanket if the sun is shining.

Looking forward to seeing you then and hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Kindergarten will hold their Maypole Festival on Friday May 24th.

School Calendar 2024 / 2025

Next year's school calendar is attached with the Newsletter

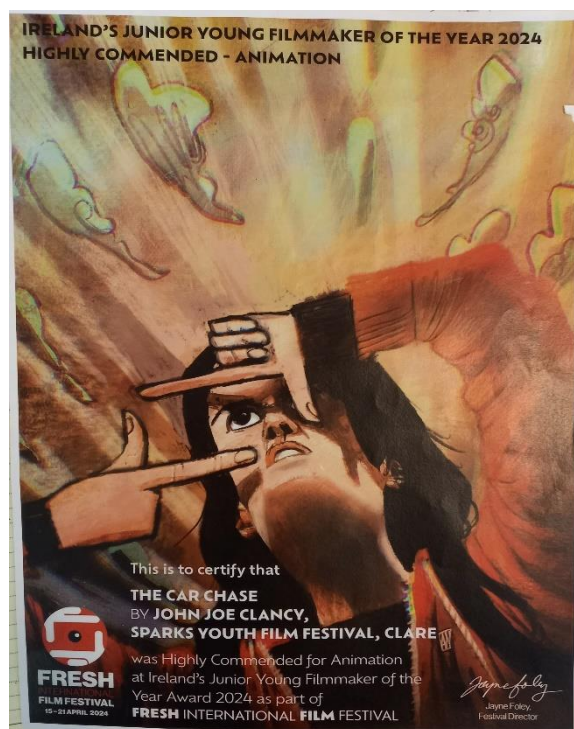
Applications for Next Year:

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.

Film Success

John Joe Clancy from Class 5 / 6 has had great success with his short stop-motion animation "**The Car Chase**", winning awards in both the *Sparks Film Festival* and at *Ireland's Junior Young Filmmaker of the Year 2024*. John Joe's movie started life here at school as part of the animation workshop that Class 5 / 6 did with Ana Colomer last year. You can watch the movie next Monday at 7pm on RTE2 television. Huge congratulations to John Joe we are all very proud of him!



Class 5 / 6 recycling

To help raise money towards the cost of their upcoming school trip to Peterburg Outdoor Education Centre in May, Class 5 / 6 are organising a plastic bottle / can recycling drive.

They would be grateful to receive any empty bottles or cans you can send in which they can then return and claim the deposit on (as part of the new deposit-return scheme). Plastic bottles and aluminium cans - with the Re-turn logo - should be clean and undamaged (non-alcoholic cans only please). The collection point is inside the door of the Class 5 / 6 classroom.

Many thanks in advance for your help with this fundraising initiative.



Cohen Fundraiser Gig

Huge thanks to all the Hammonds and to everyone who helped make the *Hammonds Sing Leonard Cohen* fundraising night such a success on April 6th. After expenses, an amazing **€823** was raised and donated to the school.

There was a full house at Feakle Hall for the show with Tora and Thalia both contributing to the performances. The various Hammonds played cello, violin and sang with three generations on stage at times – what a talented bunch!

Claudia, Lourdes, Alba, Isabella and Carmen also did a wonderful job with the cafe. Thanks to all.

Dr. Maureen Griffin Talk on Social Media: Challenges for Parents



SOCIAL MEDIA: CHALLENGES FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS



Dr. Maureen Griffin, forensic psychologist and Director **MGMS Training Limited** will deliver a presentation "**Social Media: Challenges for Parents**"

The presentation will cover what is currently popular; what the potential dangers are and offer practical advice on how to protect ourselves and our children online.

Issues such as social networking sites & chatting apps; Live streaming; gaming; grooming; screen-time & sleep; and cyber-bullying will be addressed.

"informative and helpful", "highly recommended", "excellent"
— School Chaplains Association of Ireland

"highly informative, very useful and unexpectedly startling"
— University College Cork Guidance Counsellors Conference

DATE: Wednesday May 15th 2024
TIME: 7.30 pm
LOCATION: Raheen Wood Community N.S.
ADMISSION: By donation
ENQUIRIES TO: pa@raheenwood.org

School Fundraising Update

The total amount of fundraising to date is €38,429 with €28,363 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.

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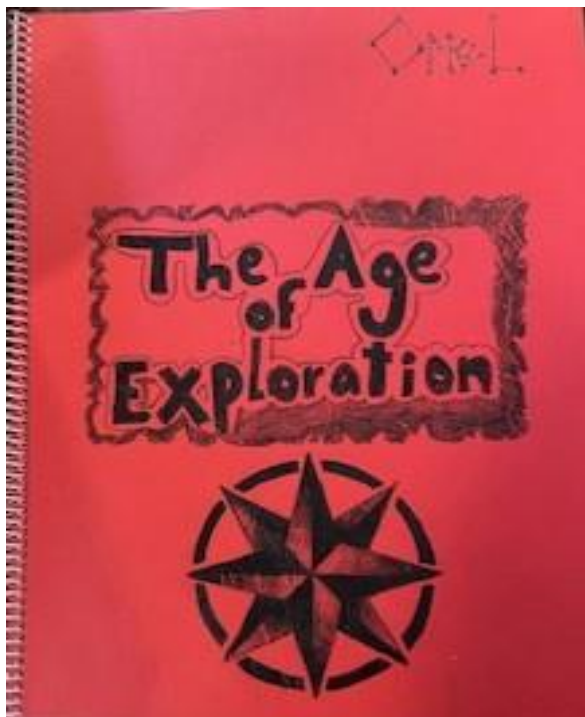
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Some recent activities from the classes....



On Friday Class 1 / 2 had a very special visitor..



Small the lamb came to visit Class 1 / 2. He wanted to do some writing in the main lesson books.





The making of scarecrow Rackety Jingle



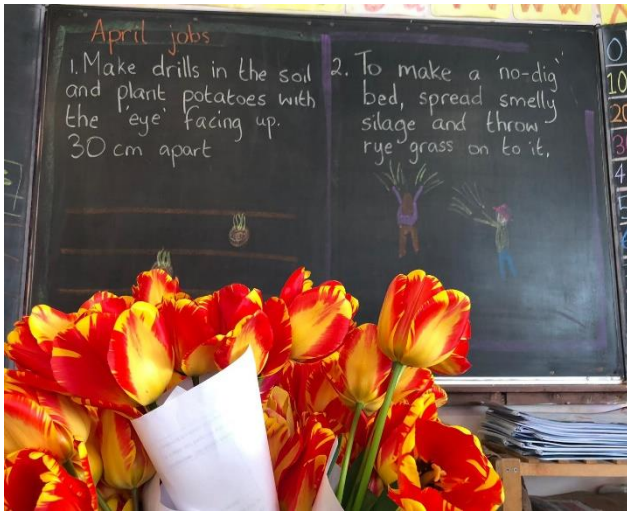
The original scarecrow Rackety Pan



Jumping around to felt wool...



Hanging out in Kindergarten



April jobs for the garden...

Notices

Blackcurrant plants

Past parent Annika Seidel will leave some blackcurrant plants in the bike shed next Monday morning – free to any good homes!

Smart Tag Found

A Samsung Galaxy SmartTag was found on the grounds and handed in. It is in the office for collection.

Communication Playgroups

Core elements of Steiner Education **Taster Day**

We are delighted to let you know that we are having a taster day on Saturday 25th May 2024, for our Core Elements of Steiner Education Course, flyer below.

As well as being a taster day for the course, it is a good stand-alone introduction to Steiner Education or just an enjoyable, informative day out as a treat to oneself. Quality refreshments and lunch included.

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


East Clare Co-op



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The Stories of the Earth
Listening to, learning from and loving our home.

An observation and experience based workshop offering ways to write the natural world in these times.



Kerri ni Dochartaigh is a mother, writer and grower. Her work currently explores ideas of emergency, interconnectedness and ecologies of care.

Her first book, *Thin Places*, was published by Canongate in Spring 2021, for which she was awarded the Butler Literary Award 2022, highly commended for the Wainwright Prize for Nature Writing 2021, and shortlisted for the Ireland Francophone Ambassador's Literary Award in 2024. It is longlisted for the Prix Nicolas Bouvier currently. *Cacophony of Bone* was published by Canongate in May 2023 and was longlisted for the Wainwright Prize for Nature Writing 2023. She mentors and teaches worldwide. She lives in Clare with her family.




This workshop is funded by the Creative Communities program and is a free event.

To book please contact the East Clare Community Co-op on 061921536 or by emailing EastClarecoop@gmail.com

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Citizens Information

Citizens Information are onsite at the East Clare Coop on the 2nd Tuesday of every month for walk in appointments from 10 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4pm.



Irish culture and language awareness workshop May 15th 1pm. Free event
To book call East C

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




**Summer Solstice
Open Mic Poetry at the
East Clare Coop**
Celebrating Nature,
Biodiversity and Rural Life
throughout 2024


Readings by celebrated writers



Kerri ni Dochartaigh



Arthur Watson



This event is funded by the Creative Communities program and is a free event.

East Clare Coop Garden
Readings 1pm
Followed by open mic

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Available at the Coop

- Room rental
- Birthday parties
- Kitchen rental





CREATIVE WRITING
with Ruth Marshall
5 Wednesdays: 10am - 1pm
Starting Weds 5th May
East Clare Co-op, Scariff

Creative Writing Spring Course at The East Clare Community Co-op Scariff
This course is free of charge as part of FETCH Community Education. To book a spot please either sign in to your existing FETCH account and use the Course Code for 400455.

If you wish to submit articles or
adverts please note that the next

deadline is May 15th

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

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

