

Le Chéile ETNS

Newsletter 02/12/24



Agreed Statement from the Board of Management 26/11/2024

The Board

- Completed the annual review of the school's Anti-Bullying Policy and will ensure the BÍ Cineálta Procedures are implemented by September 2025. The school has chosen Friday 14th of November to close for a half day to facilitate planning for these new procedures, as instructed by the Dept. of Education.
- Ratified two policies. A play plan replaces Aistear and the Additional Educational Needs Policy has been updated.
- Thank parents for attending the parent/teacher meetings and remind parents about the PTA Disco which will take place on Friday the 6th of December which is a highlight of the pupils' social calendar.
- Conducted an audit of SPHE teaching in the school and will proceed to update the policy to incorporate Wellbeing and changes over recent years.
- Remind parents of the dangers of social media for primary school children and will support the Keeping Childhood Smartphone Free initiative.



Dates for Your Diary/ School Closures

- P.T.A. Disco Fri 6th Dec
- Concerts Wed 18th Dec
- Term 1 finishes on Fri 20th Dec (½ day)
- Term 2 resumes on Mon 6th Jan
- BÍ Cineálta ½ day closure Fri 14th Feb
- Mid-term Break Closure 17th-21st Feb

As part of our efforts to reduce paper consumption , parents may send a small hand-towel for their child's individual use in school bags. Also please send re-usable forks for lunch-time. Green Schools Pupils will make a presentation at assembly this Friday to tell pupils



We made a donation of €1000 to Sightsavers from our One Day Together Fundraiser, with the remaining €465 going to Educate Together. We supported the Sightsavers' First Light for Sight Sunrise Expedition which Seánie Maguire (parent) and Shashi Sopirala (past parent) are taking part in. The funds raised will go towards helping to provide essential eye-care, treatment and surgeries worldwide and in particular the developing world.

Board Game Initiative November 2024

We are thrilled to bring you an update on our Board Game Initiative. The whole school community has come together to support what we hope will be a heartwarming initiative that will bring joy, learning, and togetherness to our primary school community. Just last week every class received a box of board games, thanks to the incredible support and generosity of our Parents Association, working in conjunction with our Wellbeing Team.

Board games are not just a source of entertainment; they are also powerful tools for developing critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and social interactions. One of the most exciting aspects of this initiative is the opportunity for our older pupils to teach the younger ones the rules and strategies of each game. This mentorship fosters a sense of responsibility, leadership, and community spirit among the older students, while the younger ones benefit from the guidance and support of their older peers. It is always a beautiful sight to see our students of different ages coming together, learning from one another, and building strong, positive relationships.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our wonderful Parents Association for their support and funding this project along with all donations of games received from our parent body. Your investment in our children's wellbeing and education is truly invaluable. We also want to thank the Wellbeing Team for their continuous efforts to create a nurturing and supportive environment for all our students. This initiative is a shining example of what we can achieve when we work together as a community.

We are excited to see the positive impact of this initiative as our students explore new games, learn new skills, and strengthen their bonds with one another. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive and engaged parent community, and we look forward to many more collaborative efforts in the future. Once again, thank you to our Parents Association and the Wellbeing Team for making this wonderful initiative possible. Your contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of our students, and we are truly grateful for your unwavering support.

Wellbeing Team





**LE CHÉILE E.T.N.S.
PRESENTS**



Blast from the Past



**3 SCHOOL
CONCERTS**

WED 18 DEC

**INFANTS SHOW 09:45
1ST/2ND/3RD 10:30
4TH/5TH/6TH 11:30**

P.E. HALL DOORS @9:20AM





Winter Disco

SCHOOL SPORTS HALL

**FRIDAY 6TH
DECEMBER**

**JUNIOR/SENIOR INFANTS + 1ST CLASS
4PM TILL 5PM**

**2ND, 3RD & 4TH CLASS
5.15PM TILL 6.15PM**

**5TH & 6TH CLASS
6.30PM TILL 7.30PM**

