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As we approach the end of term one, the board of management would like to thank everyone for a wonderful term in Ennis Educate Together. We would like to welcome our new members of staff both temporary and permanent. Congratulations to Jane on her permanent position and on being presented the Gold Medal at her graduation ceremony in Mary I.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Deirdre and Mel on the birth of Senan, Frances on her retirement and Naomi and David on getting married.

The staff have been very busy this term availing of various continuous professional development opportunities including the Middle Leadership Project which took place over the last year and was completed on November 8th. The whole staff plan to do training on Trauma Informed Practice in term two. Two student teachers Róisín Travis and Philip Talty have recently completed their teaching practice in the school.

Throughout this term our students have been involved in many enriching activities off campus. In September our 4th, 5th and 6th classes took part in a TV programme called Uiscenauts in Athlone. This involved a number of challenges on an inflatable obstacle course at Bay Sports. Feedback from TG 4 was very positive. The programme will air in January and we look forward to seeing ourselves on TV! Our 3rd to 6th classes have formed a choir and are busy rehearsing for the Peace Proms concert which will take place on January 21st in the University of Limerick. On the night they will be joined by hundreds of other pupils and by an orchestra from Northern Ireland and Ireland. To celebrate 100 years of the Garda Síochána, 3rd-6th classes were invited to meet all the emergency services at the Garda Station. The pictures on our website are testament to the great day! A reminder that we have a new website which was launched before the mid-term.

Other news... the school council is currently being set up. The school has registered for Ficheall which is a national Chess Programme. Classes from 1st -6th are currently learning to play or to enhance their skills. We are taking part in the BLAST artist in residence programme which will result in a media related outcome. A number of our pupils are benefitting from art therapists Austin Creaven and Marianne O'Connell and speech and language therapist Tara Enright.

The board of management has reviewed the school's Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment and the Child Safeguarding Statement for the year 2022/23.

Parents have been busy availing of parent classes eg English Language classes, Mother and Child and Arts and Crafts. Many thanks to the parents who attended the recent parent teacher meetings. The school has received a grant for a polytunnel and garden shed so we hope to see even more parents coming together to grow flowers and vegetables. Our Winter Fair takes place on December 2nd and all parents are welcome to attend.

We have a few busy weeks left before the holidays. 'WorldFest' takes place on December 2nd. Our Winter Raffle fundraiser will take place over the coming weeks. Christmas Dinners will take place on Tuesday, December 20th.

Finally, the board would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and commitment during this term.

Wishing all in our school community a happy, restful holiday.