



CETNS NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER

School closes at 12pm on Thursday 27th June. Summer camp will be run by Sarah, Miriam and Linda this year and you can pay daily if you'd like. Book in with Jennifer if possible to ensure we have enough adults each day.

CREATIVE SCHOOLS

Please join us for our Creative Schools celebration at 12.30pm in the yard on June 19th. The children will showcase the creative skills they have learned from their involvement in Creative Schools. At the beginning of the project, the children learned about the different types of creative arts. They voted on what they would like to do. The children chose performing arts. We have been very fortunate to have used our Creative Schools grant of €2,000 to fund performance workshops for the children, trips, professional development for all staff and the purchase of new, creative resources for each class. We would like to sincerely thank all of our wonderful parents who have supported Creative Schools in many different ways during the year. Our Creative Associate Jojo Hynes and creative practitioner Midie Corcoran, who ran performance workshops for all classes in May will also join us for the celebration. Refreshments will be served in the yard after our showcase. There will be a parent comment card in the yard at the celebration so please let us know if you have any comments/suggestions to help our planning for Creative Schools 2019/2020.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports will be given out at home time on Tuesday 18th. If you would like to discuss the content with your child's class teacher please make an appointment through Jennifer.

BRENDA'S NEWS

There is another Castlebar ETNS baby on the way! Exciting times (and more sleepless nights) ahead for Brenda, James and Charlie. They look forward to welcoming a new Baby into their home in October. We'll take good care of Brenda between now and then and we'll find a replacement teacher nearer the time.

ATTENDANCE

Our record of attendance for May is 92.8%
Remember every day counts!

HOME/SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank all the parents and children for their support in the sponsor walk. Unfortunately, with the weather we all had to rush back to the cars and were unable to finish at the playground. However we hope to arrange a similar event, it would be nice for us all to meet up during the summer.

We also would like to thank you all on your support during the year in attending activities and raising money. The extra money has benefited all the students in so many ways. We will keep in touch by email and again if you have any questions/ideas you want to pass on to us, please email and let us know. Have a great Summer.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the very hard working staff of Castlebar ETNS for another wonderful school year. So much learning has taken place over the last year and the smiling, eager to learn children are proof of this. They enjoy learning and enjoy coming to school. The partnership between home and school is so visible and the children reap the rewards. Thanks to our Board of Management and Home/School Association for all they do -we truly couldn't function without them. Most of all the children deserve some thanks and praise. We've been out and about lots in the last month and had some guest speakers and trainers in to help. They all remark how creative the children are and how they are happy to be an individual and not follow the crowd. They are articulate, mannerly and beautiful- inside and out. Long may it continue. Have a lovely and safe summer everyone. Sarah

EDUCATE TOGETHER MEMBERSHIP FEE

The annual subscription/affiliation fee to Educate Together that is part of your booklist is a membership fee. All Educate Together schools pay for the support they receive from the National Office in this way. It covers costs related to the continued development of the Ethical Education curriculums for both primary and secondary level schools. It helps Educate Together to open new schools so more families can experience the unique equality-based ethos. Your support also helps ET to advocate for equality in education so that no child will be an outsider in Ireland's schools. The membership fee also covers Garda Vetting, school support, and administrative support etc. With start-up schools there is no membership fee for the first year. There is a reduced rate for year 2 & 3. In year 4 the school is up to full membership fee, €15 per child. The school covered the cost of the membership in year 2 & 3. 2019/2020 will be our 4th year and with the increase in numbers and the full cost of membership the school could not continue to incur the cost.

GREEN SCHOOLS REPORT

On Thursday the 16th of May, we went in the car to Claremorris, all the way to the McWilliam hotel. We were going there to collect the Green Flag for our school. All year we worked so hard to earn our Green Flag, and we were so excited that we were getting it. We had a green schools committee this year, us and Fionn from First Class, and Mia, Bobby and Luke from Senior Infants. Unfortunately, only two people could go to collect the flag, so we pulled the names out of a hat. When we got to Claremorris, we had our picture taken with the Green Schools mascot, a giant bee! We got to look around at all the cool things in the hotel, like a big map of all the countries in the world that have green flags, we also wrote CETNS on the blackboards that were there. So many schools and teachers were there. When we all sat down, the ceremony began. We got a special mention because we were the youngest pupils there, and we were getting our very first Green Flag. We were very excited. We learned some great facts about the environment and we learned a song about the environment. Every school was called up one by one to collect their flag. We were the very first school to be called! We got the green flag and a certificate! The flag was very big. After all the sitting, we went into the restaurant for our lunch, we had lasagne and chicken curry. We even had a brownie for dessert! It was so yummy and so fun. We had such a great day and we were so excited to bring the Green Flag back to our school and show everyone. We can't wait to raise the Green Flag at CETNS very soon!

Sarah Scott and Sarah Derengowski

We will have a 'Green Flag' raising ceremony early in Term 1.

SHINING STARS WINNERS

Each Friday we have assembly. This is where the whole school comes together to talk about our Learn Together theme of the week. Awards are given to pupils who have made a good effort with the theme of each week.

RECYCLING

Date	Class	Name
17/05/2019	J1	Dorian
	J1	Caitlin
	SI	Eóin
	SI	Riley
	1 st	Adam
	1 st	Lea

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Date	Class	Name
24/05/2019	J1	Orin
	J1	Christina
	SI	Adam Lee
	SI	Conor
	1 st	James
	1 st	Sarah S

WORLD ENVIRONMENT

Date	Class	Name
31/05/2019	J1	Ryan
	J1	Noah H
	SI	Bobby
	SI	Mia
	1 st	Sarah D
	1 st	Yakoub

EID

Date	Class	Name
07/06/2019	J1	Alex
	J1	Arya
	SI	Alba

READING FLUENCY: PHRASING

Date	Class	Name
12/04/2019	J1	Arya
	SI	Ula
	1 st	Adam

