



CETNS NEWSLETTER

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HALF DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE

The school will close at 12pm on Wednesday 22nd December for the Winter Break. School will reopen on Thursday 6th January at 8.50am.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you all for engaging with Sarah, Brenda and Declan's parent teacher meetings. It was lovely to speak to parents again. It was great to hear such positive feedback on all the hard work we do. Paul will hold his parent teacher meetings in the new year. We look forward to welcoming you back into our school in the future.

RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS

We are participating in the Mayo Sports Partnership run up to Christmas event. Each day every class is being more active and special mention to Declan's and Brenda's room-they have clocked up the kms doing laps each day. We have opted not to receive medals this year. Instead, we will take a voucher and buy more playground equipment. We will be getting some Outdoor twister vehicles that help improve a range of co-ordination skills and strengthen core body muscles.

WEATHER ALERTS

Storm Barra gave us an unexpected two days of school closure. We hope you all received the text messages sent from the school. We remind you to update us with any change of phone number. There were some fallen branches outside but thankfully no damage was done.

As we prepare for another Winter, please take note of the procedures for weather alerts.

Red Weather Warnings- School have no choice we must close.

Orange Weather Warning- You will receive a text from school.

Most schools use Aladdin as a tool to send multiple texts. This can cause delays when huge volumes of schools use the service. If you are unsure and anxious then you can decide what is safe for your child. If your child needs to miss school because of your particular location/situation then this is justified and can simply be entered on their absence record. If you arrive late to school on these days because of ice/snow this can be recorded also so take your time and remain safe.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

No decision yet however we received a call from Cathal McDonnagh. He is the Assistant Principal Officer in the Schools Capital Appraisal Unit. This phone call came about after contacting Senator Lisa Chamber and she spoke to Minister Norma Foley about the lack of contact from the DES. During this call Sarah spoke about the accommodation options visited in August and the restricted teaching space in the school. We were assured a decision on accommodation will be given before the end of 2021. We have 23 Junior Infants enrolled for next year so this also needs to be considered.

Niall Wall from Educate Together visited the school Monday 6th December to see first-hand the accommodation issues we have here. He was happy to hear that the call we received was from Cathal.

HEAD LICE

If your child has long hair, please tie it up for school. Check your child's hair regularly and treat for head lice if needed.

HEPA FILTERS

The school are purchasing two HEPA filters- one for Declan's and one for Brenda's Room. The cost of these filters is in excess of €1,000 but the research suggests that they can reduce the spread of Covid.

WINTER SOLSTICE

Thanks to Aldo Jordan (Dad of Clodagh in 4th Class) who has sent us a presentation on the Winter Solstice. We will be watching it in the coming days and learning all about the Pagan Festival and also how the Christian calendar uses the pagan festival dates. Aldo is a Teacher with the Irish school of Shamanic studies and has a wealth of knowledge to share with us. Hopefully your children will be telling you lots about this festival in the coming days.

COVID 19

We have been very fortunate with the covid cases in school to date. We have no advance knowledge about school closures for Christmas and the date we have been given is **Wednesday 22nd at 12pm**. Some families have been in touch to say they are finishing on Friday 17th so they will be able to visit family and friends for Christmas Day. We completely understand this and if we could we would do the same! Huge thanks to all parents who have kept us healthy and open during this past term. Some families have spent long periods isolating as one child in the family was positive and then after a number of days a sibling was positive and they had to isolate longer. We know this has been difficult on the children and on you. We appreciate all the efforts and measures people have taken and continue to take. Thank you also to the children who are wearing masks if they can. Everyone is trying so hard and thankfully we are doing well.

SHINING STARS WINNERS

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

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK

Date	Room	Name
12/11/2021	Sarah's	Ornagh
	Sarah's	AJ
	Paul's	Kenzie
	Paul's	Claudia
	Brenda's	Eoin
	Brenda's	Miguel
	Declan's	Abbie

BE RESPONSIBLE

Date	Room	Name
19/11/2021	Sarah's	Poppy
	Sarah's	Charlie
	Paul's	Grace
	Paul's	Grace
	Brenda's	Luke
	Brenda's	Mia
	Declan's	Leja K

GREEN FLAG ACTIVIST

Date	Room	Name
26/11/2021	Sarah's	Cillian
	Sarah's	Ezra
	Paul's	Noah
	Paul's	Kaz
	Brenda's	Orin
	Brenda's	Alba
	Declan's	Lukas

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Date	Room	Name
3/12/2021	Sarah's	Dylan
	Sarah's	Oliver W
	Paul's	Joseph
	Paul's	PJ
	Brenda's	Noah
	Brenda's	Dawid
	Declan's	Brooke

BE HELPFUL

Date	Room	Name
10/12/2021	Sarah's	Oisin
	Sarah's	Erik
	Paul's	Aoife
	Paul's	Alex
	Brenda's	Bobby
	Brenda's	Packie
	Declan's	Joshua

