

Le Chéile ETNS

Newsletter

20/05/22



From the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone,

A huge thank you to the Fundraising Committee who are in week 3 of the 5 week draw, which is proving to be a great success with our Students' Council overseeing it. We are so lucky to have parents who support the school in many different ways. Another thank you to all those who have offered their talents in the work on the mural on the back yard and to those who will help out with the disco. I know some children are already planning their outfits and dance moves!

Just a few quick items for you

- Payment links for tours will be released today.
- We have a special show for all children (split into 3 groups) next Tuesday "Strong Women in Science" and a mobile Planetarium Visit for 4th/5th/6th on Thursday.
- I will send you some detailed information about testing shorty as we have moved to the new Drumcondra tests.
- Our Junior and Senior Infants are doing a fantastic job lining up in the mornings. Please remember to wait for a staff member to open the gate at 9.10am.
- Please take a moment to read the information I have included for you re attendance



Best wishes, *Susan*



STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Dates for Your Diary/ School Closures



Tues 24th Strong Women in Science

Thurs 26th Exploration Dome

Tues 31st May New Infant Night at
7.30pm

Friday 3rd June Half Day Closure for
Webinar 5 Primary Language
Curriculum on the topic of Critical
Literacy

Friday 10th June School Disco

Reporting Absenteeism

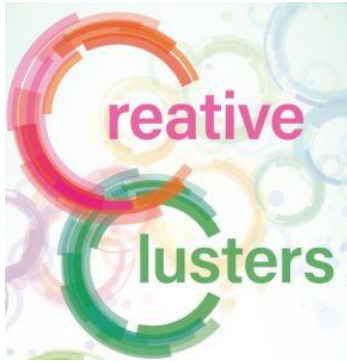
Under the Education (Welfare) Act, 2000 schools are obliged to submit a number of reports and notifications that relate to poor school attendance. Poor school attendance needs to be responded to early; otherwise, as research has shown, it can lead to poorer exam results, early school leaving, unsuccessful transfer from primary and poorer life chances for children. Currently schools report/notify the following categories of students to Tusla Education Support Services (TESS).

- **School Returns: Schools report all student who have been absent 20 days or more by submitting Student Absence Reports (SAR) twice each year.**

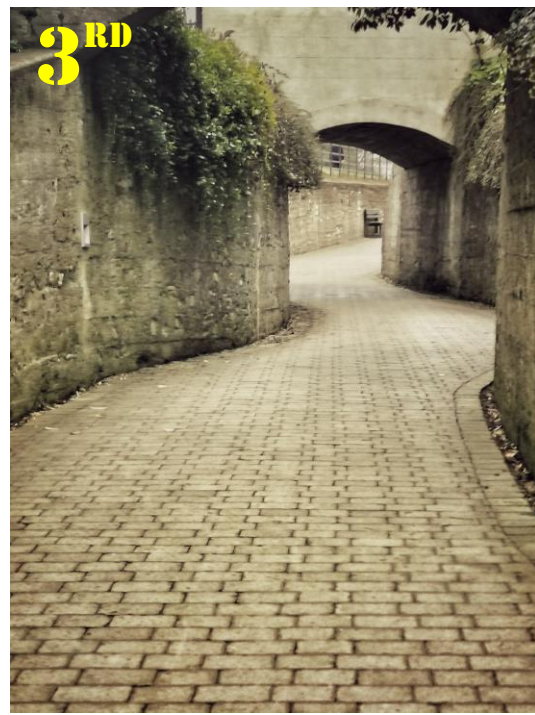
We have now modified Aladdin to help alert you to when your child is nearing 20 days and hope that next year, attendance will return to pre-Covid levels. You might be interested to see how Covid has impacted the average attendance in the school. As well as this we had individual classes closed.

Month	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020	2020 / 202	2021 / 2022 so far
September	95.7%	96.5%	88.8%,	90.2%
October	96.5%	95.5%	94.1%	93.3%
November	95.8%	95.4%	95.2%,	87.6%
December	93.0%	88.6%	88.6%	87.1%
January	95.0%	94.5%	CLOSED	81.4%
February	94.1%	93.0%	CLOSED	88.7%
March	95.7%	91.9%	92.2%	86.9%
April	95.3%	CLOSED	94.0%	93.1%
May	94.1%	CLOSED	90.5%	92.9% to date
June	89.6%	CLOSED	86.0%	





Thank you to everyone who participated in our Creative Clusters Photography Project. We really enjoyed looking at the entries and we hoped you enjoyed taking part. The winners were chosen by our Student Council. In First place was **Seán Molloy's** (4th Class) great photo of Drogheda at night, In Second place was **Dylan O' Hannigan's** (5th Class) brilliant train capture, and in Third place they chose **Robyn Anderson Callan's** (3rd Class) photo from Oldbridge. Have a look at the winners below!



Active School Week 2022

We had a fantastic week marking national Active School Week in our school. It ran from the 3rd to the 6th of May and we were super active throughout the week! We got ready by decorating the school; the children made posters and decorated their classroom windows to promote Active Week. We had a jam-packed week with a variety of activities such as:

- **WAKE UP, SHAKE UP:** Music played as the children come into the building
- **10 @ 10 or 11: MOVEMENT BREAKS** throughout the school day
- **Movement Walks outdoors**
- **Active Homework** assigned for the whole week
- **Staff/coach Challenge:** A big thank you to our GAA coach Conor for asking All Ireland minor champ Eoin Gillick to set a challenge for our children.
- **Spanish Dodgeball:** A big shout out to Pedro, our visiting teacher from Spain, who has spent the last number of weeks teaching the rules of Spanish Dodgeball to our children. It is a FANTASTIC game; speed, accuracy and team play all being huge components. We ran a league and the final match took place after Active Week. Well done to Third class who got through to the final and big congratulations to the 6th class champs! What a game! The big surprise on the day was the challenge match 6th class champs versus the teachers!!! What fun!
- **A DAY of Sport:** Every class took part in a full day of sport, up until lunchtime they took part in activities such as: basketball, relays, kick rounders, tag games, circuits and more. After lunch we took off up the field for races: flat, spud & spoon and sack races. Everyone had a ball!
- Infants had fun taking part in games, circuits, parachute activities and a fun obstacle course.
- A big Thank you to parent, Louise, who offered Yoga classes to our 2nd classes during Active week, they thoroughly enjoyed their sessions. Thank you for giving up your time, we really appreciate it.

Every child was awarded with a medal of participation for their day of sport! Well done to each and every one of you who took part in a great week! Can't wait for the next one!

☺ Kim



Sam Maguire Visit 16th May 2023



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SAVE THE BEES



Senior Infants have decorated the Learn Together Board for the month of May. Their fantastic display is called “Save the Bees”. As part of our Learn Together Curriculum for the month of May the children are learning about Ethics and the Environment and the strand to be covered this month by the whole school is “Knowledge and Awareness of Environmental Issues”. We hope you enjoy their amazing display. There were no cheerios consumed in the making of this display (or so the Senior Infant teachers tell me!)

Monica