

Ennis Educate Together NS

Board of Management Agreed Report Thursday 15th June 2023

Condolences to Tricia, on the passing of her father in law, Máirtín.

Current events at Ennis ETNS:

We will have 18 teaching staff in total next year, including the Principal, HSCL, 6 mainstream class teachers, 2 Special Class teachers, 5 Special Education Teachers, and 3 English as an Additional Language teachers.

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

- Droichead
- Vicarious Trauma
- Tánaiste
- Canva
- Maths Recovery
- DEIS Summer Camps
- Heggerty Phonemic Awareness and UFLI Foundations
- Supporting the Deployment of SNAs in Primary Schools
- The Science of Literacy in Ireland
- Lino Printing workshop
- Designing Slides and Handouts using Google Slides and PowerPoint
- Visit to a Forest School
- Primary Language Curriculum whole staff training

PDST facilitator Sinéad Kilkenny will visit the school again, to support our DEIS committees in reviewing the school's DEIS plans.

A number of exciting activities have taken place in Ennis ETNS this term, including swimming for 1st – 6th classes, Forest School for Holly Class, and gardening classes for pupils and parents, with a Heritage in Schools facilitator.

There has been great excitement among the pupils with school tours to Turoe Pet Farm, Bunratty Folk Park, and The Planet, enjoyed by teachers and pupils alike.

There are many exciting events planned for Active Schools/Wellbeing Week from June 19th – 23rd. We look forward to sampling hockey, basketball, tag rugby, yoga, outdoor dance party, jewellery making and lots more!

Our Curriculum committees have completed school plans for PE, SPHE and Science, which will be reviewed by whole staff in September.

A Leave of Absence policy has been reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management, and staff will begin working on a Dress Code policy in the coming year.

Two-week summer camps for pupils in our Additional Learning Classes will run from June 29th – July 12th, as well as a DEIS Literacy and Numeracy camp.

Standardised testing took place in May, and results will be shared in school reports at the end of the year.

Our Home School Community Liaison teacher, David, was delighted to have several parents volunteering to join the Ennis ETNS Parent Council. These parents have now received training from the National Parent's Council, and we are looking forward to hearing lots from them in the coming year!

Induction Day for new infants took place on June 15th, and our Additional Learning Classes will host afternoon tea for current and new families next week.

As our school continues to grow and expand, a new modular unit has been sanctioned by the Department of Education to house a mainstream class and two Special Educational Needs rooms.

Finally, the Board of Management would like to congratulate all staff on a very successful year, and thank them for their continued commitment to Ennis ETNS.

The BoM wishes the school community a restful and enjoyable Summer break!