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Monthly Memoirs September 2024

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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. 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 Ray, Maryem, Isaac, DJ, Jamaal, Phiwayinkhosi, Oleksandr A, Fuhad, Milena, George, Marat, Oleksandr Z and Iskandar.



We hope you all had a wonderful celebration!!

New pupils:

We are delighted to welcome so many new children and their families to our school this September. A big céad míle fáilte to Hamza, Manal, Jabril, Jamaal, Chukwubuike, Melad, Mykola, Clarice, Anastasiia, Liam, Nathaniel, Mikolai, Zoe, Oleksandra, Jaden, Shakira, Joanna, Bruno, Olesia, Nwakaife, Ijeoma, David, Hatem, Charlotte, Ema, Asher, Artem, Jan, Patrick, Chantell, Gabrielle, James, Fuhad, Shankar, Ishioma, Lilly, DJ, James, Brandon, Michael, Ramzi, Daniella, Asil, Matthew, Eliana, Niniola, Samuel, Nathaniel, Phiwayinkhosi, Denise and Mackenzie. 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 EETNS.

School Contributions:

While school books and most stationery are now provided free of charge to all families, 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 **€75** per child to pay for the following:

- Children's insurance
- Art and Crafts
- Photocopying
- 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. We ask that all family costs are paid by Friday 27th September at the latest and thank you all for your continued support. Payment plans are also available to families who require them. Please make contact with the office to make an appointment with David if you wish to discuss this option. Many thanks to all our families who have paid these costs to date.

New Staff: We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Michelle, Caitriona and Jill who joined our staff this year. We hope everyone is making you feel welcome and that you enjoy your time working in our school!

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. Please do not park your car at our front gate. We also ask that the one-way system is kept free for cars to continuously move rather than stopping here and waiting for your child to get into your car.

Beech Class:

Beech Class have had a wonderful start to the year. We are having lots of fun getting to know our new classmates, learning how to say hello in many languages, and doing our best to create our very own class family! Our literacy stations are up and running, we are busy learning how words work, reading lots of books, and writing about what we read. 'Our Fantastic Elastic Brain' by Jo Ann Deak has taught us how we can grow and stretch our brains by learning from our mistakes, and developing a growth mind-set. In art, we learned how to mix paint to create our skin colour for our growth mind-set self-portraits, which we are looking forward to finishing this week. We were very lucky to be able to be the first children to try out a game on the Chromebooks made by our classmate James, using Scratch programming. We had great fun trying to beat each other's high scores! Lastly, our Zen Den is a big hit - everyone is loving hanging out in there, it is so relaxing after all the hard work!



EAL 1:

Our EAL students from Junior Infants to First Class have settled into school really well this month. The children are very busy completing their English language assessments. Junior and Senior Infants are developing their listening and speaking skills in the role-play station as part of Aistear. They are learning new vocabulary in relation to the home. The children are putting new words learned into sentences. They love cooking, eating and looking after their babies in the home. The children are also developing their oral language skills in Literacy. They really enjoy talking about their weekend news! Junior and Senior Infants are developing their phonological awareness skills through games and songs! We are so excited about learning English in the EAL room through stories, games and songs this school year!



EAL Class 2:

This month in EAL, we learned 'All About Ourselves'. We learned how to say our name and hello in many different languages. When we enter the EAL room we can choose from Pryvit, Ahoj, Ola, Marhaban, Ahoj, Hello and many more to salute each other! In September, we really enjoyed learning about the different body parts. We chatted about all the different things around our school that we love to see, hear, taste, touch and smell. We played lots of games, but in particular we loved charades. Well done everyone!



EAL Class 3:

We are delighted to welcome all the new children who have started in 4th, 5th and 6th class. EAL have been working on the theme of Myself and Body parts the past few weeks as well as getting to know all the new children. They have completed 'All About Me' booklets and played Guess Who games to improve our English language too!



Hazel Class:

What an amazing start to the school year. Hazel class welcomed two new students to our class. We have been learning all about recycling and had a visit to the recycling centre on the Gort Road. We have also been learning all about autumn and have gone on some nature walks and collected many autumn leaves, conkers, twigs, flowers and nuts. We have turned our autumn leaves into beautiful art work. We have had great fun playing with our friends in Elm class. We also went to Lidl with some friends from Cherry Blossom. We went to Kids Klub and the park together and had so much fun!!



Elm Class:

We have had such a lovely month settling in to Elm class. We went on lots of adventures this month. We went on lots of nature walks where we explored nature and saw lots of beautiful leaves. We went to the flower shop where we saw lots of fabulous flowers. We went to Barneys where we had loads of fun and had plenty of exercise. We also went to the playground and even bought some puzzles in the charity shop. We made some lovely hippos and marble ink art. We did painting, puzzles, playdoh and played sensory games. We look forward to seeing what adventures are in store for next month!



Ash Class:

Ash class have had a brilliant month in September and have settled back into school really well. We have been learning all about the different types of transport and had a chance to create our own version. The children learned all about Pablo Picasso and completed self-portraits while also getting a chance to paint themselves in a hot air balloon! The children have had great fun telling their news each Monday and have had a chance to show off their amazing writing skills!



Holly Class:

Holly class have had a brilliant month making friends and have settled into school. We completed the home theme in Aistear where we played in the role-play area feeding babies and making dinner for the family. We read the story the 'Listening Walk' and went on our own listening walk and used our senses to hear different sounds

around the school. Holly class also started maths through stories where we read the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' and completed counting activities based on the book 'Mr. Happy'. Our class Teddy went home for the first time in September with Shankar and they had a brilliant time playing together.



Willow Class:

Willow class have had a very successful month settling back into school. In Maths, the children have been learning all about place value and operations and have been playing lots of games to practice these topics. The children have been working on conversations in Irish and can now ask and answer 12 questions about themselves! In SESE, we have been learning about Irish and Greek myths and legends and have been learning all about Ireland as well. Lines, patterns and texture have been the focus of Art lessons. The children created amazing zentangle animal art. It has been a lovely month in our class, we have celebrated lots of birthdays, played board games, worked hard and spent time getting to know the new members of our classroom!



Oak Class:

Oak class have had a brilliant start to the academic year. 6th class have settled in well to their final year in EETNS. Throughout September, we explored Mexico and the Aztecs through History, Geography, Art and Music. We listened to their music, learned about their rich history, designed Aztec masks and created posters to add colour to our new classroom. As we work hard on academics in the classroom, we have made time for extracurricular activities too. A special mention to Luca, Chantelle and Michael who represented our class and our school in Cross Country Running in Lees Road last week. A brilliant effort by all involved and great to see our school competing so well against schools across the county. We are all looking forward to the year ahead 😊



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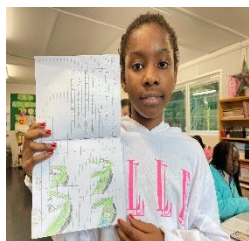
When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Rowan Class:

Rowan Class have had a brilliant September. The children have been learning lots of new things and making new friends. We are really lucky to be able to learn in small groups for Literacy and Maths so we can make accelerated progress. We have created some wonderful art work inspired by Yayoi Kusama, including colourful clay pumpkins which we painted. We also took advantage of the fine weather by eating our lunch outside.



New HSCL

My time as HSCL is shortly coming to an end, and very soon there will be a new HSCL in place. I have immensely enjoyed working with parents over the past number of years and will really miss the role. A huge thank you to all of you with whom I have spent time, in your homes and in the school. You will be introduced to my successor in due course, and I wish them well! Thanks again, David Rundle

Cherry Blossom:

September has flown by in Cherry Blossom. There has been loads of fantastic work completed in the Nurture Room whilst we were also lucky enough to undertake some grocery shopping in Lidl with members of Elm and Hazel classes in order to stock up on food for first few weeks of Term 1. There was great preparations undertaken for the trip which involved sitting down together and making a list of essentials, snacks and items that go well together. On the day of our trip to Lidl pupils learned loads about different foods and cuisines, nutrition and a lot about Maths!



School Closure:

The school will be closed to pupils on Friday, 8th November 2024, to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

Cross Country Athletics:

We were very proud of our athletics team who represented us so well in Lees Road last week. The miserable weather didn't dampen their spirits and everyone pushed themselves right to the finish line. Congratulations to George who won a medal and will progress to the county finals. Thanks to Sean, Geraldine, Alan and Jill who helped prepare our team so well for their races.



HSCL:

Attendance - Every School Day Counts

We are off to a strong start to this school year, with our figures up on the same time last year. Let's keep this going! It's important that your child attends school every day. If he or she is ill, please make sure to use Aladdin to

Date for the diary:

28th October to 1st November: Mid-term break:

8th November: Primary Maths Curriculum school closure