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Monthly Memoirs September 2023

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Welcome Back To School:

All the staff in Ennis ETNS would like to offer a warm welcome back to all our children and families as we embark on another fantastic year in your child's education together.

What a busy five weeks it has been!! Everyone has really hit the ground running and there are so many exciting things happening in the school which you'll read about throughout this newsletter. We wish you all a wonderful school year ahead and look forward to all the adventures that are to come!!

September Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Isaac, Pedro, Miada, Anna, Vladimir, Oleksandar, Simon, George and Iskandar.



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

New pupils:

We'd like to particularly welcome some new children who have joined our school this month. These include Samantha, Mykyta, Veronika, William, Eileen, Nicolas, Sofiia, Gabriel, Marharyta, Favour, Donna Marie, Ariyan, Haleigh Ann, Patricia, Mateusz, Pedro, Joao, Adriel, James, Brianna, Martin, Winita, Fionn, Jessica, Adele, Deethya, Tommy, Beyoncé, Daniil, Elisar and Tomas. We hope all your parents have gotten used to you coming to our school each day and we look forward to building strong connections with all our families throughout your time here in our school.

School Contributions:

From September 2023, schoolbooks, workbooks and copy books for children in primary schools will be provided to every child for free. Unfortunately, this grant will not eliminate the costs for families completely. There are still

some essential classroom materials, resources and expenses which are not covered by this new scheme for which we still require parents to cover the cost of.

All families are requested to pay **€60** per child to pay for the following:

- Children's insurance
- Photocopying
- Art and Crafts
- Digital licences
- Educate Together subscription

We also welcome a suggested voluntary contribution of **€40** which support other costs and expenses such as classroom supplies, Aladdin Connect and reading books. These payments are now overdue. We ask that all families pay the balance owed as soon as possible. We thank you all for your continued support.

Staffing:

A warm welcome to some new staff this September - Fiona, Alan, Linda, Mandy and Catriona. We hope you settle in well to our school as we look forward to working with you for the year head!

School Social Media:

Please like our school Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to keep informed of events and news from our classes. Our page will be updated daily showing off all the amazing work going on within our school. We would love if you would like and share our posts so we can show ourselves off to your family, friends and the wider community.

Drop offs and Collections:

We'd like to thank all our parents for co-operating with our traffic management plan to ensure the safety of all our children. We'd like to remind all parents that we ask you to park your car in a parking spot before coming to the gate to pick up your child. We also ask that the one-way system is kept free for cars to continuously move rather than stop here and wait for your child to get into your car.

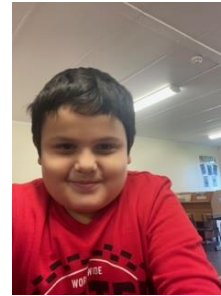
Beech Class:

Beech Class got back to school with a flying start! The kids have settled in very quickly with some new faces coming to our school. We had a fantastic visit from Heritage in Schools last week with Sinéad Keane where the children learned lots about biodiversity and our native trees. The children also harvested some plants and seeds from the poly tunnel. We learned all about our senses and went on a sensory walk around the school to find what we could touch, see, hear, taste and smell. You would be surprised at the results!! We also really enjoyed the yoga practice with Maire!



Hazel Class:

Hazel Class have had a wonderful month back at school, getting to know one another. We have spent lots of time outdoors playing, visiting our polytunnel and looking for signs of Autumn. We have enjoyed getting to know all the new children in Elm Class. We have been to Funkidz Klub and went for lovely walks together. We picked the apples from the tree in the garden and they tasted delicious. We also harvested potatoes from the garden and made yummy chips which we shared with other classes. It's been a fun month!!



EAL 1:

Juniors, Seniors, First and Second Class are learning about Myself and Food this month. We are really enjoying learning English through playing games, singing songs, reading stories and completing fun activities. We now know various types of food and all the different parts of the body. We love talking to our puppets and answering their questions in class.



Elm Class:

Elm class had a great start to the school year with three new wonderful children. We celebrated Brianna's and Pedro's birthdays. We have visited Funkidz Klub and had so much fun. We have had lots of sensory play but I think water is our favourite!! We are learning about autumn at the moment and have really enjoyed exploring the signs of nature. We got to eat some chips with our friends in Hazel class.

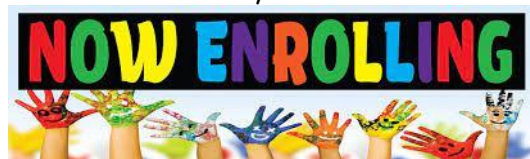


EAL Class 2:

A huge welcome back to school to all our EAL students and a warm welcome to our new EAL students from the Ukraine, Poland, Brazil and India. We have been learning all about myself this month. We can say our names and how old we are. We can talk about how many people are in our families. We have been talking about things we like and dislike. We have been using naming and communication cards to help us with our oral language in pairs. We have been reading lots of books and constructing sentences with our English language learner game. Our senior learners were learning about the different types of transport we use. They were reading texts about transport, responding to questions about how they like to travel and discussing an experience they have had in travelling.

Admissions September 2024:

It's hard to believe we're planning for next year already! Our Admissions Notice was published on our website and Facebook page on October 1st and remains open until December 1st. If you have a child of age to start school next September, please get in touch with the school so we can help you ensure the application form is submitted on time. If you have family, neighbours or friends with children of school going age, we'd really appreciate you letting them know that it is time to make an application to join our school community.



Holly Class:

This month in Holly Class we learned all about the home in the Aistear. The children got to build houses with Lego, we made furniture out of playdoh, the children washed clothes and dolls at the water station and they played in the role play kitchen area, setting the table and cooking dinners. We read the stories *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and *The Three Little Pigs*. We also started active maths where the children get to play maths related games outside. They really enjoyed the roll and counting game. Mr. Happy is our class Teddy Bear and he has started making trips home to visit the boys and girls in our class.



Willow Class:

It has been a great month for Willow class, we've been busy! We welcomed lots of new students into our class and have been having fun getting to know each other. In Maths, we've been working on place value, addition and subtraction and have been playing lots of board games to practice our new skills. We've focused on Ireland and the geography of Ireland in SESE and have created maps of Ireland and brochures to showcase Irish tourist attractions. In art, colour mixing and line drawing have been the focus and we've created some lovely artwork. We were lucky enough to do some gardening with Áine in the polytunnel and had lots of fun harvesting onions and beetroot and weeding the beds!



Oak Class:

Oak Class had a brilliant first month back. We spent a lot of time in our school polytunnel and harvested our potatoes which we planted last year. We brought them home and cooked our favourite meals and used them for art and craft ideas. We love reading in Oak Class and we paid our first visit to Ennis library. We did lots of art

and we learned about the artists Romero Britto and Wassily Kandinsky and we responded to their work.



Rowan Class:

September has been super fun with lots of learning in Rowan Class! We have enjoyed working in pairs and groups on subjects such as maths and science. We can learn lots from each other! We created posters explaining the story of the 2 times table, made Autumn inspired paintings, planted apple seeds in pots and learned lots about different animal habitats!



HSCL:

Parents of both our oldest and youngest classes attended coffee mornings with our HSCL David Rundle. It was great for David to meet you all and he looks forward to working with you during the year ahead! Free English classes for parents have started on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings: There are still places available in these, so if you are interested in joining, please contact David on 0894771298. There will be many other parent activities taking place this year, and you will hear about these from David soon. Our newly formed Parents' Association is hoping to be very active this year, and they will soon be in touch with you all, with information on activities and meetings. Again, if you're interested in joining or helping out, get in touch with David. Our sincere thanks to the parents who tended the school garden over the summer months - the sunflowers in particular were a spectacular sight!

Date for the diary:

October Mid-Term break: Monday, 30th October to Friday 3rd November inclusive