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Monthly Memoirs June 2024

Ennis Educate Together NS
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June Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Lilian, Eamon, Isha, Asim, Iftitah, Veronika, Sophie, Niro, Edvards and Lexi.



July Birthdays:

Happy birthday Leticia, Nicole, Martin, Ariyan, Haleigh-Ann, Bernie, Deethya, Nicolas, Aaron, Arsen, Sofii, Zdenka, Joao, Cullum and Munashe.

August Birthdays:

Happy birthday to Ayat, Marharyta, Beyonce, Tommy, Yurii, Matias, Arina, David, Mateusz, Brianna.

We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

School Contributions:

Despite school books and some stationery being covered under the schools book grant, there are still some essential classroom materials, resources and expenses which are not covered by this scheme for which we still require parents to cover the cost of.

All families are requested to pay **€75** per child to pay for the following:

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

We also welcome a suggested voluntary contribution of **€40** which support other costs and expenses such as classroom supplies, Aladdin Connect and reading books. The school will remain open until July 11th if families wish to pay in advance of the new school year. We ask that all family costs are paid by Friday 6th September at the latest and thank you all for your continued support. Payment plans can be arranged between families and the school if you are not in a position to pay these costs in a single payment. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to do a regular payment plan with the school.

After yet another busy school year, it's an opportune time to thank our parents, guardians and families for their ongoing support and understanding. We'd also like to thank our friends in SCP and CLDC who provided supports to our school throughout the year. The introduction of a four day Homework Club has been a huge help to families in the school. Special thanks to all the staff in the school who really put their shoulders to the wheel to ensure all children were nurtured and looked after throughout the year. Their work, co-operation and professionalism deserve special mention. After a long year for everyone, we all welcome the summer holidays. We hope you and your families get to take some time to relax and we look forward to welcoming everyone back through our doors again on Thursday 29th August.

Active Schools week:

Active Week took place in the school from June 17th to June 21st this year. All classes took part in lots of fun activities. A special word of thanks to Sean and the Active School committee for planning and organising a great week. A huge thank you to the groups and organisations in Ennis for giving up your time and showing us some super skills. A word of thanks to Ennis Hockey club, the Clare Comets, Clare GAA, Irish Rugby, Banner GAA and Ennis Tennis and Badminton club for providing workshops throughout the week.



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Attendance

May was a great month for attendance, with our second highest overall attendance figure of the whole school year. There were also a record 44 children who received certificates and prizes for 100% attendance for the month of May! We hope this trend continues into the new school year.

Sunflowers

Our sunflowers are growing strong, and will continue to need watering over the summer months. Many thanks to the members of the Parents' Association who have volunteered to do this! If you think you could help out with this, please let David know on 0894771298.

Farewell 6th Class:

On June 25th, we had big celebrations in the school as 6th class celebrated their Graduation Day. We had a lovely ceremony in our new classroom which was decorated with many photos of the children's times here in our school. We were delighted to welcome all the families and staff to the ceremony. After David and Denis spoke to the children, they took a trip down memory lane reminiscing through a movie created by school staff with so many photos of the children as they grew through their school life here. There were plenty of laughs watching it...and even the odd tear!! Each child then received a graduation certificate and a little book of memories which every child in the class added their own page including their best memoirs. The whole school then provided a guard of honour as they all took one last walk to soak in all the thanks and plaudits, ending with the traditional cap toss! We'd like to thank Adam, Yasser, Erik, Sofiia, Miroslav, Veronika, Leticia, Haleigh-Ann, Vladimir, Martin, Daniela, Nela, Annalise and Taylor for their individual and joint contributions to the Ennis Educate Together story. What a wonderful class you have been and true role models to the rest of the school. We wish you only the very best as you transition to secondary school and we look forward to hearing great things from you all!



Student Council

Congratulations and thank you to this year's Student Council: Luca, Taylor, Steven, Arina, Pat and Wissam. These pupils have achieved a lot this year:

- Updated the two Student Council noticeboards and added a 'Suggestions Folder' to our board in the senior building.
- Wrote letters to people we admire and received replies from President Higgins and The Speks.
- Completed a stock take of the P.E. equipment for David and Seán.
- Organised an art competition for CYSCP.
- Acquired new Student Council badges to be worn at assemblies and for special occasions.
- Organised a *Wellbeing Week*, special thanks Jane for her help with this!
- Wrote to, and met with, the Parents' Association who agreed to fund mirrors for the senior students' bathrooms.
- Recorded and published our very first podcast using equipment sponsored by Kinia.

Looking forward to another great year in 2024/25! We will arrange for pupils to give speeches to their classes at the beginning of October. Next year will be the final year of random selection following speeches. After that, pupils will begin to vote for Student Council members as per our constitution.

School Completion Programme:

Our Tiny Teacher, Pippa, had her final visit with 1st & 2nd Class. Pippa has visited the school regularly since September and during this time, the pupils develop emotional literacy as they begin to identify and label the baby's feelings, reflect on and understand their own feelings, then bridge to understand the feelings of others (empathy). We would like to thank Pippa and her family for taking the time to be part of our academic year and we wish them well for the future.



Oak Class:

We had a lovely end to the year in Oak Class. We celebrated 6th class's graduation on Tuesday with their family and classmates. We also had a great time on our school tour to Ailwee Caves and the Birds of Prey show. We even had time to stop in the park and have a cone! We visited Ennis Friary for a history tour and learned a lot about the locality. We also made our own pizzas and enjoyed them in the sun.



EAL 1:

Our EAL students have really enjoyed learning about our local community, transport and travel this month. Throughout May we learned about the people who work in our local community and the buildings that they work in. We learned about the roles of the different professionals and discussed what we would like to be when we are older. Stories like 'When I Grow Up' helped us to understand these roles. In June we learned about all the different modes of transport and travel. We shared how we get to and from school every day, our favourite mode of transport and our best and worst travel experiences. In Aistear we learned about 'Fairytale' and 'The Zoo' and added 'v' and 'x' sounds to our phonics bank. We continued to work on our vocabulary by revising our name, age, family, feelings, days of the week and months/seasons of the year. The children continue to teach us phrases in their own native language. We have had a very enjoyable last 2 months and we are looking forward to the holidays now!



EAL Class 2:

In EAL this month we have been learning about seasons, holidays and festivals. We were reading lots of stories and made a list of all the things we would like to do on our summer holidays. We were also learning about our local community. We learned the names of people who live and work in our community. We can recognise and understand the names of important buildings, signs and

shops in our area. We also did lots of oral language, played literacy games, learned new vocabulary, word searches and used our dictionaries to look up words we didn't know. Thank you so much to all the EAL learners who worked so hard this year. Have a great summer break everyone!!

Beech Class:

Beech class enjoyed a beautiful nature walk nearby. Our school tour to Moher Hill farm and Lahinch was a fun day out with animals, go-karting, ball pit and ending on the beach at Lahinch. There were lots of tired passengers on the way back to school!



Elm & Hazel Class:

Elm and Hazel classes have had a very busy month. We have celebrated 3 birthdays (Asim, Isha and Edvards). We went on a few trips to the park, nature walks across the road, McDonalds and Barneys. We had a great week during active schools week, we learned so many new skills. We also went on our school tour to Moher Hill farm, we had so much fun. We were sad to have to say goodbye to our wonderful Adam in Hazel class who graduated from 6th Class. We are so proud of him and everything he has overcome the last few year. We know that Adam is going to do great things on his next big adventures in his new school.



Cherry Blossom:

The focus in the Nurture Room over the last number of weeks has been on the area of Relationship Skills. All pupils have worked very well together on a Nurture Classroom project to build a bright and colourful birdhouse. Aside from working closely together and communicating brilliantly with each other, pupils also demonstrated great motivation and determination to accomplish their goal of building a birdhouse. More recently we have also looked at developing our sense of belonging. Through reading of stories and associated activities pupils have learned that we are all unique, how we can accept each other's differences in a positive way and to have the courage to stand up for what we believe in. During the fine weather we also took a break from the Nurture Room to plant some sunflowers along our school boundary wall.



Willow Class:

On Tuesday 18th June, Rowan, Willow and Oak classes went to Aillwee Caves on their school tour. The class had lots of fun on their tour of the cave. The children also got to enjoy a Birds of Prey show. We then headed to Corofin to the GAA pitch and playground and were treated to ice-creams from the local shop, it was a great day! Willow class also thoroughly enjoyed Active School Week last week with sports day being the highlight. Thanks to all the coaches and to Seán and the Active Schools Committee for a fantastic week. Hockey, football, tug of war and dodgeball were some favourites from the week!



Holly Class:

Holly Class went on a trip to the library this month. We got to hear three different stories, our favourite was *Don't Open This Book* by Andy Lee. We participated in Active Week, where we tried out lots of new sports. Thanks to the Active Committee for organising! Holly class went on a Teddy Bear's Picnic. We brought our teddies to the park and got to play with all our friends. We have been revising all the sounds we have learned during the year and playing games to help us remember them. Have a brilliant summer everyone!

Rowan Class:

Rowan Class have had a wonderful learning journey in June. We have really enjoyed improving our reading and spelling skills using the 'Words their Way' programme. We visited the Clare County Library and they told us all about their Summer Reading Challenge. We are going to read as many books as we can during the holidays! Active Schools Week was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We really are an active bunch!



Class Allocation:

Class teachers for the coming academic year 2024-2025 are as follows;

Juniors/Seniors: Rachel

Seniors/ 1st Class: TBC

1st/2nd Class: Tricia

3rd/4th: Jackie

4th/5th: Jane

5th/6th: TBC

Elm: Patricia

Hazel: Aoiffe

Nurture: Sean

