

Newsletter

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CASTLEBAR EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Clobber for Cash

Our last Clobber for Cash was a great success, we raised €135. We are hoping to organise another collection in early March. You can bring bags in any day and we will keep them in our store room until the collection day.

School Transport Scheme

The School Transport Scheme supports transport to and from school if you live a certain distance away from your preferred choice of school. As you have chosen an Educate Together School you may be eligible for a transport grant. The scheme is operated by Bus Éireann on behalf of the DES. We will be registered with them in March so we recommend that you research this grant to see if you can receive it.

More information can be found on

www.buseireann.ie

Tesco Community Fund/Fundraising

Good news, we will be featured in Castlebar Tesco from the 20th Feb for 8 weeks. Thank you to the parents who filled out forms and applied to have us considered for this fund. We are interested in applying for any other schemes whereby we receive donations. If you know of any such schemes or have friends/family in business who are in a position to donate we are a very worthy cause! We will be establishing a fund-raising committee in the near future so we will be writing to local groups seeking donations. If you personally have good contacts please come and speak to Sarah!

Headlice/Nits

Please check your children's hair regularly for headlice as this is a reoccurring problem in all schools.

Garda Vetting

The Garda vetting process has been made much quicker so we are encouraging all parents to get vetted. Jennifer can help with any questions.

Internet Safety

Internet safety day occurred this week and www.webwise.ie have very useful information for parents not just about accessing the internet but about "screen-time" in general. The internet is a valuable learning tool but we need to inform ourselves about ensuring our children's safety.

Spring Midterm Break

Reminder that school will be closed Monday 20th - Friday 24th February.

Spring Day Trips

We are very interested in taking the children on trips to local amenities and areas of interest. The cost of buses is often a problem however. We are currently researching what necessary indemnity is needed to take children in cars so we'll get back to you soon with more information. We would love to visit a forest, Turlough house, an animal farm and many more places. We will however ensure that all safety precautions are taken and you'll get lots of notice of these trips. Please ensure your Garda Vetting is completed so you can join us.