



# CETNS NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMER PROVISION PROGRAMME

Some children with complex needs in our school will be eligible for a summer programme. We will not be able to offer a school based programme but are happy to provide you with forms for a home-based programme. Liam will be in touch to tell you that your child is at "school support plus" and eligible to apply. More information on this programme is here

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5d15a-summer-provision/?referrer=http://www.gov.ie/summerprovision/>

## SCHOOL REPORTS

School Reports will be ready in the coming weeks and I want to say well done to all the children for working so very hard this year. It was a year like no other and they should be tremendously proud of all they have achieved and how well they coped. Their STEN scores will be on their reports but we feel this does not represent the effort and work done this year. We have to report your child's score but it by no means defines your child's ability. The content was not taught in the way it usually is so the score will be lowered than expected and lower than deserved. We hope to send the reports home on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We have an early finish on the last day of school, June the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will close at 12pm.

## ACCOMMODATION

Planning for an increase in capacity at Marsh house has been submitted. This runs until July 21<sup>st</sup> and then there is a 4 week appeals period. It will be late August before we know if this application goes through or if we need additional space. I am currently preparing some options for Plan B, I've looked at the unit for rent across the road and there is another unit on Market Square. It will probably be 4<sup>th</sup> class that have to use this extra classroom if it becomes necessary. They will return to use the yard and hopefully we will be able to have outdoor assemblies. I will be asking the Department of Education and Skills to provide us with money to rent a space for indoor PE activities. I've ordered the new furniture for 4<sup>th</sup> class and we will be all ready for September whatever the outcome of planning

## SARAH'S BACK WITH A BOMB BOMB

Hi all, I have returned to work since last week. Saoria is 7 months old but finding it very hard to settle as she refuses to take a bottle! So I am working from home and school in a flexible way for the rest of the month. I hope to introduce some bomb bomb emails where I send a video message instead of a long email in the new school year. This will be to complement our newsletter and not replace it. Huge thank you to Miriam and all the staff for working so hard in my absence. I can't begin to imagine the struggles since I saw you all last.

## HALF DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE IN TERM 1 NEXT YEAR

I hope that everyone has received a copy of our calendar for next year. Hopefully you can all plan a getaway or staycation or some sort of break for the family. We have received notice that we should close for one half day in Term 1 to facilitate primary language curriculum inservice. As soon as we know the day, I'll be letting parents know.

## CLASS ALLOCATIONS

Next year we expect to have 88 pupils enrolled in our school. Once this number is achieved on September 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have our 4<sup>th</sup> Mainstream class teacher. From September 1<sup>st</sup> children will be split among 4 classrooms. As 2<sup>nd</sup> Class were split this year they will be all back together in September. Declan will be our 4<sup>th</sup> permanent teacher as he has a contract of indefinite duration so no recruitment is needed. I will officially welcome him once September 30<sup>th</sup> passes. I will be the new Junior Infants teacher and I am currently getting in touch with pre-schools to complete the transition process for them. We will let you know before the holidays who your teacher for September will be.

## CINEMA TRIP

As a treat for all children after a tumultuous year, Jennifer has organized a trip to the cinema. The children will go on Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and watch Wolfwalkers. We are using money from their money boxes last year and school is covering the rest. Looking forward to this enjoyable day. We will be walking to and from the cinema so comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended that day! Children can bring one treat item e.g. one bag of popcorn, one chocolate bar... one item!

## EDUCATE TOGETHER PUPIL PORTION

AS we prepare booklists and get things ready for next year, I'd like to remind you that you will be paying €15 per child to educate together. This money is used to fund office staff who answer our calls and provide guidance in all things Ethos related. This money goes towards start up campaigns so that other areas can have Educate Together schools. New lessons and support are provided by the Educate Together team and none of this could be done without your support. We do not ask for a levy or voluntary contribution in the way other schools do. This membership fee is transparent and added to everyone's booklist across the board.

## GROWTH MINDSET

As everyone has experienced some difficult times this past year I thought I'd suggest some good mental health activities. Some children (and adults) can be very hard on themselves and engage in negative self-talk. To combat this, it's sometimes nice to end the day with reflection on all that was good about the day. Here are some questions to explore to end the day with a glow.

- What did you learn today?
- What made you laugh today?
- What did you work hard at today?
- What was the best part (or highlight) of your day?
- How were you kind today?
- What are you grateful for?
- What do you wish to dream about tonight?

## GOODBYE TO REGO

As ever we are sad to see a child leave but we want to wish Regő all the best as he moves to Hungary. It was lovely getting to know him and his family. Goodbye Regő from all your friends in Castlebar ETNS.

## SHINING STARS WINNERS

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

### rites of passage week

Date	Room	Name
10/05/2021	Declan's	Aoife
	Declan's	Rego
	Miriam's	Caitlin
	Miriam's	Alba
	Brenda's	Lea
	Brenda's	Spencer

### BEE WEEK

Date	Room	Name
17/05/2021	Declan's	Amelia
	Declan's	AJ
	Miriam's	Alanna
	Miriam's	Adamlee
	Brenda's	Bobby
	Brenda's	Adam

### SPECIAL DAYS IN OUR FAMILIES

Date	Room	Name
28/05/2021	Declan's	Kenzie
	Declan's	Ornagh
	Miriam's	Orin
	Miriam's	Riley
	Brenda's	Ruby
	Brenda's	Saoirse

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Date	Room	Name
02/06/2021	Declan's	Poppy
	Declan's	Grace
	Miriam's	Hugh
	Miriam's	Arya
	Brenda's	Sophia
	Brenda's	Sarah D

