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As we begin Term 2 at Ennis ETNS, the Board of Management would like to wish all staff a happy and productive second term.

Many congratulations to Denis and Fiona on their recent wedding!

Since our last BoM meeting, 9 new pupils have joined us here at EETNS, and all of our 6th Class pupils have secured places in the secondary school of their choice. We will have pupils going to Rice College, Ennis Community College and Coláiste Muire, reflecting a greater diversity of schools than many years previously.

The Staffing Allocation has been released, indicating that we will remain as a 6 mainstream class school, with two special classes for children with ASD, for the year 2023/24.

All staff attended training on Trauma Informed Practice, and teachers completed the 3rd Primary Language Curriculum webinar on the 16th January.

Staff have also been busy availing of various CPD, including:

- Embedding Language for Learning in a Multilingual Classroom
- SEAI Energy Conservation in Schools
- Practical Therapeutic Strategies for SNAs to respond to Challenging Behaviour
- Pottery
- The Science of Reading: How to teach decodable readers in the Early Years
- Comprehension in Middle and Senior Classes
- What is a Heart Word Anyway? Exploring High-Frequency Word Instruction
- Communicating as a Professional: Talk as Reflective Inquiry
- Maths Recovery training.

Vera Shanahan, Educate Together, is due to provide a workshop for staff on the new Ethical Curriculum.

Last term saw our pupils and staff get involved in a number of enriching activities, including our very enjoyable Winter Fest on December 2nd. This was a wonderful success for the school community, and the BoM wishes to thank the organising committee.

A total of €1645 was raised from our Winter Raffle, which was used to fund sensory climbing walls, to be installed shortly. Many thanks to Aoiffe for organising, and all who supported.

Our annual Christmas dinner took place on Tuesday December 20th, a lovely festive occasion. Many thanks to Julie, our SCP Project Worker and to The Food Company for providing the food.

Occupational Therapy sessions with Caroline Tobin have begun each Monday. Thanks to the Clare Crusaders for organising.

Peace Proms in UL was an amazing experience for the 21 pupils who attended on Saturday 21st January. The pupils represented our school so well as they sang and danced in a choir of over 1,000 children. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their Saturday evening to help with this event.

Our BLAST Artist in Residence musician, John Lillis, facilitated the production of an amazing rap with the pupils from 3rd - 6th class. The BoM enjoyed their first listen and are looking forward to learning the lyrics of this very special school anthem!

We are delighted to have a Student Council in place, who are working hard finalising their constitution.

Over the past few weeks, parents have been welcomed by our HSCL, David, into our revamped parent's room, for coffee and a chat. David is also making progress in setting up a new Parent's Association, as well as organising Irish class for parents who have expressed an interest in this.

The boy's basketball team trained hard for the Marian Keane Memorial Basketball Tournament, which took place this month. They represented our school so well on the day, and made their coaches, Seán and Lisa very proud!

Chess teams had a really successful visit to Ennis NS for the Ficheall event. Thanks to Rachel and Robin for mentoring our pupils for this event, and accompanying them on the day.

Our polytunnel and garden shed popped up over the Christmas break, funded by REACH. We look forward to horticulture classes, which will begin in the coming weeks.

Finally, the Board would like to thank the staff for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to Ennis ETNS.