



CETNS NEWSLETTER

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RETURN TO SCHOOL

Thank you all for the supreme effort in cooperating and adapting to the additional restrictions in place. Your support has been fantastic. Thank you to all parents for staying safe and wearing a mask. If someone else is collecting your child, please ask them to wear a mask. It is important that we continue to adhere to social distancing outside the school gates. Please avoid congregating at school gates also. These safety measures have been put in place to keep the children, parents and staff safe. The children are settled back to routine now which is wonderful to see. The nice weather has helped too!

LANGUAGE CONNECT GRANT

Castlebar ETNS has been awarded another €300 grant from Language Connect. This funding is from the School Library Home Languages Scheme and is promoted by ELSTA (English Language Support Teachers' Association). Last year, I applied for funding and was awarded a grant of €500. This money will be used to purchase books, posters and games for pupils.

TEACHING PRACTICE STUDENTS

Deborah Murray has been working with Brenda's class since January. Deborah will finish her placement on Friday March 26th. We thank Deborah for all her hard work in CETNS and wish her all the best in her future studies. After the holidays, Róisín McEvoy will be on teaching practice in Miriam's class and Christina Nic Dhonnacha will be on placement in Declan's class. We look forward to welcoming Róisín and Christina to our school.

ETHICAL EDUCATION

Our Themes for March and April are:

- New Beginnings
- Seachtain na Gaeilge (two weeks)
- Poetry Week
- Ramadan & Eid
- Earth Day
- Vaisakhi-Sikhism

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

For the past two weeks we have been celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge. All children and staff enjoyed the music, songs, games and dance on our Lá Glas. The children won lots of prizes. There were many happy faces going home on our Lá Glas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Closes **March 26th** at **12pm** for Spring Break. School will re-open on Monday **April 12th** at 8.50am.

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Liam, our special education teacher on his recent engagement. We were delighted to hear such good news. Best wishes to Liam and Pauline from all in Castlebar ETNS.

ENROLMENT

Jennifer is very busy in the office with our new enrolments. We look forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants in September 2021. Enrolment for other classes opens on the 12th of April 2021.

STAY SAFE

In April/May all classes will learn about the stay safe topics. You can find out more on www.staysafe.ie. The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions about Stay Safe.

ACCOMMODATION

Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board (MSLETB), at the Department of Education's request, has agreed to take on responsibility for the making of arrangements for the planning application for Marsh House. MSLETB are aware that the existing planning permission specifies a maximum enrolment number of 68 pupils and will endeavour to secure planning permission without a maximum enrolment number (or failing this that any maximum enrolment number would cater for a full 4 classroom school of circa. 104 pupils). Pat Howley is our contact from the MSLETB and he has been in contact with the school to make arrangements for the planning application.

LOST & FOUND

Does anyone recognise these hats and gloves? They were found in Declan's room and have been there since before the winter break. If they are yours let Jennifer know by phone on 094 9044726 or email secretary@castlebaretns.ie



ATTENDANCE

We use the automatic absence text function in Aladdin, our administration system. Texts are automatically sent out when your child is absent for more than 15 days. Please disregard this text if your child was absent due to Covid 19 or if you have supplied a reason for the absence. These messages only affect children who have unexplained absences.

PLAY THERAPY

Best of luck to friend of Castlebar ETNS Mary Griffiths on the opening of her play therapy private practice Castlebar Play Therapy. Mary completed work experience in Castlebar ETNS. See the next page for more details or visit www.castlebarplaytherapy.ie.

SHINING STARS WINNERS

We've had many shining stars in recent weeks. The children are:

WINTER FESTIVALS

Date	Room	Name
18/12/2020	Declan's	Kenzie
	Declan's	PJ
	Miriam's	Ryan
	Miriam's	Dawid

NEW BEGINNINGS

Date	Room	Name
05/03/2021	Declan's	AJ
	Declan's	Inya
	Miriam's	Miguel
	Miriam's	Kaz
	Brenda's	Abbie Q
	Brenda's	Brooke

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE 1

Date	Room	Name
12/03/2021	Declan's	Poppy
	Declan's	Cleona
	Miriam's	Niamh
	Miriam's	Tiárnán
	Brenda's	Lukas
	Brenda's	Clodagh

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE 2

Date	Room	Name
19/03/2021	Declan's	Regó
	Declan's	Kenzie
	Miriam's	Joseph
	Miriam's	Lily L.
	Brenda's	Bobby
	Brenda's	Sophia





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Is our Government's lockdown policy impacting on your child's social and emotional health?

Play Therapy can help with:

Anxiety

Communication problems

ADHD

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Family Separation/loss

Delayed Development

Social Exclusion/social withdrawal

Poor Social Skills

Trauma - explicit/implicit

Attachment Issues

Bullying/Bully

Under performing (academic/social)

Physical Disabilities

CASTLEBAR PLAY THERAPY

The aim of Play Therapy is to bring your child to a level of emotional and social functioning on a par with their developmental stage so that normal development can resume.

Play Therapy allows your child to develop -

- **Self-exploration**
- **Self-expansion**
- **Self-expression**
- **Self-respect**
- **Self-in-relation-to-others**
- **Sense of responsibility**
- **Increased concentration and communication**

