

## Reading Scheme:

We have invested in a large reading scheme from Folen's which will cater for the different reading levels of our students.

One of the senior classes has taken on the responsibility of distributing the readers every second Friday. The students take the readers around on a trolley system and record the log of readers taken and returned. The senior students are enjoying the responsibility of this job. All the students enjoy the senior students coming into their class to distribute the readers.

## Thank You:

A big thank you to our volunteer Bus Drivers

Emmet Mason

Damien Hickey

who volunteer with us and make our social outing possible.



Thanks to our hard working Parents Committee for all their fundraising.

## Activities:

We are delighted to provide the students with some new activities in school. The first activity is Yoga which will start on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and secondly “My Gym” on the 11<sup>th</sup> April both activities will be part funded by the Board of Management and the balance to be paid by the parents. Further information to follow.

## Please note:

The following policies will shortly be posted on [www.redhillschool.ie](http://www.redhillschool.ie)

Behaviour Management protocols of Red Hill School:

Part 1: Code of Behaviour

Part 2: Behaviours that concern.

Suspension & Expulsion Policy

Child Protection Policy

# Red Hill School, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick



## Newsletter

## February 2016 Issue 1

## Welcome to the new Board of Management members for Red Hill School

**Chairperson:** Val Real

**Patron's Nominee:** Lucianne Bird

**Principal:** Elaine Benson Ryan

**Parents Representatives:** Ciara Gilvarry and Jared Slater

**Treasurer:** Lisa Haugh

**Community Representatives:** Rosmund Grogan and Emer Ring

**Teachers Representative:** Laura Ahern

Many thanks to the previous Board members for their time over the last few years.



### Energy Flag:

Orlaith and Therese along with the energy saving committee have been working hard to encourage all of the staff and students to reduce energy. On Thursday the 4th of February a representative from the green schools program came out to inspect the schools progress and improvements. She was very pleased with the reduction of energy within our school and the plan and progress the students and staff made in order to reduce energy. At present we are awaiting information on how the visit went. Fingers crossed we will get our energy flag. A big thank you to parent of supporting our "towel initiative"

Many thanks to Leanne for her hard work maintaining our Green Flag for recycling.

### Dates for your Diary:

Midterm 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Holidays March 17<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> inclusive

I.E.P. Review meetings will take place after the mid-term, class teachers will be in touch with times and dates.



### 1916 Commemoration:

To commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Rising and to celebrate 100 years since the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, the Government has tasked Óglaigh na hÉireann with delivering a National Flag to every Primary School in the country. This is a key part of the Ireland 2016 commemorative programme and will see members of Óglaigh na hÉireann, in uniform, visiting school children and staff in over 3,200 schools across the Republic. Pupils have taken part in Art and Music projects in preparation for this

special day. Our flag will be delivered on February 25<sup>th</sup> and we will have a flag raising ceremony on March 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Tuck Shop:

We are hoping to start a Tuck Shop in school over the next few months. We will sell small treats each Friday and pupils will have a choice of what they would like. The senior pupils will be involved managing and running the Tuck Shop. Watch this space for further updates.....



### Awards night Woodlands Hotel:

Three of our Pupils were nominated for a Garda Achievement Award Evan Keays, Ian Gilvarry and Ben Christianson were the students nominated. The three students were successful and received a joint award on their sporting achievements at an awards ceremony in the Woodlands Hotel. It was a very memorable night the students and their family members really enjoyed it. Both Elaine (Principal) and Laura (Class teacher/Special Olympics coach) were present and really enjoyed the celebrations. Well done boys !



### Special Olympics:

On Saturday the 6th of February a group of 6 students competed in the Indoor activities competition which was held in Cappawhite Community centre. The students who participated are Evan McEvoy, Laoise Clancy, Kuba Hrynyszak, Niamh Flynn, Josh Logan and Joey O'Brien. All of the students really enjoyed participating in the activities and performed exceptionally well they all received a medal each. Thanks to Denise Munsterberg, Mary Ingle, Irene Carmody, Denise Ingle and Laura Ahern who volunteered to go along on the day, to which we are very grateful for. A big congrats to the students we are very proud.

"GO TEAM REDHILL"