

Newsletter

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CASTLEBAR EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL



School Personnel

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ann (Fionn's Mum) who is currently undertaking some work experience with us on Mondays. In January we will have a transition year student named Peter completing his work experience. Peter is Sarah's nephew so he is looking forward to gaining an insight into teaching.

Marsh House

We are overjoyed with the news that we will be moving to Marsh House. Your children will start Senior Infants in this new premises. We hope that renovation works will begin soon and that we will move during the months of May/June. We will enrol a new Junior Infant Class and it is possible that we will enrol more Senior Infants to ensure that we have a full class going forward. Marsh House is suitable for up to 68 students so we will be encouraging families to pre-enrol younger children so that we can plan for the future of our school. On behalf of the Board of Management and the whole school community thank you to everyone for sticking with us!

School Website

We are continuously updating our website so please check in regularly for new features. We have some new policies, updated information and tips for homework there. We will have a pre-enrolment form there soon so if you know of anyone who would like to enrol please advise them.

Homework

We have started homework and it is important that we establish a "Growth Mindset" in relation to the things that your children are learning about. The only tricky thing for homework at the moment is probably going to be writing. When your child says "It's too hard, I can't do it" we should give them the solid understanding that they can't do it YET!! We are constantly building confidence and self-esteem so we should remind children that when things are difficult it means that they are learning!

Fundraising

We have purchased lots of lovely new resources in recent weeks and as the school grows there will always be a need for more! We are always interested in hearing your fundraising ideas. If you happen to shop in Tesco I would encourage you to fill in the form to suggest us as a worthy community project to support. In the future we will have a charity number but for the moment we would be interested in hearing your suggestions!

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER
Monday 5th Public Health Nurse Visit
Tuesday 6th Show in Linenhall Arts Centre
Friday 16th Visit from road Safety Authority
Thursday 22nd School Performance at 11:30,
School Closes 12pm

Clobber for Cash

As a fundraising initiative we are collecting old clothing/textiles to recycle. The school will receive 50 cent per kg for textiles collected. Please find enclosed a bag with suitable items listed. If you need more bags you can use refuse bags. This company call to Oxfam every two weeks so we can store your bags here and we will update you when a collection is due.

