



Newsletter No. 17

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We had another very busy week of remote teaching and learning. you all had a successful first week of remote learning. The children are sending in huge volumes of work to their teachers and we have an extremely high level of engagement on Zoom. Thanks you to all the parents and guardians who are working so hard to support your children with their work. Work planned is intended to meet the learning needs and levels of all pupils. Please do not feel the need to complete all tasks sent out by teachers. We have offered lots of variety in the optional extras to cater for the interests and ability levels of all pupils.

Our school Admissions Policy has been reviewed in line with change to legislation. All schools in the Parish of Allen now have a common window for applications. **Parents may submit applications for admission to Robertstown NS until February 3rd. Application forms are available on our website or can be emailed to you.**



Gráinne's Weekly Art Challenge is available on our school website at http://robertstownns.ie/?page_id=8658 Children are invited to send in photos of their creations for our website by Wednesday 3pm. Please indicate that you wish the photo to be posted to the website. Have lots of fun and feel free to add your own twist to your masterpiece.



The Board of Management has ratified **our reviewed copy of the Code of Behaviour**. This is not uploaded and available to view of our school website.



St Anthony's Conference (Allen) of St. Vincent de Paul would like to acknowledge the recent **generous donation of €410 plus vouchers** donated by parents and staff of Robertstown NS towards the Christmas appeal. Many thanks for your generosity towards this very worthy cause.

FREE Counselling online and by phone

MyMind has been supported via Sláintecare & the HSE to provide FREE counselling online and by phone to individuals aged 18 years+ until 31st March 2021.

The FREE counselling is available to individuals aged 18 years+ to whom any one of the criteria below applies:

Presenting with COVID-19 related mental health issues (e.g. bereavement, social isolation/cocooning, illness, stress, depression, anxiety, addiction, domestic violence)

A front-line worker in a medical setting (e.g. HSE staff, nursing home staff, paramedic, public health worker, GP)

Employed with low income (see threshold in How Do I Apply section on MyMind.org)

Unemployed due to COVID 19

Bereaved resulting from COVID 19

Over the age of 65

Cocooning due to ill-health (regardless of age)

To arrange an appointment and for further information please contact MyMind directly by email hq@mymind.org, by calling 076 680 1060, or by visiting MyMind.org

Attached please find **details of FREE online talks, workshops and training for parents and professionals taking place this February as part of the Kildare Library Service: *Let's Talk About Parenting* programme.**

Booking is via Eventbrite. Links and further details are in the attached document.

1. Balancing Work and Family Life when Parenting Alone or Post Separation
3rd Feb @ 7pm
2. 'Motivational Interviewing: Helping People Change' (for professionals) 9th,
12th, 23rd & 25th of February 10am – 1pm
3. Minding your Families Mental Health 9th Feb @ 7pm
4. Communicating with your Teenager Wed 17th Feb 7pm
5. New-born Care for Expectant Mothers Thurs 25th Feb 10am – 12pm
6. Reflexology for Babies and Toddlers (4-week course) Fridays 26th Feb - 19th
March 10.30am

We are still awaiting guidance from the Department of Education regarding the opening of schools partially or completely. When we receive update, I will notify you further.