

Ennis Educate Together NS

Board of Management Agreed Report Thursday 28th September 2023

Condolences to Tricia, on the passing of her uncle, to Lisa, on the passing of her mother and to Pamela, on the passing of her dad.

Congratulations to Seán and Aoibhín on the birth of their daughter.

Current events at Ennis ETNS:

We have been appointed a 6th mainstream class teacher, and allocated two extra EAL teachers for the coming year.

Class Organisation is as follows:

- Junior & Senior Infants: Rachel, Sarah Bradley (on leave), Darina Hogan
- Seniors & First (awaiting new classroom): Fiona, Karen
- 1st & 2nd Class: Gemma/Máire, Bridgena
- 3rd & 4th Class: Jackie, Mandy
- 4th & 5th Class: Jane, Sarah Cotter
- 5th & 6th Class: Denis, Nicola/Sarah Cunningham
- Hazel Class: Orla, Naomi, Louise
- Elm Class: Aoiffe, Martina, Mary H (Linda Dermody covering maternity leave)
- Nurture: Seán
- EAL: Mairéad (10 hours shared with Ennis NS), Patricia, Alan
- SET: Lisa/Deirdre, Tricia, Mary Fallon, Amber
- HSCL: David R
- Admin Principal: David Q

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

- Primary Maths Curriculum: David Rundle and David Quinn to attend training on October 16th. A further day's training will be planned for whole staff in the new year.
- Autism class teachers and SNAs attended Diabetes Awareness training in the Diabetic Clinic in Limerick on September 20th.
- Aisling Wheeler, REALT/ESOL coordinator, visited the school to talk to EAL teachers about EAL support.
- The Novel in the Senior Classrooms
- Aistear in the Infant Classes
- National Attendance Strategy webinar
- Children First: All staff have updated their training in this.
- Staff took part in a whole school session on STEAM in primary schools this month and are looking forward to developing our skills and the skills of all pupils in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics over the coming year.
- A whole-staff CPD session will be organised to discuss the best roadmap for integration and inclusion of our special classes throughout the school.

A number of school based initiatives have been planned for the coming term, including:

- The Classroom Dina Programme in Senior Infants
- Roots of Empathy with Baby Pippa and her mam, Bernie, in 1st and 2nd Class
- Guided Reading, Literacy Lift Off (1st/2nd).
- Nurture Class, with Seán as the new teacher
- Peace Proms: we are hoping to have the opportunity to participate again this year
- Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday December 20th.
- Our School Council will elect new members in October, building on the success of last year.

Our two-week Summer Programme was very successful. Many thanks to EVA for their generous donation of €350, which helped to fund day trips and resources.

The School Completion Programme are providing tutors for Homework Club on Mondays and Tuesdays this year, and Homework Clubs across the school are in full operation now.

The HSE will be offering hearing and vision tests to all senior infant pupils, along with vaccination against the flu.

This year, our Curriculum committees will work on school plans for Gaelige, Geography, Art and Music.

Some very exciting extra-curricular activities have been planned for the year ahead, including Athletics, Gaelic Football & Board Games in Term 1, Soccer, Chess & Basketball in Term 2, and Choir and Arts & Crafts in Term 3.

We are delighted to have a newly formed, active, and enthusiastic Parents Council up and running in Ennis ETNS. Members took great care of our polytunnel during the summer break, and even cooked chocolate and courgette cake for pupils and staff from the spoils! The Parents Council are currently exploring fundraising opportunities.

English classes for parents continue this year on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Finally, the Board of Management would like to wish the school community a happy and successful year ahead!