



Monthly Memoirs: September, 2022

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Welcome Back to School:

All the staff in Ennis ETNS would like to offer a warm welcome back to all our children and families as we embark on another fantastic year in your child's education and together. What a busy five weeks it has been!! Everyone has really hit the ground running and there are so many exciting things happening in the school which you'll read about throughout this newsletter. We wish you all a wonderful school year ahead and look forward to all the adventures that are to come!!

New pupils:

We'd like to particularly welcome all our new children who have joined us including Martin, Anna, Yehor, David, Ruby, Gabriel, Harvey, Asim, Neil, Kairo, Maksym, Jonath, Martin, Aodhla, Eamon, James, Nikol, Niro, Bernie, Martin, Hannah, Ruby, Joshua, Adel, Timofii and Mert. We hope all your parents have gotten used to you coming to our school each day and we look forward to building strong connections with all our families throughout your time here in our school.

September Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Anna, Finn, Oleksandr, Marharyta, Veronika, George, Vladimir .

We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!



Staffing:

Congratulations to Deirdre on the birth of her beautiful baby boy this month. A warm welcome to some new staff this September - Jane, Naomi, Denise, Doireann, Patricia, Robin, Rachel, Kevin. We hope you settle in well to our school as we look forward to the year ahead!



School Cost:

At the start of each year, we request that parents pay a number of essential costs in relation to your child's educational provision. The costs due to the school provide for the following for your children:

- Book rental
- Workbooks
- Stationery
- Child insurance
- Photocopying
- Art and crafts

These are costs that every family need to pay. Parents do not need to pay for your child's lunches and drinks in schools as we are in a fortunate position that this is government funded.

Thanks to all families who have paid these costs already and a reminder to others that these are now overdue.

These bills need to be paid at the start of each year so we greatly appreciate your cooperation as these are costs that schools are not in a position to pay.

School Social Media:

Please like our school Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to keep informed of events and news from our classes. Our page will be updated daily showing off all the amazing work going on within our school. We would love if you would like and share our posts so we can show ourselves off to your family, friends and the wider community.

Drop offs and Collections:

We'd like to thank all our parents for co-operating with our traffic management plan to ensure the safety of all our children. We'd like to remind all parents that we ask you to park your car in a parking spot before coming to the gate to pick up your child. We also ask that the one-way system is kept free for cars to continuously move rather than stop here and wait for your child to get into your car.

Hot Lunches:



We are very lucky to have The School Food Company based in our school to provide hot lunches and snacks to all our children each day. We have a fully kitted out kitchen installed in the school where the food is prepared and cooked on-site. We'd like to welcome Sara and Nicola who work so hard to prepare and deliver the food each day to our classrooms. We'd like to remind all families to ensure food is ordered for your children each day. It is good practice to login to the app each week and ensure that food is ordered for the week ahead. Please talk to your children about their lunches and change the meal choices if your child would like to try something new.

Home School Community Liaison

English and Art classes for parents started on 27th September - there are still some places available, so if you're interested, please contact David Rundle on 089 4771298. It's not too late to join - learn some new skills in a relaxed setting - it's fun, friendly and FREE! We also hope to run more parent activities in October - David will be in touch with more information soon!

Covid Awareness:

Thank you for your continued cooperation in relation to Covid-19 measures in the school. Staff and children are no longer required to wear face coverings in school, but they can continue to do so if they wish. We ask that all staff and children continue to use good infection prevention measures to keep everyone safe. We remind you to keep your child at home if they have any symptoms relating to Covid 19. They must not return to school until 48 hours after their symptoms have passed. As always, we advise you to take advice from your GP in relation to testing and isolation. Our main aim is to keep everyone safe and we thank all our families for their support in keeping our school safe for everyone.

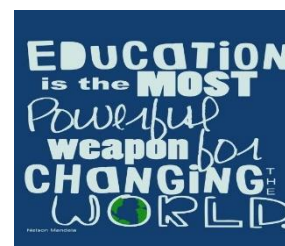


Students of the month for September:



Dates for your diary:

31st October to 4th November inclusive: School closed for midterm break.





A LEARNING ADVENTURE

Holly Class:

A big welcome to our wonderful new Junior Infants who have joined Holly class, they are very lucky to be joining the amazing children in Senior Infants who have been fantastic at showing and telling them about all our school routines. We have had a nice September, settling back to school and getting to know each other. We have been learning about Homes and Houses and we built our own rooms out of cardboard boxes and houses out of sticks and paper. In Maths we have practised sorting things into different groups, matching and counting. We have been learning about our bodies and senses, as well as all the fabulous parts of nature that are around us at this time of year. We have been on two nature walks where we discovered conkers, blackberries, walnuts, frogs, apples, leaves, acorns and even a well! We have had a great start to the year and are looking forward to October.



Elm Class

Elm class have had a very busy September welcoming some new children into our class. We have had lots of sensory and outdoor play to help us settle in. We have been reading the story 'The Tiger who came for Tea' it has become our favourite story so we decided to have our own tea party and see would the tiger come to visit. We have also been learning about all things autumn. We have gone on some nature walks collecting leaves and picking berries. We look forward to October and what fun it has in store for us.



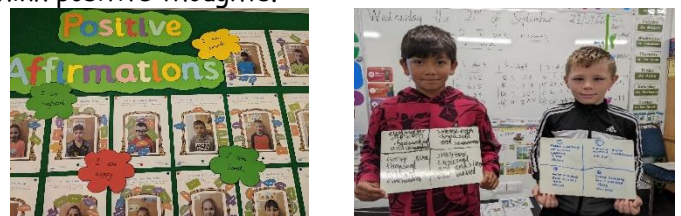
Hazel Class:

Hazel Class have had a busy September. We have learned lots about Autumn and went on Autumn Walks around our school. We gathered leaves, apples, conkers, husks and caterpillars! We celebrated Finn's birthday in Barney's and had so much fun. We made Play Doh at school using flour, oil, salt and food colouring. We have created very cute hedgehogs and shapes. Hazel Class have spent lots of time outdoors scooting, building, playing and exploring. We are looking forward to October and getting ready for Halloween.



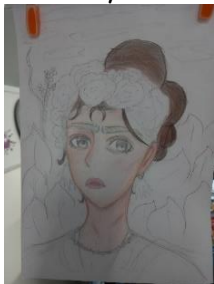
Rowan Class

Rowan class have had a super start to the year. We have been learning all about County Clare and the geography of Ireland. Children have been researching their family tree and sharing this information with their classmates. We are learning to read and write three digit numbers in maths, with some children challenging themselves to write 5 digit numbers! We thought it would be a good idea to start off the year by writing positive affirmations because we know how important it is to think positive thoughts.



Oak Class:

5th and 6th class have been learning about Mexico this month. In History, we learned about the Aztecs and how they settled in Mexico on Lake Texicoco. They were very innovative people with their very own religion and different ways of life. Their religion was based on lots of Gods. Being an Aztec child would be hard, even at 5 years of age they had to do simple chores. Boys would help their fathers with all the farm work while girls would help their mothers hang up the laundry. It seems like a very hard life to live. Did you know that the Aztecs invented chocolate? They invented a spicy drink with cocoa beans. About two weeks ago we studied a female Mexican artist, her name was Frida Kahlo. She is famous because of her self-portraits. We even did a whole art lesson and drew pictures of Frida in her own style. In Geography we have started group display projects about Mexico. The population of Mexico is about 128 million. Mexico City is also believed to have the biggest slum in the world with about 4 million people living in it. Its name is Neza Chalco Itza. Overall, we have enjoyed learning all about Mexico. By Mehreen Adnan (6th Class)



Beech Class:

We had a fantastic first month back in Beech Class. We had lots of stories from our summer holidays and we had a great time sharing all our adventures. We really enjoyed our STEM challenges throughout September. As a team, we had to design and build a variety of structures using only fruit pastilles and tooth picks. We built a tower, a cube and a house. We then had to work in groups to build a strong and straight bridge between two platforms. We also learned about Pandas and their habitat. We loved cutting out and designing our own pandas. Our whole class went for a nature walk and learned about all the different trees in our locality. We can now tell the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. Our class love reading and we are particularly enjoying Roald Dahl's collection. We have recently begun reading 'The Twits' and we are knocking great fun out of discovering their latest pranks! It has been a lovely first month back and we are looking forward to seeing what the year will bring.



Willow Class:

Willow class have had a very busy month!!! We've been exploring materials in Science and have made lampshades and parachutes out of different materials. We've been working on paper construction in Art and made sculptures and portraits. In honour of our class being named Willow, we made our interpretation of Willow Pattern plates. We've had lots of fun!



EAL Class:

Our EAL students have settled back into school very well. Our Ukrainian children have been attending the World of Welcome programme in De Valera Library, Ennis where they take part in art lessons, drama and role plays. I have attached some photos of the work our students have created. This work will culminate in a public performance in Glór in Ennis in a few weeks' time.

