



Newsletter No 28

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Board of Management, staff and pupils of Robertstown NS would like to express our condolences to Denise Irvine and Joseph Mahon on the recent sad passing of Joseph's father John Mahon. May John Rest in Peace.

We received notification on Friday last that Robertstown NS has been awarded our sixth green flag. The theme for this flag is Global Citizenship – Litter and Waste. This is a maintenance theme, which enables schools to discover how Green-Schools work has positively influenced people and environments worldwide while revising the previous Litter and Waste theme. This is a huge achievement. Congratulations to everybody involved in this success especially the Green School Committee under the direction of Ms. Magrane.

We have received very positive reviews of Louise's activities posted during Active School Week. We continued with another posting last week. Louise will continue to set weekly activity challenges until the end of June. We hope you enjoy them. You can access these challenges on our school website at <http://robertstownns.ie/>

I have also attached the challenges for this week to this newsletter.

Most families are now connected to SeeSaw. Many children have managed to post completed work to their teacher. You must sign the permission link on Aladdin for your child to use SeeSaw. If you are having any difficulties with Aladdin or signing the permission link for your child, please contact me by email. Teachers will indicate in the weekly suggested timetable for work what work children could upload for correction and/ or comment.

This week we are looking for you to send in photos of your May altar. Bishop Denis has asked pupils in Second Class preparing for their First Communion to make a May altar in his address to them last week. The recording can be heard here <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=284722092537437> We have included resources from Maeve Mahon to help you make your altar. These are also available on our website. If you wish your photo to be included on our website this week, please send it to the office email by 3pm on Friday next. Unfortunately, late entries will cannot be uploaded. Children from all classes are invited to send in their photos.

We were delighted to receive so many photos for our time capsule last week. We were not able to use them all but selected some from each family. These are now available to view on our school website.

We are making plans for a sixth class graduation celebration at present. This is a huge milestone for sixth class pupils and marks the end of their years in primary school. Our aim is to mark this occasion and make the event as special and memorable as possible. We will be in touch with sixth class pupils over the coming week to update them with plans. Please pass this message onto sixth class pupils.



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Some families have been experiencing difficulties in the last week as they try to maintain motivation and routine at home. Parents that are also working from home experience additional challenges. Emma Berney from Kildare Children and Young People's Services has sent me links to some parenting supports available. If your child is becoming overwhelmed with schoolwork from books/apps or missing the routine of school, maybe take a step back from schoolwork for a short period and focus on more practical activities. Make sure your child receives daily activity. Vary this as per Louise's plan. Stay connected to family and friends through phone calls or conference calls. Reassure your child that school will reopen soon.

Well done to our parents Agata Betlej and Veronica Moran who are busy making masks at present for workers on the front line as part of the Masks 4 All Ireland campaign. Our pupil Alice is also very busy helping out. The group are looking for donations of cotton fabric, which can be repurposed. Please see the link to support this cause that is attached.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Regards,
Marion Sherlock