



CETNS NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- October 17th - Home School Association (Our name for our Parent/Teacher Association) AGM
- October 23rd - Parent Teacher Meetings
- October 24th - Dress Up Day
- October 25th - School Closed for Teacher Inservice
- Oct 26th – Nov 1st - Midterm Break

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

As a green school and indeed in keeping with the Educate Together Charter of taking care of the environment we are trying to be energy efficient. This is proving difficult however as our building has such thick walls and far from perfect windows. Last year we spent €4680 on heat and light. This astronomical figure was after we invited the electrical company in to set our heaters and to check if we had left some emersion on or something. In an effort to reduce these costs this year we ask that you arrive to school on time. We can't leave the front or side door open for late arrivals.

OFFICE HOURS

The school office is open Monday-Thursday 8.50-1.30pm. If you call to the school after this time you are disturbing teachers and children. Please ensure you have arranged with your class teacher if you are collecting a child early for an appointment for example. They will be aware you are coming and will have your child ready. Jennifer is not in her office on Fridays so if you arrive late you need to ring the buzzer to gain entry. If you are collecting your child on a Friday during the school day please arrange with your class teacher also. We have several sales people, students looking for placements and even people trying to pay parking fines who call to our school throughout the day. It can be very disruptive to teaching to answer the door to all these people so advance notice that a parent is calling is very helpful. Thank you.

MATHS WEEK

It is Maths Week from October 12th-20th. The children will be taking part in a range of Mathematical Activities and experiencing the joy of maths in our everyday lives. We have collected a jar of conkers and you are invited to guess how many conkers are in the jar. You will have to use your mathematical skills to estimate and you'll be showing your children that it's okay to get it wrong sometimes! If you can't make it in to the school to see the jar, we will have a post on Facebook that you can comment on. Children will be using activities from www.haveyougotmathseyes.com and will be using their Maths eyes on walks outside.

ATTENDANCE

Our record of attendance for August is 94.2% and September is 94.2%
Well done everyone!

DRESS UP DAY

Marek in second class suggested we have a Dress Up day before we have our midterm break. Democratically at assembly we've decided that the children will bring in €2. €1 will go towards Educate Together's national fundraiser – One Day Together and the other €1 we go into class money boxes. Children can wear special clothes, national dress, costumes or even pyjamas! Whatever you think is suitable for our dress up day. No sword or wand accessories please as we will be trying our best to concentrate and play safely in the yard that day!

ELECTION OF PARENT NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The term for our current board of management will expire on November 30th 2019. The term of office for new boards of management is from 1st December 2019 to 30th November 2023. In the coming week I will email all parents of children who are enrolled and have commenced attendance at the school (i.e. each household) to establish their willingness to stand for nomination and election as parent nominee on the board of management. After seeking consent from all interested parties I will circulate a list of names of those interested to all parents seeking nominations. Each parent can make one nomination for the mothers' panel and one nomination for the fathers' panel. If there is only one nominee for either panel, the nominee(s) shall be deemed to be elected. If more than one nomination is received for either of the panels, a secret ballot shall be held and parents of children who are enrolled and have commenced attendance at the school may vote for those nominees who have confirmed their willingness to become members of the Board. This process is clearly defined in the Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2019-2023 p.60 and 61.

A parent nominee is not the representative of parents on the Board of Management. All matters discussed at any meeting are confidential and cannot be reported back to the parent body or individuals other than the agreed report. The role of the parent nominee is to discuss matters in front of the Board from a parent's perspective. Yvonne (Abbie and Ellie 1st Class) and Noel (Luke 1st Class and Grace in JIs) are our current parent nominees on the Board and I thank them for their time and enthusiasm. As they both still have children enrolled in our school they may wish to stay on and are welcome to do so. Miriam and I will stay on as staff nominees.

Meetings are held from 2:30pm and we usually meet every 6 weeks. If you are available to meet at this time and would like more information come and speak to me or email me principal@castlebaretns.ie.

Many thanks,
Sarah

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Try out a few phrases at home this month.

Dia duit ar maidin-**Good Morning**-Geeea *Gwitch air modh gin*

Cé hé bhfuil tú? **How are you?**- *Kay hay wil thoo?*

Tá mé go maith-I'm **good**-*Taw may guh moh*

Nil mé go maith-I'm **not good**-*Knee may guh moh*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to Packie in 1st Class who recently received second prize in an Angling competition. Packie was delighted to share this news with us this week and show us his photograph in the Mayo News. A great achievement for someone so young and we were delighted to hear about the variety of fish Packie caught. Continued success Packie. Congratulations also to Luke and Aaron in 1st Class. They are part of the Castlebar Mitchels team who play U8's football. And finally congratulations to all the Summer Stars who read books over the summer. Sarah in 2nd Class read and reviewed 9 books.

WINTER SHOW

We are excited to announce that this year we will be putting on a Winter Show in the Linenhall Arts Theatre. This will be a showcase of talent from our school and a chance for the children to experience the thrill of the stage. We thank creative schools for their input and look forward to working in collaboration with Midie to enhance our acting and voice projection skills. Mary Ellen and all the HSA are onboard too so this will ensure we have a great night's entertainment lined up for you. We plan on having a monster mega raffle, refreshments and lots of nervous excitement for you on the night. This will be a ticketed event and we encourage you to help us fill the Linenhall - so that's your Christmas present sorted for any neighbours, nieces or nephews! We are in the early stages of preparation but we think we'll have a show/play from Junior and Senior Infants and then a musical interlude from 2nd Class - perhaps on their tin whistles. The obligatory half time raffle. Followed by a bespoke show from 1st and 2nd Class written and produced by Midie. We will round the evening off with some festive songs which will include Rudolf, You've got a friend in me and many more! The date again is **December the 13th** and the time will be 7pm.

MATERNITY LEAVE

Best wishes are extended to Brenda as she commences her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing her news and welcoming her back in spring time.

LINENHALL SHOW

On Tuesday 15th October, 2nd Class will be going to see "This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing" in the Linenhall. Please send in €5 if you haven't already done so.

SWIMMING

Hi everyone,
For the last four weeks, the children in second class have had swimming lessons in Castlebar Swimming Pool. We are really enjoying learning how to swim in the fabulous new pool. Our swimming teachers are very helpful. During our lessons we blow bubbles, swim across the pool and work on straight leg kicking. After our lesson we have playtime which we all love! When the weather was nice, we walked to the pool. Now we get a bus to swimming. We all really like Thursdays because we go swimming. We look forward to more swimming lessons next year.
By Second Class.

SHINING STARS WINNERS

We have assembly every Friday morning and sing songs together. The whole school comes together to talk about things that are going well that week and to hear all the good news we have to share. Prize winners pick treasure from the treasure chest and teachers keep a list of prize-winners so we can catch each and every child being good. We have a mindful minute as part of assembly

SAFE IN YARD

Date	Room	Name
20/09/2019	Sarah's	Dawid
	Sarah's	Amelia
	Declan's	Niamh
	Declan's	Caitlin
	Miriam's	Spencer
	Miriam's	Saoirse

HARD WORKERS

Date	Room	Name
27/09/2019	Sarah's	P.J.
	Sarah's	Ava
	Declan's	Adam Lee
	Declan's	Alex
	Miriam's	Sarah S
	Miriam's	Leja

TRY YOUR BEST & LET OTHERS DO THE SAME

Date	Room	Name
04/10/2019	Sarah's	Kenzie
	Sarah's	Benjamin
	Declan's	Ellie
	Declan's	Iarlaith
	Miriam's	Lea
	Miriam's	Fionn

SOME STUDENTS ON WORK PLACEMENT IN OUR SCHOOL

We are delighted to have some students in our school. Currently we have:

Noelle - Student Teacher in Sarah's Room
Emer - TY Student
Niamh - TY Student

