



CETNS NEWSLETTER

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HSE ADVICE

You will have received information through the school from the HSE in relation to a very significant increase in the usual winter viral infections. This includes an increase in flu, RSV and now Covid-19. This is because we are all mixing together more. The most important message in relation to any infection is, that if your child is feeling unwell, they should be at home. For example, if they have:

- Fever
- Cough, and/or
- Sore throat

They should stay at home until those symptoms have finished. Children unwell with symptoms of one infection are more likely to get 'co-infected' with another infection which might make them more unwell, if they are exposed. For more information, please follow the link below.

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>

ENROLMENT IS NOW OPEN

Enrolment is now open for junior infants for this coming school year. We hope to have an open evening in March/April, however we can show people around / meet them now if they are considering Educate Together. We are in a dual campus configuration and we are different in that regard but it is all part of a developing school. We will be given a brand new build but not for the next school year. It's great to have 23 junior infants this year and we'd hope to have a full class again next year so please spread the word – different building set up and different in other ways!

SCHOOL CLOSURES IN FEBRUARY

Monday February 6th – St. Bridget's Day

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February – Midterm Break

WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK

Next week we focus on Environmental Awareness and then onto Wildlife Awareness the week after that. Margaret O'Flaherty (Reuben, junior infant's Mum) is the supervisor guide at Wild Nephin National Park in Ballycroy and she will visit classes here together with her colleague Michael Chambers. They will help give the pupils a deeper awareness of the wildlife in our locality. They will bring a range of taxidermy and microscopes for older classes. We are very much looking forward to our learning in this area.

RUGBY

3rd & 4th classes are busy learning Rugby skills from Williams every Thursday. This is a great initiative and the children are enjoying the sessions.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our pupils, parents/guardians and staff. Wishing you all a happy new year and all the best for 2023. We have lots planned for the months ahead and as always, we love to hear from parents who would like to share their knowledge, expertise and skills with us. We've a few exciting projects to look forward to, so make sure you are getting emails, newsletters and ask your child what's happening in school. Our Learn Together theme is Chinese New Year this week so that can be a great talking piece – ask your child what they learned in school.

RSE PROGRAMME

This month we have started our RSE (Relationship Sexuality Education) programme. This is a school wide approach and part of the SPHE curriculum. These lessons are taught for January and February and focus on assisting children to develop feelings of self-worth, self-confidence, while encouraging their ability to relate to others in a positive way. Class teachers will send home the home-school link information via email (saving paper), either before or after the lesson, depending on content.

PYJAMA DAY

We will be hosting a pyjama day on Friday Feb 3rd in aid of 'The Irish Pilgrim Trust'. This is a Christian charity that brings children and young adults with special needs to Lourdes. Katie Kilkenny, a post-primary student in St. Joseph's Secondary School, has volunteered as a student carer and is fundraising to go. Katie volunteered and played her harp at our school official opening, so this is a nice way to help her with her efforts. One good turn deserves another as they say. If children could bring a coin (suggesting €2) that would be great.

CREATIVE CLUSTER

Our school has been chosen as part of a Creative Schools Cluster with St Anthony's Special School, and Barnacogue National School. Patricia's 1st, 2nd and 3rd class will be involved in the project "Growing in Friendship and Creativity." The project will involve participation in music, dance, and drama workshops together. As well as journaling their experiences, visits between the three schools, with building friendships through shared creative exploration and experiences. We hope to foster these friendships through the adopting of pen pals between the classes. Our Creative Cluster will run over the next 18 months.

HOME/SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AGM

Our Home/School Association AGM is on Tuesday the 24th of January from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. All parents/guardians are members of the Home/School Association and are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in Marsh House.

SHINING STARS WINNERS

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

WINTER FESTIVAL

Date	Room	Name
16/12/202	Patricia's	Joseph
	Declan's	Alba
	Declan's	Sophia
	Paul's	Luke

WORLD BRAILLE DAY

Date	Room	Name
06/01/2023	Sarah's	Grace
	Deborah's	Matilda
	Patricia's	Benjamin
	Paul's	Danyil

STEVIE WONDER RESILIENCE/OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES

Date	Room	Name
13/01/2023	Sarah's	Reuben
	Deborah's	Niko
	Patricia's	Alanna
	Declan's	Niamh
	Declan's	Riley
	Paul's	Ruby

TIME TO READ

Yesterday the Time to Read volunteers met their 2nd class reading buddies. Every Wednesday 2nd class will read with a Mayo County Council volunteer. We purchased the books and the programme will start next week. Their love of reading will grow and hopefully see their self-esteem soar.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

The Department of Education and Skills and Educate Together are meeting next week to discuss plans for our school. The Board of Management are submitting suitable sites we've gathered through local auctioneers and local knowledge. Site acquisition in the Department of Education and Skills have also contacted the local authority. We hope to find out if a site has been chosen.

5TH CLASS VISIT SENIOR INFANTS

Paul's class recently visited Deborah's senior infants to chat and read with the younger pupils. Compliments to Paul's 5th class for being great role models and showing exemplary behaviour on the walk to and from the junior campus.

