

# Ennis Educate Together NS

Board of Management Agreed Report Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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As we begin Term 3 at Ennis ETNS, the Board of Management would like to wish all staff a happy and productive final term.

Many congratulations to Sarah and Donal on the birth of Keelin, Denis and Fiona on the birth of Aida, and Rachel and Richie on their recent engagement!

Condolences to Mairéad on the passing of her mother, Anita.

Since our last BoM meeting, 9 new pupils have joined us here at EETNS. Ennis Community College are visiting our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils to ensure a smooth transition to post primary for those who have accepted places at ECC.

Current events at Ennis ETNS:

The Staffing Allocation has been released, indicating that we will have 16 permanent staff for 2023/24.

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

- Friends for Life
- Building Resilience in the Classroom
- New Learn Together Curriculum training day
- Teachers helping Teachers – The Power of Teacher Peer Observation
- Comprehension in the Middle and Senior Classes Part 2
- Sensory and Movement Breaks
- Droichead Refresher Event
- How Chat GPT is Transforming Education
- Making Learning Fun with AI/Chat GPT
- Supporting Parents
- Canva
- Languages Connect
- Droichead for Principals

Vera Shanahan, Educate Together, will visit on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, to provide a workshop on the new Learn Together curriculum to all staff.

Whole staff training is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>, on the Primary Language Curriculum and the new Primary Curriculum, recently published.

PDST facilitator Sinéad Kilkenny will visit the school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May, to support our DEIS committees in reviewing the school's DEIS plans.

Bernard McHale from the PDST Leadership team worked with our ISM on March 15<sup>th</sup> to review and support how we work as a team. He will return on May 24<sup>th</sup> for another session.

A number of exciting activities are taking place at Ennis ETNS this term, including swimming for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes and Spanish with our wonderful tutor Victoria in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class, through the Languages Connect Programme.

Infant classes will attend Forest Schools in the Lees Road for six weeks, starting on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

A number of our parents have been enjoying Gardening classes with Shane the gardener every Thursday morning and our polytunnel is a hive of activity!

Class teachers are busy organising school tours, always a highlight of the school year for our pupils.

A combined Active Schools/Wellbeing Week has been scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking forward to a fun filled week for pupils and staff.

6th class Graduation will take place on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

All radiators in the front prefab have been upgraded to more efficient and economical models.

A Smallwall Horizontal climbing wall has been installed on the front fence and is a big hit with many of our pupils!

The Admissions Policy, amended in Term 2, has been approved by the patron.

Our ASD classes are now full for September 2023, and plans have commenced to provide a two week Summer camp for our ASD classes, once again.

Standardised testing will take place for Literacy on May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> and Numeracy on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Educate Together have chosen Ennis ETNS to be one of four schools in the country to participate in a Nurture Group promotion video. A film crew will visit the school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April to facilitate this..

Parents have been invited to attend a meeting on the formation of a Parent's Council at Ennis ETNS – we hope to have lots of interest.

Jackie has applied to An Taisce for a bicycle and scooter rack, which will be installed before November 2023. Many thanks for this.

Finally, the Board would like wish all staff a great final term and to thank staff once again for your continued enthusiasm and commitment to Ennis ETNS.