

ROSEMOUNT PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

Fire Safety and Security Work

As some of you will already have noticed, work has begun around the school upgrading our fire and security systems within the school. Some £200,000, provided by the Education Authority, will be spent on planned works, in what will be the largest capital spend within the school for a number of years. There will be some unavoidable disruption to school life and the work is expected to continue right into June.

Feet First Families



Our walk to school initiative was a huge success with around 85% of our pupils opting to walk to school on that particular day. Many thanks to SUSTRANS for their support and for their help in planning the event, as well as the radio and newspaper coverage they organised to promote the initiative. Well done also to the pupils and their parents who accompanied them on the day.

We hope to have another Walk to School Day this term to build upon the success of the initiative and further encourage pupils and families to choose a healthier way to come to school. Further details will follow.

Please note - The Big Pedal dates - 23 April- 4th May

Dates for the Diary:

Thurs 3rd May

- JD Brass band come to school (Jazz Festival)

Fri 4th May

- Y7 Jazz performance

Month of May

- Annual standardised tests will be administered. Please ensure good attendance.

Mon 7th - 11th May

- School Closure

Sat 26th May

- First Holy Communion

Taxi Service

As a result of a recent survey, carried out by SUSTRANS, it has become apparent that a significant number of our pupils actually travel to our school from all over the town and beyond. To meet the needs of busy parents and those with no transport we have investigated the possibility of setting up a designated 8 seater taxi service. Whether this happens or not will depend on how many people feel it is something they would use on a regular basis and from which parts of the town. We are unable to put a cost on the service at this stage but anticipate a competitive rate - one that will suit the driver and those using the service regularly. The driver will be fully qualified with Child Protection and Access NI checks completed.



If this is something you think you would use on a regular basis, please fill in the form below.

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Name of child(ren) wishing to use the taxi service

Parent's/Guardian's name..... Tel No

Address to be picked up from.....

Please be aware that this service will only be set up if sufficient numbers sign up to it. It may work on a trial basis to ascertain whether or not it should continue.

School Development Planning

Every three years we take stock of where we are at as a school and plan where we want to go and what we want to achieve in the next three years. We want to involve you, the parents, in this process along with the whole school community so that we can clearly identify what it is that we are doing well and pinpoint the areas that we can improve in so that we are meeting the needs of all our pupils and help them achieve their potential in a happy, caring and challenging environment. You will soon be given details of how you can complete an online questionnaire on matters relating to our school. We would encourage you to be as honest as you can in answering these questions as we value your opinion and recognise the valuable role you play in the education of your child and in the future development of our school.



Over these past few months we have been overwhelmed by the **generosity and goodwill of our school community**. Money raised last term through our fundraising initiatives have enabled us to replace and upgrade many of our interactive whiteboards and projectors – an invaluable but expensive resource in every classroom – at no expense to our school budget. Local businesses and parents have also volunteered their support to make events such as our Cake and Bun Sale and Grandparents Day a huge success. Thank You!! At a time when our education system is grossly under funded, this support is greatly appreciated and so necessary.

Later this term we will announce our latest sponsorship deal with one of our local businesses sponsoring our school football and Gaelic team with a new rig. Another example of our school community making a difference and helping out where they can.



Calling all Gardeners

We are blessed with having lovely grounds and a fabulous centenary garden with which the pupils get to experience the joy of planting and growing vegetables and flowers throughout the year.

Maintaining the garden can involve a lot of time (and some expertise!). If you enjoy gardening and have a few hours to spare we would welcome your help. We are also open to ideas, if someone feels that the centenary garden is a place that they could develop their own produce for their own benefit, come and talk to us about it.

Can you help?

With so many sports activities and other events going on in the school we would appreciate it greatly if you could give up some time now and again to assist Mr Quinn at football matches, cross-country events, etc. If you can help, let Mr Quinn know.

Attendance

100%	0 Days	Excellent
97%	6 Days of Absence	Good
95%	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days	Satisfactory
90%	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days	Poor
85%	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days	Very Poor
80%	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days	Unacceptable
75%	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day	Unacceptable

- All absences should be followed up with a note explaining the absence.
- Absences below 85% are reported to the Educational Welfare Officer

