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Information Bulletin 12-05-2020

Dear Guardian/Parent,

I hope that this weekly update finds you and your loved ones well. My priority for our school is that we stay connected with our students as best we can until the end of the school year.

Some **good news**! Rachel Kelly in 2nd year has reached the National Finals of the Student Enterprise competition in the intermediate category with her enterprise – 'Snazzy'. Good luck Rachel, a wonderful achievement.

Our TY Young Social Innovators (YSI) have won their category in the National Finals of the YSI competition! Beating hundreds of other competitors! Their valiant project 'Safety at Sea' promotes the use of Personal Location Beacons by fishermen. Well done to you all! A fantastic achievement!

<u>Invitations</u> to our 'Virtual Graduation' for our 6th years are in today's post. This will take place via Zoom on May 20th. 6th years and their families are invited to 'attend'!

We will have another set of <u>assemblies</u> with each year group shortly. End of year assignments are ongoing, and teachers are giving very clear instructions each week to their students. Feedback has been that engagement has improved dramatically across the board – I thank you all for your ongoing support with this!

Book grant forms are available on the school website under Principal's updates and at the following link: https://ramsgrangecommunityschool.ie/principals-updates/

Leaving Certificate 2020: I had an assembly with 6^{th} years following the announcement of the cancellation of the Leaving Cert. I have also met with all 6^{th} years





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teachers. A new system of calculated grades has been introduced for this year's exams. All relevant documents are available under the Principal's update section on the school website and also on www.education.ie This is a very evolving situation with lots of questions still to be answered by the DES (Department of Education and Skills). By order of the DES, tuition and assessment of our 6th years and LCA2 students has finished as of May 11th, 2020. Teachers, students, and parents are not to engage in discussions re: grades, percentage marks, class rankings or subject levels. This is to protect the integrity of the process. I gave the 6th years my word that whatever we are instructed to do will be done with the upmost objectivity and professionalism of their teachers.

My hope is that you are all well at this time.

In this difficult time, if you require basic food assistance please text 0876984835 with your name and your child's name.

Our Home School Liaison, Sharon McDermott is available to contact on 0892211764.

Child Protection:

If you have child protection concerns, please go to www.tusla.ie or contact the Duty Social Worker on 0539198201. In the case of a child protection emergency, contact the Gardai.

If you wish to contact me, I am available at rachel.oconnor@ramsgrangecommunityschool.ie .I will make every effort to respond to your query promptly and support you in any way I can.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel O' Connor, Principal

