

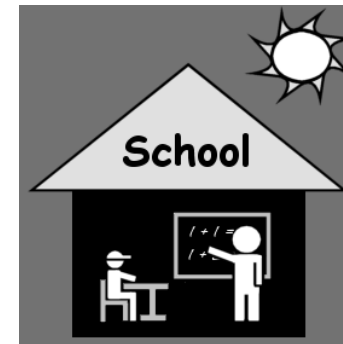
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November  
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Hi All,

### Parental Involvement

Thank you to the Parents who have helped out this month: Helena and Richard (calendar), Barbara (newsletter), Kamil (Facebook Page and Website), Jacqueline and Matt (Bag Pack), Glen (Story Telling) and Sarah (emotional wellbeing).

### Fire Prevention Week

Stephen Coyle and Kevin Lloyd gave a talk to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class on Fire Safety for Fire Prevention Week.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings were held during the week November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Michelle will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class P/T meetings in February.

### Science Week

The 6<sup>th</sup> Class children visited Tullamore College for Science Week where they took part in experiments with the Transition Year Students. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes went to a science event in the library.



### Secondary Schools

All three of the secondary schools in the town have held information evenings over the last few weeks for the parents of Sixth Class children.

### Flag

The National Flag and copy of the 1916 Proclamation presentation took place on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Two members of the Defence Forces presented Aicha Chalouche with the National Flag and Wictorija Mania with a copy of the 1916 Proclamation. Daniel Maken Finlay read paragraph four of the Proclamation. A question and answer session followed.

### Elections to the Board of Management

Michael Joyce and Chris Glennon were appointed as Patron Nominees by Educate Together. Sharon Lawrence and Donncha Phelan were elected as Parent Nominees at a meeting in the school on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Caroline Reynolds was elected as Teacher Nominee. The Board will serve a four year term from December 2015 - November 2019.

### Attendance

Four children have missed ten days up to October 23<sup>rd</sup> last. A letter has gone home informing the parents of the same.

### Calendar



Richard and Helena Wyman have taken photographs for this year's calendar. The calendar launch will take place on **Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>**. It will begin with the Junior Infant performance at **11.30 a.m.** to be followed by Senior Infants, First Class, Second Class and last of all the Choir. We will send out a text nearer the date with the exact times. It will be over by 1.00 p.m. The **calendar will cost €8 for one and €15 for two.**

### Junior Infants 2016

Please ensure that you have pre enrolled your child for Junior Infants by December 22<sup>nd</sup> next. Places will be offered at the end of January. Please see the school website for the enrolment policy.

### Bag Pack

The PTA held a bag pack in Dunnes Stores on Friday 27th November. Thanks to Jacqueline and Matt for organising and overseeing it. Thanks to all those who gave of their time on the day: Carol, Sharon, Farah, Paul, Anna, Francis, Orlagh, Olive, Barbara, Niamh, Gordon, Sarah and Marilyn. Apologies if anyone has been left out. Around **€500** was raised.



The school is one of three charities currently chosen to be in with a chance to receive **€1000** in Tesco Tullamore. Simply put the **blue tokens** into the Tullamore ETNS slot when you are leaving the store over the **next eight weeks**. Putting the school forward for this was a great idea. Thanks to members of The PTA for this. **Happy shopping!**

### Tullamore Lions Club

Tullamore Lions Club has published its annual again this year. It features an article on our school. It costs €15 and the proceeds (after costs) will go directly back into the community, via Tullamore Lions Club.

### Holidays

The Christmas holidays are on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. **School closes at 12.00 pm on this day. The school bus will run at 12.00 p.m.**

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*Our Mid-Term break is from February 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.*

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### **Parental Involvement**

Thank you to the parents who have helped out this month: Barbara (newsletter) and Kamil (Website and Facebook page).

### **Enrolment for 2016**

Offers of places for September 2016 have been posted out and the closing date was January 29th. If a place hasn't been accepted it will be offered on a first come first served basis to any new applicants after January 30th. Please see the school website for the enrolment policy.

### **The Arc**

Offers of places for The Arc will be posted out in early March.

### **Extension**

It is hoped that the Department of Education and Skills will hand over the extension to the Board of Management by the end of March. The use of the pitch will resume then also. A parent has suggested that families may wish to contribute towards the purchase of items for the new school building. The extension is a wonderful contribution to the school but we do not get funding to kit out the library for example. The Student Council would also like to have a Games Room. So we are going to compile a list of items, to which the children shall contribute. That list will be available to parents and they may order from it or contribute towards an item on it if they wish. This is completely voluntary. Please contact Cathy if you are interested in seeing the list.

### **Board of Management Training**

Sharon (parent nominee), Caroline (teacher nominee) and Cathy attended Educate Together Board of Management Training in Drumcondra Education Centre on January 23rd last.

### **Homework Club**

Laura has started a homework club on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.00pm - 4.00pm. It costs **€2 per evening or €5 for three.**

### **Entrance Exams**

The Sixth class children did their entrance exams for secondary school last Saturday.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Michelle will be holding the second class parent teacher meetings on **February 10th and 11th** next. A note will be sent home informing you of your time. Please reschedule if you'd prefer a different time.

### **Attendance**

22 children have missed 10 days or more up to 21/12/2015. 5 children have missed 15 days or more. We will be in touch with the parents of these children over the next few weeks.

### **The Green Team**

The Green Schools Committee has begun working towards its second green flag- the energy flag. Keep an eye on the website, Facebook page or newsletters for upcoming events/dates.

The 2015-2016 Committee members are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Adam Chalouche, Jamila Mokrani
- 4<sup>th</sup>-Séan Hewitt, Hayley Case
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Matthew Coyle, Haris Pocepko
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Patricia Cieleva, Kaleb Stanley, Oisín Dunne
- Katie Smeaton – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class teacher
- Steven Coyle: Caretaker
- Rebecca Quigley: Teacher, Deputy Principal.



### **Book Fair**

The school book fair will take place from **February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Sinéad is the liaison teacher for this.

### **Credit Union Quiz**

The Credit Union Quiz is on **February 11<sup>th</sup>** next in the Tullamore Court Hotel at 7.00 p.m. The Junior Team is Hayley Case, Nathan Cullen, Shannan Quinn, James Hayes and Amy Noonan. The Senior Team is Aicha Chalouche, Farheen Waheed, Thomas Coyle, Daniel Maken Finlay and Matthew Coyle. We wish them the very best on the night.

### **Scratch**

Eleven children from 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes are taking part in the ICS Skills Scratch Competition. Working on Scratch projects helps develop creative and critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills. This is also linked to our work on the Science and Maths Award.

### **Peace Proms**

On **Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Class is going to Kilkenny for a Peace Proms Practice. The actual event is taking place on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Kilkenny. Rebecca has been in touch with the relevant parents in relation to this.

### **Friendship Week**

Friendship week was from February 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>: Rebecca still has colourful friendship bracelets for sale. The bracelets cost €2 each and the proceeds go to Amnesty International.

### **Access to yard**

When we return to using the back yard we will send a letter home to parents regarding accessing it in the mornings and afternoons. We will also do a walk through with the children.

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Hi All,

Thank you to the parents who have helped out this month: Paul (ICT), Helena (Book Fair), Barbara (newsletter).

### **The Arc Enrolment 2016**

There will be two classes opening in The Arc in September 2016. Places were offered on February 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Extension**

The extension was handed over on February 29<sup>th</sup> ahead of schedule. We are using the Administration Office and the hall for now. It is a fantastic facility and we are delighted with it. Offaly County Council is going to do some work on the pedestrian crossing on Norbury Woods Avenue and when this is completed we will be opening the side gate for pedestrian and cyclists from the nearby estates. We thank you for your patience in this regard. We will also have an afternoon after the holidays, whereby parents will get an opportunity to have a look around the new building.

### **Green Schools Committee**

The Green Schools Committee is busy assessing our use of energy at the moment.

### **Engineers Week**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Classes had a visit from an engineer, Brendan Connolly. Thanks to Caroline for organising it. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will have their postponed visit from an engineer, rescheduled shortly.

### **Spelling Bee**



Congratulations to Eoghan in 6<sup>th</sup> class who will represent the school in the Offaly County final of the Schools Spelling Bee competition. Our school is hosting the County Final this year in our new school hall. Thanks to Caroline for organising it.

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair was a great success. Thank you for supporting it so well. €1500 worth of books was sold, of which the school gets 60% back in books for our new school library. Thanks to Helena for organising it and to Sharon, Anna, Gabi and Lisa for helping out.



### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Over the next two weeks we are celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge. The schedule is as follows:

Friday : Siopa for all classes ( €1 spending limit)

Monday: Céilí for all classes

Tuesday: Proclamation Day: Raising of the Flag 12.00 p.m.-12.30 p.m.

Tráth na gCeist ( Quiz) for 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> class 1.00 p.m.- 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday: Prize giving at an assembly

We would like to ask you to be as generous as ever in your baking donations to the siopa (shop).

There will be a prize per class for the child who makes the best effort to speak Irish during this week and for the first three teams in Tráth na gCeist.

### **Family Quiz Night**



The PTA will be holding a family quiz night in the hall on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 p.m.

### **Easter Holidays**

We will be getting our Easter Holidays on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 p.m. The school will re-open on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

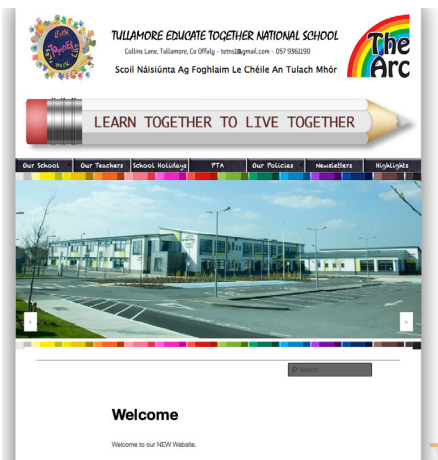


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## NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING - CHECK IT OUT!

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Hi All,

### Parental Involvement

Thanks to the following parents who participated in school life this past month, Barbara (Newsletter), Helena, Kate and Psemik (Quiz) and William (Fairtrade).

### Peace Proms

4th Class took part in the Peace Proms in Kilkenny on March 5th. Peace Proms is a choral education programme which involves 20,000 primary school pupils in Ireland and Northern Ireland as part of a peace initiative of The Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland established in 1995. Our 4th Class joined up with several other schools to form a large choir which performed with a live orchestra. It

## Spring/Summer News.....

was a fantastic night. Well done to Rebecca and Laura.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success. Thank you for the fantastic contribution of cakes and buns to the Siopa. The 6th class children were very good as siopadóirí. The children really enjoyed it. €180 was raised.

The prizes for making the best effort to speak Irish throughout the week went to Kaya (Junior Infants), Oscar (Senior Infants), Matthew (1st Class) Ally (2nd Class), Damian (3rd Class) Haley (4th class), Matthew (5th Class) and Hind (6th Class).

### Proclamation Day

Proclamation Day was March 15th. We congregated around the flagpoles in front of the school. The Reimagined Proclamation was read out by Patricia and Eric in 6th Class and signed by one child from each of the eight classes. Daniel and Victorija M helped Cathy raise the flag. Nonso, Victorija, Mitchell, Farheen, Ilyass and Haris from Katie's Class pre-

sented an excellent timeline of the events of Easter week 1916. We ended the day with Tráth na gCeist (quiz) for 1st-6th Classes.

### Assembly

We had our first official whole school assembly in the hall on March 16th. Rebecca and Laura led the Peace Proms Choir in an opening song. Prizes were given out for the best speakers for Seachtaine na Gaeilge and Tráth na gCeist. Eoghan Kavanagh was presented with a trophy for being the school's winner of the Spelling Bee competition.

### Bicycle Safety

Garda Fergus Collins and a colleague of his gave a talk to the 5th and 6th Classes on bike safety.

### Family Fun Quiz

The Family Fun Quiz was the first PTA event to be held in our new hall. It was a great night with sixteen teams taking part. The winning team was 'Team Lyla' and Kate Sigel was quiz-master on the night. Well done to Kate, Helena and Rebecca.



Thanks also to Caroline who helped out on the night. €205 was raised.

## GAA

1st and 2nd Classes have started Gaelic Football in P.E.

## Tullamore Credit Union

Thanks to the Tullamore Cred-

it Union who presented Cathy with €300 for the school as part of its Community Support Fund.

## Parent Visit

Thanks to the parents who took us up on our invitation to have a tour of our new extension. It was great to see you all.

## Language Curriculum

There is a new primary language curriculum being introduced by the Department of Education and Skills. There will be a training day for teachers on this on June 8th.

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## POBLAcht NA hÉIREANN

### Tullamore Educate Together N.S. of the IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

Muintir na hÉireann at home and abroad, on the centenary of the 1916 Rising we remember the events of 100 years ago. We are ever grateful to the brave soldiers and ordinary citizens who sacrificed selflessly for our nation's freedom and the Ireland that we live in today.

Today in 2016 we are setting out a vision through a new proclamation for the next 100 years in Ireland, a proud, free and equal Ireland. We believe that everybody should be equal in our country without discrimination of race, sexuality, class, disability, gender or religion.

We believe that everybody has the right to an education, a safe upbringing, housing, proper healthcare and equal opportunities in employment.

Our government must establish and sustain more food centres for those currently in need. Homeless people should have access to shelters that have proper facilities. All people are entitled to a safe home, food and water.

As well as rights, every citizen also has responsibilities to fulfil. Everybody must pay their share of taxes, care for the environment and be respectful to others.

The Irish people are entitled to fair and just government with everybody represented equally. All Irish citizens have the right to vote. Everybody has the right to express an opinion. Finally, politicians must be honest and transparent to the public, striving for a common, national interest.

Signed on behalf of Tullamore Educate Together N.S.:

Charlie Griffin, Junior Infants  
Aysel Cheema, Senior Infants  
Maya Chalouche, 1st Class  
Alexandra Stecova, 2nd Class  
Vlada Ivasenko, 3rd Class  
Harry Smyth, 4th Class  
Eurika Zivuckaite, 5th Class  
Sinéad Faulkner, 6th Class

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May 2016 NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER IS HERE!

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Hi All,

I hope you are enjoying our spell of good weather. Please ensure your child has adequate sunscreen applied.

### Book Rental

We are currently working on our book rental scheme. Please ensure that the rental books are returned in good condition. 1st class parents, please keep the Fallon's Spelling Book until your child finishes 6th class. Book Rental collection for next year is Tuesday June 21st between 2-4 p.m. We will not be holding books for anyone this year. If the books are ready before this date we will let you know should you wish to collect them early. However, June 21st is the LAST date for collection.

Thanks to parents who helped out this month: Michelle (Yoga), Anna, Paul, Matt, Jacqueline, William, Helena and Galina (Cake Sale)

### PTA Cake Sale

The PTA held a cake sale in the Bridge Centre on Friday

## Summer News.....

May 20th. Over €400 was raised. Thanks to all of you who supplied the lovely cakes and a special thanks to those who manned the stall.

### Testing

Micra T testing was carried out on May 25th for 1st- 6th Classes.

### School Tours

The school tour dates are as follows:

Jun/Sen Infants: June 16th  
1st, 2nd Classes: June 3rd  
3rd,4th Classes: June 2nd  
5th,6th Classes: June 14th

### End of Year Reports

The school reports will be given to the children on June 15th and a text message will be sent informing parents on the day.

### Dates for your Diary

The children will be informed of their teacher for next year in the June newsletter which will be given out on June 20th

The end of year ceremony for

6th class will be held on Friday June 10th at 1.45pm.

We will be having a Sports Day on June 17th.

Hearing/Sight Testing for Junior and Senior Infants is on June 1st / 2nd

Junior Infant MMR vaccinations are on June 13th

The children have no school on June 6th, 7th and 8th . Teachers have training on June 8th .

### Active School Week

As part of Active School Week the children from 1st -6th Classes participated in fitness tests carried out by Offaly Sports Partnership. Michelle Flynn did yoga with every class and they really enjoyed it. Ciarán had the 6th class working out on rowing machines.

### Primary Science and Maths Award

We were awarded our second Primary Maths and Science

Excellence Award last week. This was a whole school effort coordinated by Caroline. This is a great achievement and we are delighted!

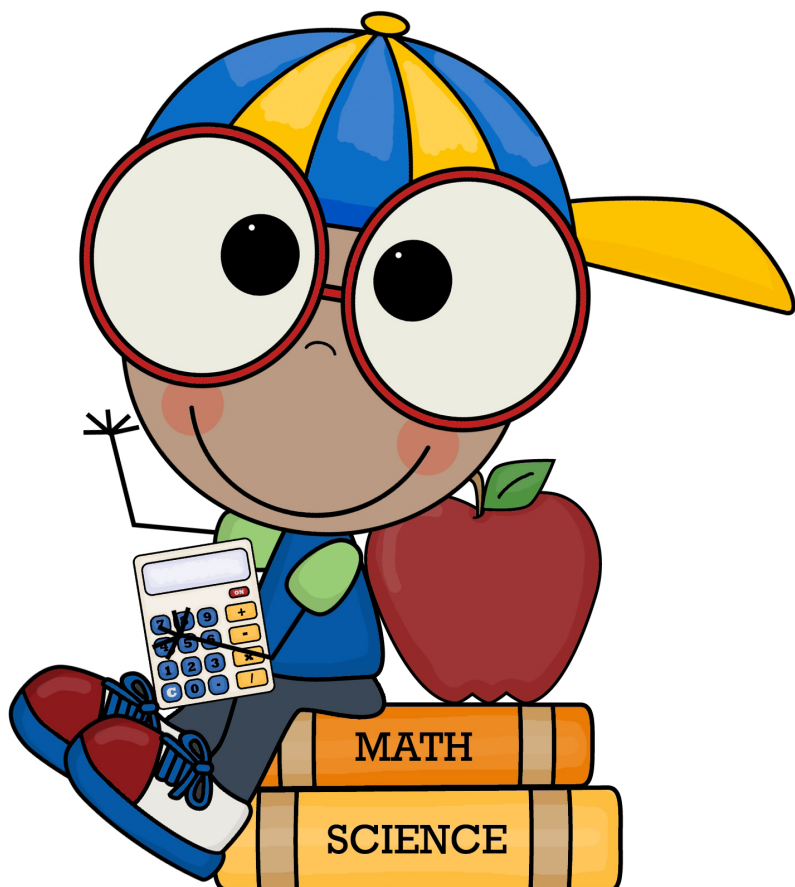
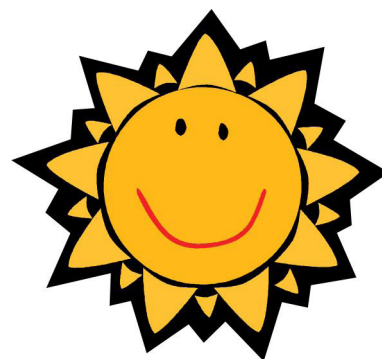
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OCTOBER 2016

Hi All,

## PTA

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) AGM was held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The members of this year's committee are Helena Wyman ( Chairperson), Anna de Siún ( Secretary), Niamh Walsh and Zoja Smirnova. Many thanks to Rebecca who is stepping down after several years on the PTA. Thanks to the PTA for funding Chess Classes for 4<sup>th</sup> Class.

## Maths Week

Maths week took place from October 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. We focused on time this year. The children had great fun finding out about how we use time in our environment.

## Fire Prevention Week

Stephen Coyle and Michael McEvoy gave a talk to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class on Fire Safety for Fire Prevention Week.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

The Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> . You will get confirmation of times nearer to the date.

Congratulations to Caroline who will be taking up a Principalship in Croghan NS on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Aisling Minnock will be teaching 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

## Assembly

At our assembly this month Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. 5<sup>th</sup> Class talked to us about respect. Cathy gave out Respect Badges to children nominated for their respectful behaviour throughout the month of October. These children were Imran (Junior Infants), Safia, (Senior Infants), Adam (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Vladimirs (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Ali (The Arc), Uma (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Siyana (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Taylor (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Harijs (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

## Aistear

The Aistear theme for the month was School. The children learned the necessary language about all aspects of school life through play. We have a few teachers in the making!!

## After School Activities

Our after school activities are going very well. Thanks to Richard and Ciarán for soccer, thanks to Massi, Breda, Lynne and Olivia for volleyball and spider soccer and thanks to Shauna and James for GAA.

## Calendar

Helena took photographs for the school calendar on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## International Food Day

Thanks to all of you who sent in food for our International Food Day. It was a great success. Thanks to Rebecca for organising it. The children really loved it.

## One Day Together

On Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> we had our annual dress up day. It is the annual One Day Together day when we mark being an Educate Together School. The money donated is given to Educate Together and put towards up-skilling teachers and Board members on relevant areas. Prizes went to Alan, Rayan, Eridas, Maya, Robert, Kira, Lyla, Daniel, Carolina and Erik for the best home- made costumes. Well done to all!



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### Core Value

*Our core value of the month was respect.*

*Showing respect for others is one of the most important values in the world. It means caring for another person, thing or the environment.*

*Without respect, everything around us would be less peaceful. There would be more problems and less happiness.*

*You show respect in many ways every day.*

*Respect occurs when you:*

- *Listen to others*
- *Play fairly*
- *Use good manners*
- *Wait your turn*
- *Compliment someone*
- *Pick up after yourself*
- *Treat others well*

*Respect other people's feelings. Even if it does not mean anything to you, it could mean everything to them.*

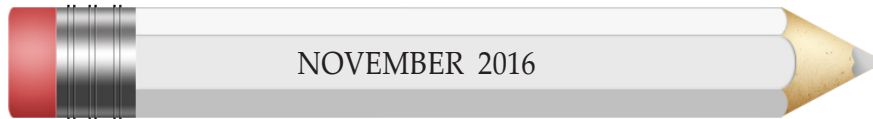
*Treat people the way you want to be treated. Speak to people the way you want to be spoken to.*

*Never judge someone by the way he looks or a book by the way it's covered, for inside those tattered pages, there's a lot to be discovered.*





# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings were held during the week November 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. If you were unable to make your appointment with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment time either through the class teacher or through Richard in the office.

## Science Week

The 6<sup>th</sup> Class children visited Tullamore College for Science Week where they took part in experiments with the Transition Year Students. We had a biodiversity workshop on the canal given by Nuala Madigan. The children were very interested in the newts!

## Observing Offaly

Offaly County Council commissioned a photographer, Veronica Nicholson, to publish a book of photography featuring Offaly one hundred years after the 1916 Rising. Veronica, attended our commemoration on March 15<sup>th</sup> last and our school is featured in her book *Observing Offaly* which was launched last week. We have a copy of the book in the school should you wish to have a look at it. It retails in local shops at €20.

## Calendar

Helena Wyman has taken photographs for this year's calendar. The calendar launch will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with the Junior Infant performance at 11.30 a.m to be followed by Senior Infants , First Class, Second Class and last of all the Choir. All performances

will be in the hall this year. We will send out a text nearer the date with the exact times. It will be over by 1.00 p.m. The calendar will cost €8 for one and €15 for two. A pre-order form has already gone out to you.

## Attendance

15 children have missed ten days up to November 25<sup>th</sup> last. A letter has gone home informing the parents of the same.

## Junior Infants 2017

Please ensure that you have pre enrolled your child for Junior Infants by December 22<sup>nd</sup> next. Places will be offered at the end of January for September 2017. Please see the school website for the enrolment policy.

## Parental Involvement

Thank you to the Parents who have helped out this month: Helen (calendar), Glen (Story Telling)

## Pedestrian Crossing

The Board of Management, The PTA and Ballin Ri Residents' Association have each lobbied the County Council for a Pedestrian Crossing on Collins Lane in a concerted effort to facilitate the safe crossing of the children who use the road.

## Holidays

The Christmas holidays are on Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup> . School closes at **12.00 pm** on this day. The school bus will run at 12.00 p.m.

## Tullamore Lions Club

Tullamore Lions Club has published its annual again this year. It features an article on two

parents from the school community- Vincent Devine ( Annalie's Dad) and Michelle Flynn ( Paige and Shannan's Mum). It costs €15 and the proceeds (after costs) will go directly back into the community, via Tullamore Lions Club. It is for sale in local bookshops and some businesses.

## Tag Rugby

Tag rugby has started for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

## Assembly

At our assembly this month Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. 4<sup>th</sup> Class talked to us about empathy. Rebecca gave out certificates to children nominated for their empathic nature throughout the month of November. These children were Paula (Junior Infants), Kaja, (Senior Infants), Hannah (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Santana (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Ali (The Arc), Maurice (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Jamila (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Maria (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Tauti (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

## Aistear

The Aistear theme for the month was The Restaurant. The children learned the necessary language about all aspects of a restaurant through play. Rice Krispie Buns were big on the menu!

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## Core Value

Our core value of the month was Empathy. 4<sup>th</sup> Class composed some poetry on the theme.

Empathy is an ability  
That's inside me and  
you  
It's the ability to  
understand  
What someone's going  
through.

*Shannan*

If someone's feeling  
sad  
You might feel bad  
That's empathy!

If I broke my arm  
You'd feel sad for my  
harm  
That's empathy!

*Roisin*

Everyone needs help  
sometimes  
Make someone happy  
Put yourself in their  
place  
Another person might  
take note  
They might do what  
you do  
Having empathy is not  
hard  
You will see it through.

*Ben*





# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## Calendar

We had the launch of the school calendar on December 16<sup>th</sup> last and it was a great success. Well done to the PTA on the calendar. Well done to all the children who took part on the day. It was very enjoyable. Thanks to all teachers and staff who prepared the children for the day.

## Parental Involvement

Thank you to the parents who have helped out this month: Alan ( music 1<sup>st</sup> Class) (Helena (calendar), William (calendar) Richard W(calendar) and thanks to all of you who supported the calendar.

## Credit Union Art

### Competition

Congratulations to Matthew in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class who came first place in his age category in the

Credit Union Art Competition. Matthew was presented with his prize on Tuesday. The school also won a €100 voucher.

## Assembly

At our assembly this month Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. 3<sup>rd</sup> Class talked to us about communication. Rebecca gave out certificates to children nominated for their These children were Paula (Junior Infants), Kaja, (Senior Infants), Hannah (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Santana (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Ali (The Arc), Maurice (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Jamila (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Maria(5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Tauti (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

## Aistear

The Aistear theme for the month was The Polar Express. The children learned the necessary language about The

Polar Express through play.

## Core Value

Our core value of the month was Communication.

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Thanks to the staff who have worked very hard this term. School re-opens on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2016.

We hope you all enjoy the Christmas holidays. See you all in the New Year.



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Hi All,

### Enrolment for 2016

Offers of places for September 2017 have been posted out and the closing date is February 14<sup>th</sup>. If a place hasn't been accepted it will be offered on a first come first served basis to children on the waiting list. Please see the school website for the enrolment policy.

### The Arc

There are no places available in The Arc for 2017/2018.

### Credit Union Quiz

The Credit Union Quiz is on February 3<sup>rd</sup> next in the Tullamore Court Hotel at 7.00 p.m. The Junior Team is Shannan Quinn, Jamila Mokrani, Lyla Kane Walsh, Ben Kavanagh and Simon Vanourek. The Senior Team is Aicha Chalouche, Farheen Waheed, Matthew Coyle, Hayley Case and Nathan Cullen. Breda G and Cathy are helping them to prepare. We wish them the very best on the night.

### Friendship Week

Friendship week is from February 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> : Rebecca will have colourful friendship bracelets for sale. The bracelets cost €2 each and the

proceeds go to Amnesty International.

### P.E.

All classes are having extra PE time on a Friday. Thanks to Jean from Sports Hall Athletics Partnership for this. We also had an extra PE slot on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> which was provided by Tullamore College TY students.

### Aistear

The theme for January was the Veterinary Clinic. The children learned the relevant vocabulary through play. No animals were harmed.....!

### Green School

The Green School Committee is very busy. The members have put up lovely posters about energy saving to remind us to switch off the lights and keep the doors closed. On March 10<sup>th</sup> we will have a Low Energy Day where we hope to use as little energy as possible to run the school that day. The Committee held an art competition- Jdrzej (1<sup>st</sup> Class) won the 'design a logo competition' and Lyla ( 4<sup>th</sup> Class ) won best ' energy saving poster'. Well done to all involved.

### Student Council

At the January meeting the

following representatives were elected as office holders:

- Chairperson: Matthew Coyle
- Secretary: Ashley Coyle
- IT Officer: Ervin Krusniczky

Shauna is the teacher co-opted to the Council. A very good meeting was held with lots on the agenda for the next meeting to include a Technology Day in February.

### PTA

Helena and Niamh are organising an entry from the school in the St. Patrick's Day parade. A note will go home next month.

### Assembly

The core value for January was cooperation and Second Class sang a lovely song for us accompanied by Sinéad on the guitar. Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. These children were Paula (Junior Infants), Rayan, (Senior Infants), Jdrzej (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Megan (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Robert (The Arc), Daniel L. (3<sup>rd</sup> Class),

Norbert (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Veronika (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Julia (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

Dates for your diary:  
Friendship Week: February 13<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup>

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Technology Day: February 16<sup>th</sup>  
Mid-Term Break : February 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>  
Book Fair : March 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Low Energy Day; March 10<sup>th</sup>

In service training for Teachers; no school for children: March 24<sup>th</sup>

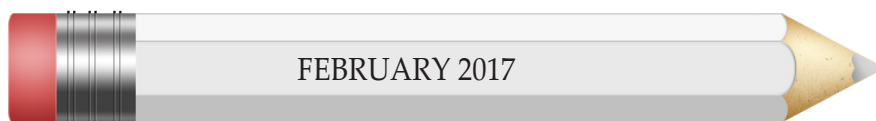
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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## Windfarm Visit

On February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> the Infant Classes and members of the Green Team visited Mount Lucas Wind Farm. They had a great time and were treated to food from Supermac's.

## Credit Union Quiz

Well done to the teams that were involved in the Credit Union Quiz. They represented the school admirably. The members of the Junior Team were Lyla, Ben, Jamila, Shannan and Simon. The members of the senior team were Aicha, Farheen, Matthew, Hayley and Nathan. Thanks to Breda G for coaching the Senior Team.

## Aistear

The Aistear theme for February was The Clothes Shop. The children had great fun trying on different outfits, much of which they went on to purchase! We are sure we have a few future shopaholics in our midst! Thanks to Massi for his generous donation of clothes and jewellery. The children were fashion designers at the Art Station where they designed outfits for cardboard dolls and woolly winter hats using pieces of fabric. The children became scientists at the Investigation Station by inspecting which materials are waterproof. They developed their vocabulary at the Games Station when playing clothes bingo and a game of Guess Who based on clothing.

## Assembly

At assembly 1<sup>st</sup> Class sang "You've got a friend in me" as February was Friendship month. We raised €240 for Amnesty International by selling Friendship bracelets. Thanks to Rebecca for organising them.

Tara presented the handwriting awards for February.

## Book Fair

The Book Fair starts next Thursday and Sinéad has given Book Tokens to the Class Teachers which the children may use at the Book Fair. The Book Fair will be in the hall. The PTA is looking for volunteers to man the Book Fair between 2.00 p.m. and 3.15 p.m, from the 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. Please let Sinéad ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Teacher) know if you're available to help out.

## Engineers' Week

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will have a workshop with an Engineer for Engineers Week.

## Enterprising Student 2017

Congratulations to Karolina in 5<sup>th</sup> Class who is our Enterprising Student for 2017.

Thank you to the parents who have helped out this month : Katalina's Mum ( Wind Farm Visit), Helena and Niamh (St. Patrick's Day parade)

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday: Céilí for all classes 11.30-1.00 p.m.

Wednesday: Siopa for all classes ( €1 spending limit)

Thursday: Tráth na gCeist ( Quiz) for 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> class 1.30 p.m.- 3.00 p.m.

Friday: The school will be closed for St. Patrick's Day. Some children are taking part in the parade.

We would like you to be as generous as ever in your baking donations to the siopa ( shop)

There will be a prize per class for the child who makes the best effort to speak Irish during this week and for the first three teams in Tráth na gCeist.

### **Green Schools Committee**

The Green Schools Committee is busy assessing our use of energy at the moment. On Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> we will be having a low energy day where we do our best to use as little energy as possible in the school.

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will have projects on display in the hall and they will be showing different experiments to the other classes. Orla Fogarty from Offaly County Council will be here on the day to check out our progress for our second Green Flag. Please wear ORANGE or YELLOW clothing on the day.

### **Green Code**

1. We will clean our recyclable containers and we will put them into our recycling bins at home.
2. We will reduce the amount of wrappings on our school lunches.
3. We will reuse and recycle paper.
4. We will not drop any rubbish on the ground.
5. We will recycle batteries from our local community.
6. We will reduce energy by turning off lights when not needed and we keep doors and windows closed to conserve energy.
7. We will switch off computer monitors and projectors when they are not in use

### **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Hayley in 5<sup>th</sup> class who will represent the school in the Offaly County final of the Schools Spelling Bee competition. Our school is hosting the County Final this year in our new school hall. Thanks to Shauna for organising it.

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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## **Parental Involvement**

Thanks to the following parents who participated in school life this past month: Helena and Niamh (Parade), Helena, Niamh, Sharon, Orla and Alan (Book Fair)

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success. Thank you for the fantastic contribution of cakes and buns to the Siopa. The 6<sup>th</sup> class children were excellent as Siopadoiri. The children really enjoyed it. 160 euro was raised. Thanks to Aisling for supervising it.

The Ceili was a great success. Each class learned two dances, Shoe the Donkey and one other. Each class performed its dance and the whole school did Shoe the Donkey together. You can see a sample of the children's dances on the 6<sup>th</sup> class blog on the school website.

The prizes for making the best effort to speak Irish throughout the week went to: Amelia (Junior Infants), Emel (Senior Infants), Katrina (1st Class), Mark (2<sup>nd</sup> class), Gavin (3<sup>rd</sup> class), Ally (4<sup>th</sup> class), Auguste (5<sup>th</sup> class), Harijs (6<sup>th</sup> class).

The winners of Trath na gCeist (Quiz) were: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Aicha, Karolina, Nojus and Denijs; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Farheen, Rochelle, Daniel S and Jashu and 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Shannan, Sean K, Khalid, and Veronika S.

Approximately 50 children took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The entry was organised by Helena and Niamh. The theme was waterways of Offaly and our entry was themed on Wind in the Willows. Niamh and Helena put in huge work making the costumes. Thanks to Sinead for helping out with

tin whistles and for walking with us on the day.

Thanks too to all those who accompanied us on the day. We picked up our award for best school entry and a cheque for 100 euro on Friday night.

## **Cumann na mBunscol**

This is our first year to enter Cumann na mBunscol – the inter schools GAA competition. The girls played two games so far against Geashill NS and Bracknagh NS. The boys have played one game against Lumcloon NS. The teams played really well and it's hard to believe they only started playing Gaelic games in September. It is another first for our young school. A huge thanks to Shauna and James for volunteering to train the teams and for their dedication.

## **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. We raised 1005 euro worth of free books. Thanks to Helena and Sinead for organising it. Thanks to those who helped to man it. World book day tokens were allowed to be used at the fair. The following children received a free book for having the best costumes for World Book Day: Junior Infants: Alan; Senior Infants: Druva; 1<sup>st</sup> class: Jada Beau; 2<sup>nd</sup> class: Aoife; 3<sup>rd</sup> class: Christianne; 4<sup>th</sup> class: Ben; 5<sup>th</sup> class: Amy; 6<sup>th</sup> class: Anastasia; The Arc: Lola

## **Assembly**

Prizes were given out for the best speakers for Seachtain na Gaeilge and Trath na gCeist. Cathy acknowledged the Cumann na mBunscol teams and the commitment of Shauna and James. She also commended the work of Johanna, Breda, and the Green School Committee. Rebecca explored the core value of the month which was 'Responsibility' and Senior Infants recited a lovely poem with actions on

the topic. Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the handwriters of the month from each class.

### **Green Schools Committee**

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### **Student Council**

The Student Council has been very busy and they are going to do some fund raising on the week of the holidays. They will be selling homework passes at 1 euro each for each of the four days of the week from April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the teachers for supporting the idea!

### **Aistear**

The Aistear theme for March was The Farm. The children learned about farm animals. They made butter and they sowed some cress

### **Holidays**

School will close on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 midday. Buses will run at this time. We will reopen on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

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Hi all,

## Book Rental

We are currently working on our book rental scheme. Please ensure that the rental books are returned in good condition. 1<sup>st</sup> class parents, please keep the Fallon's Spelling Book until your child finishes 6<sup>th</sup> class. Book Rental will be available for collection from Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> from Richard's Office from 9.20-3.15 p.m. However, June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the **LAST** date for collection.

## PTA

The PTA is getting two Buddy Benches made for the yard. They will be situated beside the bicycle stands. The hall is now lined for various sports and badminton and volleyball equipment has been ordered. The PTA has contributed towards the funding of this.

## Green School

We were delighted to find out that we were successful with our Green Flag for Energy application. Breda, Cathy and two representatives from the committee, Tauti and Farheen, attended an awards ceremony in the Hodson Bay Hotel in Athlone. Independent TD, Denis Naughten presented schools from Offaly and Westmeath with their flags.

## Student Council

The Student Council had two meetings in May. €130 was raised from the homework pass initiative. It was very popular!!

## Testing

Micra T testing was carried out on May 16<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

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## School Tours

The school tour dates are as follows:

Jun/Sen Infants: June 14<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes: June 15<sup>th</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Classes: June 20<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Classes: June 14<sup>th</sup>

## End of Year Reports

The school reports will be given to the children on June 20<sup>th</sup> and a text message will be sent informing parents on the day. There will be no appointments available with teachers after June 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Dates for your Diary

The children will be informed of their teacher for next year in the June newsletter which will be given out on June 26<sup>th</sup>

The end of year ceremony for 6<sup>th</sup> class will be held on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm.

There will be no after school activities after Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are closing for the Summer Holidays on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 p.m. The school reopens Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. The school will be closed on September 19<sup>th</sup> to facilitate families wishing to attend The Ploughing Championships. The school will be open for business as usual on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We expect the buses to be running also.

### Cumann na mBunscol

As you are aware this was our first year to enter into Cumann na mBunscol, the inter-schools GAA competition. We entered a girls' team and a boys' team and both teams did us proud. The boys made it to the final of their group - D. The match was held in O' Connor Park on May 17<sup>th</sup> last and we played Rashina

NS. There was great excitement all that day and the school was awash with blue and white. Some 5<sup>th</sup> Class girls were extremely busy with face painting. The turnout from the school was terrific- from parents, staff and pupils alike. We had an excellent first half with captain, Rio Osumah, showing great leadership. Although, defeated in the end, somehow we felt we had won. Perhaps it was because we had made history for our school and for the county. We had a home-coming event for the boys the following morning in the yard. Many thanks to you for your support and particularly to Shauna and James for their commitment.

### Junior Infant Induction

We had our induction day for the incoming Junior Infants on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Deirdre Dowling from MAPP gave a talk.

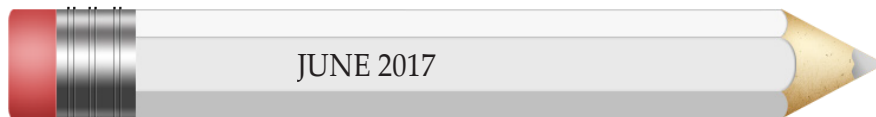
### Swimming

We had four swimming sessions for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes in Aura during May. Thanks to Fionnuala Bradley for organising this. We also had hurling for the 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes this term and an outdoor athletics programme for all classes.





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JUNE 2017

Hi All,

Another school year is drawing to a close. We have been very busy with our usual end of year activities: tours, testing, tidying up, sports day, book rental and end of year reports.

## Book Rental

Next year's books are now available. Please keep the Fallon's Spelling Book until your child finishes 6<sup>th</sup> class. Thanks to Sarah and Rendija for helping with book rental. The prices are as follows : Senior Infants €47; 1<sup>st</sup> Class €60; 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Class €40 The books can be collected from Richard's office. In the interests of keeping our school 'green' please bring your own bag.

## Parental Involvement

Thanks to the following parents who participated in school life over the last month: Helena (6<sup>th</sup> Class Ceremony), Sharon (Book Rental)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Leaving Ceremony

On June 14<sup>th</sup> we had a ceremony for those children who are moving on to secondary school. Well done to all those who participated in it. Thank you to Rebecca and the choir. Aisling did a great job. The children were great.

We wish the 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils well, as they prepare for the second leg of their journey in formal education. 6<sup>th</sup> Class also had a workshop on transitioning to secondary school earlier this month.

## School Reports

The end of year school reports were sent home on June 19<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class) and 20<sup>th</sup> (all other classes). The parents of children who were absent on the day can collect the report from the office during office hours. Parents have had a full week in which to follow up on reports if necessary. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> is the last date for any appointments.

## Assembly

We had our end of year assembly on Friday last. Rebecca and the Junior Infants explored the core value, kindness. Matthew Coyle spoke eloquently on behalf of the Student Council. Tara presented the handwriting awards for May. Shauna and James presented medals to the Cumann na mBunscol boys' team. Cathy presented attendance awards to the 52 children who missed 5 days or less. Congratulations to all of these children. I would like to give a special mention to Anna Maria from 5<sup>th</sup> Class who had 100%

attendance for the school year. Congratulations to Shannan (4<sup>th</sup> Class) who was chosen by the GAA to play in the mini sevens at half time in the Offaly Westmeath Game in O'Connor Park.

## Sports Day

We had a great day for sports day last Wednesday with all staff doing a terrific job with activity stations. In the afternoon we carried on our tradition of 6<sup>th</sup> class playing the staff. The 6<sup>th</sup> Class played their hearts out but were narrowly beaten by the staff team. 6<sup>th</sup> Class were magnanimous in defeat. The 6<sup>th</sup> Class went rowing with Ciarán and Aisling.

## Attendance Meetings

Rebecca has been holding attendance meetings with parents/guardians of children who have missed over 20 days. This is part of our attendance strategy which is compulsory. These names will be forward to the Education Welfare Officer and in very serious cases referrals will be made.

## School Places

The school is full for the next academic year. We are currently operating a waiting list for all classes. Our

enrolment policy is available on the school website.

### Class allocation for 2017/18:

Junior Infants: Rebecca Quigley  
Senior Infants: Tara O' Brien  
1<sup>st</sup> Class: Caitriona Nolan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Fionnuala Bradley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Katie Smeaton  
4<sup>th</sup> Class: James McGrath  
5<sup>th</sup> Class: Shauna McEneff  
6<sup>th</sup> Class: Aisling Minnock (for Breda Goulding)

The Arc: Michelle Cleary  
Barbara Mellsop

### Support Teachers:

Sinéad Moylan : Junior Infants and 5th Class  
Fionnuala Morgan: 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class  
Ciarán Brady: Senior Infants and 6<sup>th</sup> Class  
Laura Garry: 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 4<sup>th</sup> Class

SNAs: Breda Grennan, Lynne McNiece, Massi Carni, Olivia Dunican and Olivia Delaney

Admin Office: Richard Brennan;  
Caretaker: Stephen Coyle;  
Cleaner: Katarzyna Baczaj  
Bus Escort: Charlotte Feery

We welcome Laura back from maternity leave and Katie from a transfer year. We wish Breda Goulding well on maternity leave. All the best to Gary who finishes up tomorrow.

### Thank You

I would like to thank the Board of Management, the PTA and the staff for their support this year.

The Board of Management members are: Sharon Lawrence, Donncha Phelan, Michael Joyce, Louise McDowell, Joe Errity, Fionnuala Bradley and Cathy Lyons.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of Chris Glennon on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Chris served on the Board of Management for the last six years. For the first four years he served as a community representative and for the last two years he was a Patron's nominee. Chris made a great contribution to our school through his role on the Board of Management. Chris, a Meath man, was retired from Offaly County Council. He was an avid follower of rugby and made a huge contribution to Tullamore Rugby Club. He will be greatly missed.

The Parent Teacher Association Committee members are: Helena Wyman, Anna de Siún, Michelle Cleary and Niamh Walsh.

### Closing Date

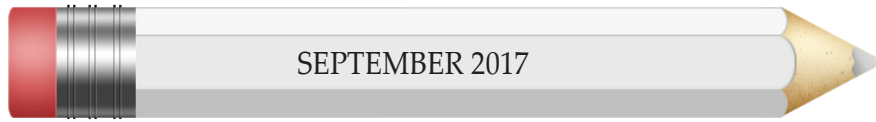
We are getting our holidays on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 p.m. Remember 1<sup>st</sup> Class children go home at 3.00 p.m. next year, one hour later than when in Senior Infants. The school will re-open on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 9.20 p.m. A copy of next year's school closures has gone home with next year's books. It will also be posted to the website. Have a great summer!







# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2017

Hi All,

We would like to welcome all the children and staff back to school after our summer break. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new pupils in Junior Infants and the ten other new pupils in the other classes.

### Art and Craft Money

There is still some Art and Craft and insurance money outstanding. Please send it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. The insurance money covers school activities.

### After School Activities

Again this year we are rolling out four after-school physical activities to the children from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> and they are up and running since mid – September. They are as follows:

Mondays: Soccer with Richard and Ciarán ( Richard is organising this )

Tuesdays: Volleyball with Massi and Lynne/Olivia/Breda

Wednesdays: Spider Soccer with and Lynne/Olivia/Breda

Thursdays: Gaelic Football with Shauna and James

### LTP

This year in the Learn Together Programme we are going to explore core values again. This month's core value

is loyalty. 6<sup>th</sup> Class did a great dramatisation for us at Assembly. They also sang beautifully.

### Settling In

Any parent who has concerns regarding their child please feel free to make an appointment with the class teacher. All teachers are very willing to accommodate parents in this regard. The earlier concerns are dealt with the better for everyone involved. It is quite common to have teething problems and periods of adjustment at the beginning of the school year. The official Parent Teacher meetings will take place in November.

### Healthy Lunches

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch. One treat is permitted on a Friday. In the interests of keeping the school green we ask the children to bring home any wrappers or cartons they bring into school.

### Photographs

County Photos will be here on Friday, November 10th to take photos of the Junior Infants, Sixth Class and their siblings. There is no obligation to purchase the photos.

### Wet Mornings

The procedure the children are to follow on wet mornings is posted beside the four downstairs classrooms.

### Homework Policy

The school policy on homework has been added to policies on our website.

### Green Flag and Buddy Benches

On Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> we had a double celebration. We raised our second green flag (energy) which we received last year. We unveiled our two new Buddy Benches. Councillor Tommy McKeigue , who has worked tirelessly for Tullamore Tidy Towns, raised the green flag for us. He made a lovely speech, complimenting the work of the children and the staff ,on keeping the school green. The Choir sang a very fitting song about the earth. Iwona Kubacka cut the ribbon on the Buddy Benches as one of the benches was dedicated to her son, Patryk, a past pupil of the school who passed away in April 2015. The Buddy Benches were made by Tullamore Men's Shed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Class did a lovely dramatisation on how to use the Buddy Benches. Breda Goulding who is currently on maternity leave, came back for a visit with her baby, Eoghan. When the formalities were over we had a super disco in the yard with DJ Helena and Anna the Clown. Thanks to Gary for organising the day.

### **Parental Involvement**

Thanks to the parents who helped out this month: Helena and Anna (GreenFlag/Buddy Bench Celebration) and Paul (Liaising with Tullamore Men's Shed )

### **Handwriting Awards**

Congratulations to Zarmeen (Junior Infants), Zofia (Senior Infants), Rohan(1<sup>st</sup> Class), Nikita (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Aoife (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Sintija (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Darren, (The Arc), Emily (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Taylor ( 6<sup>th</sup> Class) who were the September recipients of our handwriting awards. Well done to all!

### **REMINDERS**

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children out for games on other days. On these occasions some children may not be wearing runners. We would like to ask if you could donate any old runners(in reasonable condition) to the school so that all children could take part in unscheduled games/sports.

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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



OCTOBER 2017

Hi All,

## Maths Week

Maths week took place from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. The children had a great playing maths games with their neighbouring classes.

## PTA

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a very good turn-out. Niamh was elected as treasurer. There will be a coffee morning for parents on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in Room 11 from 9.20 a.m.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

The Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>. You will get confirmation of times nearer to the date.

## Assembly and Core Value

Our core value of the month was respect. 5<sup>th</sup> Class did a brilliant rap for us all at assembly. Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. They were Colm (Junior Infants), Milena (Senior Infants), Jack (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Jan (The Arc), Hannah (2nd Class)

Natasza (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Alexandra (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Adriana (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Joshua (6<sup>th</sup> Class)

## Aistear

Aistear is a framework for learning through play. This month's theme was 'school'. The children learned the relevant vocabulary through role-play, game-playing and art.

## Calendar

Helena took photographs for the school calendar on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Ophelia

The Department of Education and Skills issued directives closing all schools in the country on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. There was no damage done to the school. Some of the children's homes were without electricity for some time. This impacted our International Food Day. Some counties were devastated by the storm but we were fortunate in the midlands.

## International Food Day

Thanks to all of you who sent in food for our (two) International Food Days. It was a great success. Thanks to Rebecca for organising it. The children really loved it.

## One Day Together

On Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> we had our annual dress up day. It is the annual One Day Together day when we mark being an Educate Together School. The money donated is given to Educate Together and put towards up-skilling teachers and Board members on relevant areas. We had all sorts of interesting costumes. Prizes went to Reece, Alan, Paula, Scott, Annalie, Ali, Liam, Maryam, Matt, Uma, Artur, Mark, Almera, Lyla, Amy and Nikita for the best home-made costumes. Well done to all!

## Reminders

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would like to ask if you could donate any old runners (in reasonable condition) to the school so that all children could take part in unscheduled games/sports.

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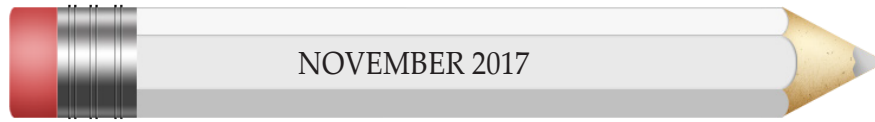
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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings were held during the week November 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. If you were unable to make your appointment with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment time either through the class teacher or through Richard in the office.

## Science Week

The 6<sup>th</sup> Class children visited Tullamore College for Science Week where they took part in experiments with the Transition Year Students.

## Calendar

Helena has taken photographs for this year's calendar. The calendar launch will take place on December 15<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with the Junior Infant performance at 11.30 a.m. to be followed by Senior Infants, First Class, Second Class. The choir will then perform for the parents in the junior end of the school should they wish to stay on for a short while. The 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will each show what they have done for the

Learn Together Programme at assembly this year. This will be followed by the choir for parents of children in the senior end of the school. All this will take place in the hall. We will send out a text nearer the date with the exact times. It will be over by 1.00 p.m. The calendar will cost €8 for one and €15 for two.

## Attendance

8 children have missed ten days up to November 25<sup>th</sup> last. A letter will go home informing the parents of same. This is a huge improvement on last year where 15 children had missed ten days by the same date.

## Junior Infants 2018

Please ensure that you have pre enrolled your child for Junior Infants by December 22<sup>nd</sup> next. Places will be offered at the end of January for September 2018. Please see the school website for the enrolment policy.

## Parental Involvement

Thank you to the Parents who have helped out this month:

Helena (calendar) and Tara (Student Council)

## Holidays

The Christmas holidays are on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. School closes at **12.00 pm** on this day. The school bus will run at 12.00 p.m.

## Tag Rugby

Tag rugby has started for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

## Assembly

At our assembly this month Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. These children were Amelie (Junior Infants), Kirill (Senior Infants), Ali (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Diana (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Chloe (The Arc), Leen (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Danny (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Vlada (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Harry S (6<sup>th</sup> Class). 4<sup>th</sup> Class did a short drama on empathy, ending with a great song.

## Aistear

The Aistear theme for the month was The Restaurant. The children learned the necessary language about all aspects a restaurant through



play. Rice Krispie Buns were big on the menu!

### Student Council

We had our student council elections. Some great speeches and promises were made! Those who have to keep to their election promises are Adnan and Aoife (3<sup>rd</sup> Class) Simon and Jessica (4<sup>th</sup> Class) Almeera and Hamza (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Carolina and Joshua (6<sup>th</sup> Class). James is the teacher on the Council. They have had two meetings so far and the first project they are undertaking is the organising of a “Canathon” food appeal. More details to follow.

### Coffee Mornings and Family Night

Coffee mornings for parents are every second Monday upstairs in Room 12 at 9.30 a.m. The next one is on December 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a family welcome night on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm in the school hall. All are welcome.

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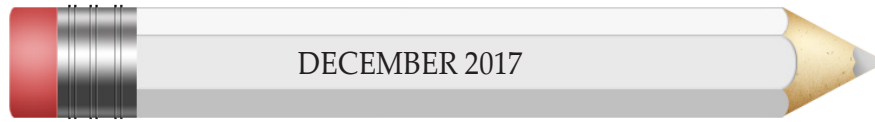
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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



DECEMBER 2017

Hi All,

## Calendar

We had the launch of the school calendar on December 15<sup>th</sup> last and it was a great success. Thanks to Helena and William for their work on the calendar. Well done to all the children who took part on the day. It was very enjoyable. Every class contributed to making it a success and this was topped off by a wonderful performance from the choir. Thanks to all teachers and staff who prepared the children and the hall for the day.

## Family Night

The family night, organised by Anna, Farah and Niamh went very well and they hope to have another one next term. Thanks to all who supported it.

## Parental Involvement

Thank you to the parents who have helped out this month: Helena (calendar), William (calendar), Tara (Student Council) and Psemik (basketball) and thanks to all of you who supported the calendar.

## Vision and Hearing

Vision and hearing testing of the Junior Infants was held on Tuesday of this week.

## Past Pupils

Congratulations to brothers Conor and Cian Brennan Pollak both of whom received awards for academic excellence in the last few weeks. Conor received a Kearney Award in Coláiste Choilm for his Junior Cert results and Cian received a JP McManus scholarship towards his studies in Trinity College. The boys are sons of Richard (Office) and Carola who served on the Board of Management of the school in the early days.

## Student Council

The Student Council held a 'Canathon' Food Appeal whereby the children were asked to donate tinned/canned food to make up hampers for families in need. A huge number of cans were donated and the classes were busy competing with each other to

see which class had the most cans. Posters were made advertising the Canathon and boxes were placed around the school. Parents were invited to donate other non-perishable items on the day of the Winter Concert. The Student Council linked up with both the Lions Club and the Ken Smollen food appeal group and donated our goods to both groups. Thank you so much for supporting the children with the appeal. Thanks to Tara (parent) for guiding us on our first food appeal venture.

## Assembly

At our assembly this month Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. These children were Abigail (Junior Infants), Mark (Senior Infants), Síofra (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Kajus R (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Tara Elyssa (The Arc), Maya (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Makenzie (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Vjeko (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Auguste (6<sup>th</sup> Class). 3<sup>rd</sup> Class talked to us about the core value 'communication' communication. They did a lovely dramatisation and finished off with a rap.

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Thanks to the staff who have worked very hard this term.

School re-opens on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2018.

We hope you all enjoy the Christmas holidays. See you all in the New Year.

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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## **Enrolment for 2018**

Offers of places for September 2018 have been posted out and the closing date is February 14<sup>th</sup>. If a place hasn't been accepted it will be offered on a first come first served basis to children on the waiting list. Please see the school website for the enrolment policy.

## **The Arc**

There are no places available in The Arc for 2018/2019.

## **Credit Union Quiz**

The Credit Union Quiz is on February 6<sup>th</sup> next in the Tullamore Court Hotel at 7.00 p.m. The Junior Team is Adnan Pehlivan, Kira Viksna, Christianne Cornally, Iman Nurul Khasri and Simon Vanourek. The Senior Team is Shannan Quinn, Amy Noonan, Adam Nurul Khasri, Harry Smyth and Oisín Phelan. We wish them the very best on the night.

## **Friendship Week**

Friendship week is from February 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>. Rebecca will have colourful friendship bracelets for sale. The bracelets cost €2 each and the proceeds go to Amnesty

International. The Student Council is giving each class a "kindness box" whereby the children write a short note about someone in the school who has shown kindness or friendship towards them. These will be discussed at the end of the week.

## **P.E.**

All classes have had extra PE time over the last two weeks. Thanks to Jean from Offaly Sports Partnership for this. Some children attended an indoor athletics event in Athlone. They had a great day, taking part in activities such as long jump and shot put. There was the clinking of medals to be heard in the hallway of the school! Well done to all involved and thanks to Shauna and James.

## **Aistear**

The theme for January was the Veterinary Clinic. The children learned the relevant vocabulary through play. No animals were harmed.....!

## **Student Council**

The student council had a very good meeting in January. Jessica is the liaison pupil for

The Arc and she gave great feedback to the student council following a question and answer session with Michelle. The notice board has been updated. There will be a technology day on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Child Protection Training**

The Department of Education and Skills has provided two half day in-service training days on Child Protection for all staff. The first of these training days will be of February 14<sup>th</sup> next. All children will go home at 12.00 p.m. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## **Secondary School**

Most of the 6<sup>th</sup> Class children did their entrance assessments for secondary school on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Assembly**

The core value for January was cooperation and Second Class dramatised examples of cooperation and sang a lovely song.



Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. These children were Everts (Junior Infants), Paula, (Senior Infants), Meriam (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Liam (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Lola (The Arc), Mieszko (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Nojus (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Kevin (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Veronika (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

### **After School Activities**

After school activities have been cancelled next week. Homework club will go ahead as usual on Monday.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Junior Infants Vaccinations:  
February 8<sup>th</sup>

Friendship Week: February  
13<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup>

Child Protection In-Service  
February 14<sup>th</sup> school closes at  
12.00 p.m.

Technology Day: February  
14<sup>th</sup>

Mid-Term Break : February  
15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Offaly County Final Spelling  
Bee: February 27<sup>th</sup> in our hall

Book Fair : March 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

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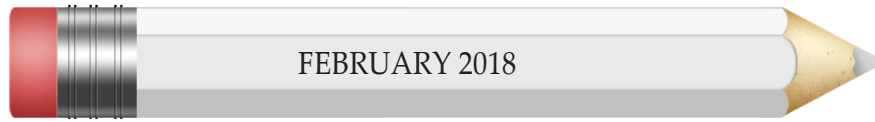
The children must wear appropriate footwear for P.E.







# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

Greetings from a finally thawed out school! Thanks to Stephen and a guy with a digger for making the school accessible on Monday.

### Credit Union Quiz

Well done to the teams that were involved in the Credit Union Quiz. They represented the school admirably. The members of the Junior Team were Christianne, Adnan, Simon, Adam and Kira. The members of the senior team were Oisin, Harry S, Shannan, Iman and Amy. They were an absolute pleasure to prepare for the quiz. Both teams ranked highly.

### Aistear

The Aistear theme for February was The Clothes Shop. The children had great fun trying on different outfits, much of which they went on to purchase! The children were fashion designers at the Art Station where they designed outfits for cardboard dolls and woolly winter hats using pieces of fabric. The children became scientists at the Investigation Station by inspecting which materials are waterproof. They developed their vocabulary at the Games Station when playing clothes

bingo and a game of Guess Who based on clothing.

### Assembly

February's assembly will take place on Thursday.

### Friendship Week

February was Friendship month. We raised €288 for Amnesty International by selling Friendship bracelets. Thanks to Rebecca for organising them. The Student Council has placed a friendship box in each class where the children can record and post kind deeds they have experienced in school.

### Book Fair and World Book day

The Book Fair which was due to begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> has been postponed until further notice. The World Book Day tokens have been distributed and the children will be able to use them when the time comes. We will mark World Book day this Thursday and the children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character. Prizes (vouchers for a free book at the book fair) for the best costumes will be given out at assembly on Thursday.

### Engineers' Week

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes attended workshops in Oxmantown Theatre, Birr for Engineers Week. Thanks to James for organising this and to all teachers involved.

### PTA Constitution

The Board of Management invites parents to take part in the drawing up of a constitution for a Parent Teacher Association going forward. This process is being led by Michelle Cleary and parents willing to participate are asked to give their names to Richard by March 16<sup>th</sup> and a date will be worked out to begin the process. This working group will consist of parents, teachers, members of the Board of Management with input from the Student Council.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge Marta 14u-16u

The schedule is as follows:  
Wednesday: Céilí for all classes 11.30-1.00 p.m.  
Thursday: Siopa for all classes (€1 spending limit)  
Friday: Tráth na gCeist ( Quiz) for 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> class 1.30 p.m.- 3.00 p.m.  
Monday: The school will be closed in lieu of St. Patrick's Day which falls on a Saturday.



We would like you to be as generous as ever in your baking donations to the siopa (shop). There will be a prize per class for the child who makes the best effort to speak Irish during this week and for the first three teams in Tráth na gCeist.

### **Revised Child Protection Procedures**

The Department of Education and Skills has issued new Child Protection Procedures which came into effect on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2017. All staff took part in training on February 14<sup>th</sup> last. All Boards of Management are to undertake a risk assessment of their schools and complete a Child Safeguarding Statement. This Child Safeguarding Statement will replace our current Child Protection Policy and will be made available to all school personnel, parents and TUSLA (the child and family agency) on request by March 11<sup>th</sup> next.

### **School Closure**

We are really sorry to inform you that the school will be closed on March 21<sup>st</sup> for an in-service training day on the

English Curriculum. In light of Storms Ophelia and Emma we realise this is another inconvenience but it is out of our control. The term ends on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Internet Safety**

We had an internet safety talk from the Community Garda Liaison Officer, Garda Fergus Collins.

### **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Aleksa in 5<sup>th</sup> class who represented the school in the Offaly County final of the Schools Spelling Bee competition. Our school hosted the County Final this year in our school hall. Thanks to Shauna for organising it.

### **Reminders**

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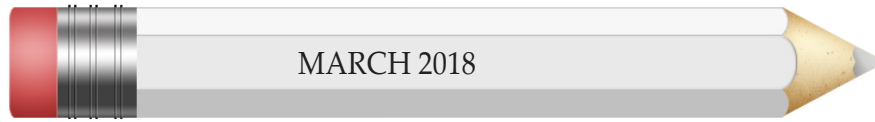
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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



MARCH 2018

Hi All,

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success. Thank you for the fantastic contribution of cakes and buns to the Siopa. The 6th class children were excellent as siopadóirí. The children really enjoyed it. €200 was raised. Thanks to Aisling for overseeing it. The money is going towards the cost of books for Cumann na mBunscol.

The céilí was a great success. Each class learned two dances, Shoe the Donkey and one other. Each class performed its dance and the whole school did Shoe the Donkey together, You can see a sample of the childrens's dances on the 6<sup>th</sup> Class Blog on the website.

The prizes for making the best effort to speak Irish throughout the week went to Abigail (Junior Infants), Paula (Senior Infants), Amel(1st Class) Solomiya (2nd Class), Ambra (3rd Class), Jashu (4th class), Ashley(5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Auguste (6th Class).

The winners of Tráth na gCeist (Quiz) for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class were Kajus K, Aisha, Hanna, Mohammad and Rayhan.

The winners of Tráth na gCeist

for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Amy, Leen, Vjeko and Sintija; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Adnan, Kasia, Norbert and Iman; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Oisín, Kamile, Khalid and Ally.

## Cumann na mBunscol

Cumann na mBunscol – the inter-schools GAA competition has just started. In our first match the girls played Pullough NS. It was a great game and a hugely different score line to that of the same game last year. The boys have their first game on April 12<sup>th</sup> against Rashina NS.

## Enterprising Student Award

This year Ervin has been put forward for the Offaly Enterprising Student Award. Ervin devised an online debit card system for a classroom reward system called “classroom economy”.

## World Record Attempt

Well done to Diana who has learned how to knit since September. Diana has been knitting patchwork pieces to contribute to a world record attempt at making the biggest blanket ever. Afterwards the blanket is going to be scaled down to make smaller blankets to give to those in need. Thanks to the two Olivias who have taught

Diana this skill and who have helped her with the project.

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> from 2.00 -3.15 p.m. each afternoon. The following children received a free book for having the best costumes for World Book Day: Junior Infants: Colm; Senior Infants: Zofia; 1<sup>st</sup> Class: Isobel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Patryk; 3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Ruby, The Arc: Chloé; 4<sup>th</sup> Class: Makenzie 5<sup>th</sup> Class: Lyla and 6<sup>th</sup> Class: Amy

## Assembly

Prizes were given out for the best speakers for Seachtaine na Gaeilge and Tráth na gCeist. The school won two Offaly jerseys for being the best turned out supporters for the Cumann na mBunscol final last year. We raffled these and the winners were Kerry in 4<sup>th</sup> Class and Kevin in 5<sup>th</sup> Class.

Rebecca explored the core value of the month which was ‘Responsibility’ and Senior Infants recited a lovely poem with actions on the topic.

Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month from each class.

Rebecca will be absent for a number of days. Sinéad and Caitríona will be covering Junior Infants.

### **Aistear**

The Aistear theme for March was The Farm. The children learned about farm animals. They made butter and they sowed some cress.

### **Reminders**

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## **GDPR and Data Protection- Privacy Statement**

The General Data Protection Regulation (the GDPR) comes into effect on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The GDPR applies across the European Union and aims to give individuals more rights, control and understanding of how their personal data is processed.

Under GDPR the Department of Education and Skills are required to keep you informed of the types of data we hold on you and your child, the purpose it is used for, and your rights in relation to how it is processed.

The Department of Education and Skills, which provides for the education and training of people resident in the State, requires certain personal data on all learners in order to fulfil its function. For primary school pupils, this data is held on the Primary Online Database (POD). The data held on POD forms the basis of the allocation of resources to schools as well as statistical reporting on education; it is also used for research and analysis into the operation of the education system and the formation of future policies. Data is shared with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection for validation purposes, and with the Central Statistics Office under Section 31 of the Statistical Act for statistical reporting and analysis.

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<https://www.education.ie/en/The-Department/Data-Protection/>.

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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



APRIL 2018

Hi All,

## Active School Week

We kicked off Active School Week a little early with rowing on the canal for 6<sup>th</sup> Class with Ciarán and Aisling. Each class had an extra basketball class with Psemik, pilates with Michelle Flynn, and some classes had hurling with Conal and yoga with Tina. We finished up with a whole school one mile walk on Friday. Thanks to all involved. As a school we provide opportunities for the children to be active one hour a day with our after school activities from Monday-Thursday each week. We are now adding basketball on Mondays, from May 14<sup>th</sup> -June 18<sup>th</sup>, to the menu.

## Parental Involvement

Thanks to the following parents who participated in school life this past month, Psemik and Michelle (Active School Week), Jenny, Sarah, Lisa C, Anita, Katarzyna and Lisa K (Book Fair)

## Enterprising Student Award

The enterprising student award went to Ervin Krusniczky for developing an on line debit card system to keep records of children's accounts in a classroom economy system. Ervin received his award from the Offaly Enterprise Board on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Cumann na mBunscol

We are well into Cumann na mBunscol with the girls' team having one match to play. The boys (with the help of some of the girls) are in the final against Rashina NS on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The groups are as follows:

Girls' Group  
Tullamore ETNS  
Cappagh NS  
Bracknagh NS  
Pullough NS  
Boher NS

Boys' Group  
Tullamore ETNS  
Clonehurke NS  
Rashina NS  
Lumcloon NS

Thanks to Shauna and James for their hard work preparing

the teams and organizing the matches.

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. We raised €1265 worth of free books. Thanks to Jenny and Lisa for organizing it and to Sinéad and Fionnuala for liaising. Thanks to those who helped to run it. World Book Day tokens were allowed to be used at the Fair. Thank you so much for supporting it. The children loved it!

## Assembly

At April's assembly Rebecca and the Junior Infants explored the core value of kindness. The Junior Infants sang a lovely song. Tara presented certificates to the handwriters of the month from each class.

The school re-opens on **Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>**, following the Bank Holiday weekend. Enjoy the break!

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to prevent your personal information being used for certain purposes
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to stop some specific uses of your personal information
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to prevent your phone directory entry details from being used for direct marketing purposes



# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## **Book Rental**

Current 1<sup>st</sup> class parents, we have taken the Fallon's Spelling Book from your child and we will pass it on to your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class teacher. This book is used each year until your child finishes 6<sup>th</sup> class. Book Rental will be available for collection from Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> from Richard's Office from 9.20-3.15 p.m. June 26<sup>th</sup> is the **LAST** date for collection. The prices are as follows: Senior Infants: €50  
1<sup>st</sup> Class: €62  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Classes: €40

## **Student Council**

The Student Council had two meetings in May. It will be holding a homework pass fundraiser on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will go towards a new set of jerseys. The Council has also been involved in helping set up our school library which is now really well stocked with books. We have invested in a scanner and from September next each child may

borrow books from the library and a class librarian will operate the scanning system so we will be able to keep track of the books. Thanks to Michelle for training up the children and to the two Olivias for their help also.

## **Testing**

Micra T testing was carried out on May 30<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Classes.  
Sigma T testing was carried out on June 7<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

## **End of Year Reports**

The school reports will be given to the children on June 20<sup>th</sup> and a text message will be sent informing parents on the day. There will be no appointments available with teachers after June 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Dates for your Diary**

The children will be informed of their teacher for next year in the June newsletter which will be given out on June 26<sup>th</sup>

The end of year ceremony for 6<sup>th</sup> class will be held on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1.45pm.

We are closing for the Summer Holidays on Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 p.m. The school reopens on Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup>. The school will be open for business as usual during The Ploughing Championships. We expect the buses to be running also as they ran last year.

## **Cumann na mBunscol**

The Cumann na mBunscol season came to end this month. As you are aware this was our first year to enter into Cumann na mBunscol, the inter-schools GAA competition. Well done to both the boys' and girls; teams for an enjoyable season. In a repeat of last year the boys made it to the final of their group. The match was held in O' Connor Park on May 17<sup>th</sup> last and we played Rashina NS, again, a repeat of last year's final. We introduced some of our girls' team to the squad. Some 5<sup>th</sup> Class girls were extremely busy with face painting. We had a very good



first half but it was not to be!  
Although, defeated in the end,  
somehow we felt we had won.  
Many thanks to you for your  
support and particularly to  
Shauna and James for their  
commitment.

### Junior Infant Induction

We had our induction day for  
the incoming Junior Infants on  
May 30th. Deirdre Dowling  
from MAPP gave a talk.

### Swimming

We had four swimming  
sessions for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes  
in Aura during May. Thanks to  
Sinéad for organising this. We  
also had hurling for the 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
Classes this term.







# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

Another school year is drawing to a close. We have been very busy with our usual end of year activities: tours, testing, tidying up, sports day, book rental and end of year reports.

## Book Rental

Next year's books are now available. Please keep the Fallon's Spelling Book until your child finishes 6<sup>th</sup> class. Thanks to Sarah and Conor for helping with book rental. The prices are as follows : Senior Infants €50; 1<sup>st</sup> Class €62 ; 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Class €40 The books can be collected from Richard's office. In the interests of keeping our school 'green' please bring your own bag. The last day for collecting books is Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Parental Involvement

Thanks to the following parents who participated in school life over the last month: Psemik (Basketball)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Leaving Ceremony

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> we had a ceremony for those children who are moving on to secondary school. Well done to all those who participated in it. Thank you to Shauna, Aisling and the choir. Aisling

did a great job on preparing the hall and the children. The children were great. We wish the 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils well, as they prepare for the second leg of their journey in formal education.

## School Reports

The end of year school reports were sent home on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The parents of children who were absent on the day can collect the report from the office during office hours. Parents have several days in which to follow up on reports if necessary. Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> is the last date for any appointments.

## Assembly

Our June Assembly will be held tomorrow Tuesday where we will be giving out awards for best attendance.

## Sports Day

We had a great day for sports day last Thursday with all staff doing a terrific job with activity stations. In the afternoon we carried on our tradition of 6<sup>th</sup> class playing the staff. The 6<sup>th</sup> Class played their hearts out but were narrowly beaten by the staff team 1-0. 6<sup>th</sup> Class were magnanimous in defeat.

## After School Activities

I would like to thank all those who made the after school activities possible: Richard, Ciarán, Massi, Lynne, Breda, Oliva G, Olivia D, Psemik, James and Shauna.

## School Places

The school is full for the next academic year. We are currently operating a waiting list for all classes. Our enrolment policy is available on the school website.

## Class allocation for 2018/19:

Junior Infants: Rebecca Quigley  
Senior Infants: Caitríona Nolan  
1<sup>st</sup> Class: A.N. Other  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Fionnuala Bradley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Class: Sinéad Moylan  
4<sup>th</sup> Class: A.N. Other  
5<sup>th</sup> Class: A.N. Other  
6<sup>th</sup> Class: Breda Goulding

The Arc: Michelle Cleary  
Barbara Mellsop

## Support Teachers:

Tara O' Brien: 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 5<sup>th</sup> Class  
Fionnuala Morgan: 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
James McGrath : Junior Infants and 6<sup>th</sup> Class  
Aisling Minnock: Senior Infants and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class



SNAs: Breda Grennan, Lynne McNiece, Massi Carni, Olivia Dunican and Olivia Delaney

Administration: Richard Brennan; Caretaker: Stephen Coyle; Cleaner: Katarzyna Baczaj  
Bus Escort: Charlotte Feery

We welcome Breda Goulding back from maternity leave. We wish Ciarán well on his move to Cork, we wish Shauna well on her career break and all the best to Tina who finishes on Wednesday and to Laura going on maternity leave.

### Thank You

I would like to thank the Board of Management for its support this year.

The Board of Management members are: Michael Joyce Sharon Lawrence, Donncha Phelan, Louise McDowell, Joe Errity, Fionnuala Bradley , Carlo Griffin and Cathy Lyons. We wish to acknowledge the role Donncha Phelan has played on the Board over the last six years. A presentation was made to Donncha at the 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Ceremony on Friday last.

### Closing Date

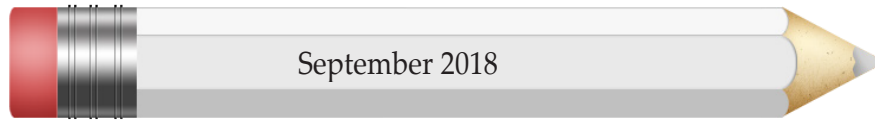
We are getting our holidays on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 p.m. Remember 1<sup>st</sup> Class children go home at 3.00 p.m. next year, one hour later than when in Senior Infants. The school will re-open on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 9.20 p.m. A copy of next year's school closures has gone home with next year's books. It has also been posted to the schools' Facebook page and school website. Have a great summer!







# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,  
We would like to welcome all the children and staff back to school after our summer break. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new pupils in Junior Infants and the seven other new pupils in the other classes. We would also like to welcome our new staff members: Louise Ryan (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Louise Keogh ( 3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Abigail Korzeniewska (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Ronan O' Meara (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Tara Smyth (SNA).

### Art and Craft Money

There is still some Art and Craft and insurance money outstanding. Please send it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. The insurance money covers school activities.

### After School Activities

Again this year we are rolling out after school physical activities to the children from 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> and they are up and running this week beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>). They are as follows:  
Mondays: Soccer with Richard ( Richard is organising this for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class)  
Wednesdays: Gaelic Football with James and Ronan  
Thursdays: Basketball with Psemik

### P.E.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct footwear

for P.E. Tag Rugby has begun for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes. GAA begins for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### LTP

This year in the Learn Together Programme we are going to explore core values again. This will start in October. Our first core value is Loyalty.

### Healthy Lunches

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch. One treat is permitted on a Friday. In the interests of keeping the school green we ask the children to bring home any wrappers or cartons they bring into school.

### Parental Involvement

Thanks to the parents who helped out this month: Jenny (Books)

### PTA

The Parent Teacher Association AGM is on October 10<sup>th</sup> next at 8.00 p.m. Every parent/guardian of a child in the school is automatically a member of the PTA. A committee is elected at the AGM of which three people will be officers: a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Anna de Siún will chair the meeting.

### Settling In

Any parent who has concerns regarding their child please feel free to make an

appointment with the class teacher. All teachers are very willing to accommodate parents in this regard. The earlier concerns are dealt with the better for everyone involved. It is quite common to have teething problems and periods of adjustment at the beginning of the school year. The official Parent Teacher meetings will take place in November.

### Photographs

County Photos will be here on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to take photos of the Junior Infants, Sixth Class and their siblings. There is no obligation to purchase the photos.

### Attendance

Parents/Guardians are actively discouraged from taking holidays outside of the above holiday schedule. The school is obliged by law to inform the National Education Welfare Board when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year or where there is a concern about a pupil's attendance. There is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress. Your co-operation with maintaining high attendance and punctuality is greatly appreciated.

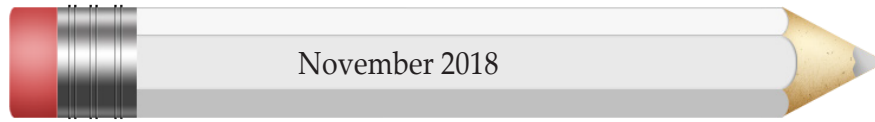
We look forward to a great year!







# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Parent/Teacher meetings were held during the week November 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you were unable to make your appointment with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment time either through the class teacher or through Richard in the office.

## **Science Week**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Class children visited Tullamore College for Science Week where they took part in experiments with the Transition Year Students.

## **Calendar**

The photographs have been taken for this year's calendar. The calendar launch will take place on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with the Junior Infant performance at 11.30 a.m to be followed by Senior Infants at 11.45 a.m, First Class at 12.00 p.m. and Second Class at 12.15 p.m. This will be followed by the choir for parents of children in the senior end of the school. All of this will take place in the hall. As we have adequate seating we are asking you to remain seated throughout. It will be over by 1.00 p.m.

The calendar will cost €8 for one and €15 for two.

## **Junior Infants 2018**

Please ensure that you have pre-enrolled your child for Junior Infants by December 21<sup>st</sup> next. Places will be offered at the end of January for September 2019. Please see the school website for the enrolment policy.

## **Parental Involvement**

Thank you to the Parents who have helped out this month: Psemik (basketball) and Jenny.

## **Holidays**

The Christmas holidays are on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. School closes at **12.00 pm** on this day. The school bus will run at 12.00 p.m.

## **Tag Rugby and Athletics**

Tag rugby has started for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Classes and The Arc children are doing a six week course in athletics.

## **Assembly**

At our assembly this month Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month.

These children were Milaslava (Junior Infants), Anna (Senior Infants), Isaac (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Dhyana (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Jan (The Arc), Diana (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Leen (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Uma (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Rochelle (6<sup>th</sup> Class). 5<sup>th</sup> Class did short dramas on the core value, respect, ending with a song.

## **Aistear**

The Aistear theme for the month was The Restaurant. The children learned the necessary language about all aspects of a restaurant through play.

## **Student Council**

We had our student council elections. Some great speeches and promises were made! Those who have to keep to their election promises are Liam and Hanna (3<sup>rd</sup> Class) Maleeka and Adnan (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Christianne and Gavin (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Vlada and Adam (6<sup>th</sup> Class). More details of their work to follow.







# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



December 2018 January 2019

Hi All,

## **Calendar**

We had the launch of the school calendar on December 11<sup>th</sup> last and it was a great success. Well done to all the children who took part on the day. It was very enjoyable. Every class contributed to making it a success and this was topped off by a wonderful performance from the choir. Thanks to all teachers and staff who prepared the children and the hall for the day. Thanks to Majella Killeen also.

## **Parental Involvement**

Thank you to the parents who have helped out this month: Jacqueline (calendar), Jenny and Psemik (basketball) and thanks to all of you who supported the calendar.

## **Student Council**

The Student Council held a 'Cerealathon' Food Appeal whereby the children were asked to donate boxes of cereal to make up hampers for families in need. The Student Council linked up with St. Vincent de Paul in Tullamore and contributed the cereal to their hampers. Thank you so much for supporting the children with the appeal. The Student Council also held a talent contest for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes. It was a huge success

with lots of talent being exhibited. Each child gave one vote to their favourite act. The winners were : 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Séan Kelly 6<sup>th</sup> Class with a song from The Greatest Showman; Artur Krusniczky 5<sup>th</sup> Class with a stand-up comedy routine and Matiss Cielava 4<sup>th</sup> Class with his magic tricks.

## **Assembly**

At our assembly this month Tara gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. These children were Abigail (Junior Infants), Elza (Senior Infants), Mark (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Rayhan (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Darren (The Arc) Kajus R (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Alex (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Santana (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Matas (6<sup>th</sup> Class). 4<sup>th</sup> Class talked to us about the core value 'empathy'. They did a variety of dramatisations on the theme. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes finished off the year for us with one of their songs they performed at a fundraiser at the Circle K station on the Arden Road.

## **Athletics**

A number of children attended an athletics event in the AIT, Athlone. The children had a great time and brought home several medals. Thanks to Louise, Abigail and in

particular, Breda for her work with the children.

## **January 2019**

Happy New Year to all.

## **Vision and Hearing**

Vision and hearing testing of the Junior Infants was held on Tuesday of last week for junior infants.

## **Dogs Trust**

Paul from Dogs Trust gave workshops to the Junior Classes. He brought his dog, Magic with him. The children really enjoyed it. Paul is returning in February to the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

## **RSE and Stay Safe**

### **Programme**

Relationships and Sexuality Education will be rolled out to all classes this term. The programme content is outlined in the RSE policy which can be found on the website. The Stay Safe Programme will be delivered to the following classes: Senior Infants; 2<sup>nd</sup> Class; 4<sup>th</sup> Class and 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

### **PTA**

The following events/fundraisers are being rolled out by the PTA over the coming months:  
February 15<sup>th</sup>: Family Welcome Night from 7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m in the school

hall. Please bring some food to share. All welcome.  
March 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> : Book Fair  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – Bag Pack, Dunnes Stores, The Bridge Centre  
May 24<sup>th</sup>- Cake Sale, The Bridge Centre  
The PTA will be furnishing you with more information nearer to the dates.

### **Staff Training Day**

We have a staff training day on March 19<sup>th</sup> next. This is the day after the Bank Holiday for St. Patrick's Day on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The school will be closed to pupils on both those days. This day is not on the holiday list previously given to parents.

### **Secondary School**

6<sup>th</sup> Class children did their entrance assessments for secondary school on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Dates for your diary.**

Junior Infants Vaccinations:  
February 12th  
Mid-Term Break : February 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Basketball**

There will be no basketball on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Credit Union Quiz**

The Credit Union Quiz is on February 13<sup>th</sup> next in the Tullamore Court Hotel at 7.00 p.m. The Junior Team is Maya Chalouche, Paige Quinn, Adnan Pehlivan, Paula Strazdina and Mark Ptasinskis. The Senior Team is Lyla Kane Walsh, Shannan Quinn, Norbert Powalka, Elza Salkone and Adam Chalouche. We wish them the very best on the night.

### **Parental Involvement**

Thank you to the parents who have helped out this month:  
Psemik (basketball)

### **Enrolment for 2019**

The closing date for applications for school places is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Offers of places will go out the following week.

### **The Arc**

There are no places available in The Arc for 2019/2020.

### **Carpark**

In the interest of the safety of your children if you are collecting them in a car you MUST be in a designated set down area or carpark space before your child may enter the car. Expecting children to jump into a moving vehicle is highly dangerous. It takes ONLY four minutes for the carpark to clear when everyone sticks to the rules. We would be grateful for your support in this regard.

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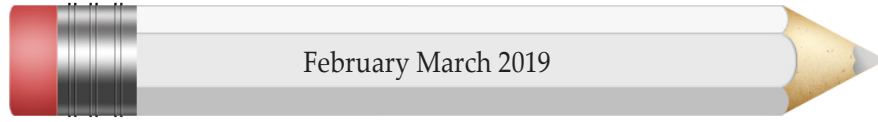
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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## **Credit Union Quiz**

Well done to the teams that were involved in the Credit Union Quiz. They represented the school admirably. The members of the Junior Team were Maya, Adnan, Paula, Paige and Mark. The members of the senior team were Elza, Shannan, Norbert, Lyla and Adam. They were an absolute pleasure to prepare for the quiz. Both teams ranked highly.

## **Water Safety Talk**

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes had a talk on water safety.

## **School of Rock**

5<sup>th</sup> Class was invited to see Tullamore College's production of School of Rock in St. Mary's Youth Centre. They thoroughly enjoyed the show. Well done to past pupil Mitchell Wyman.

## **PTA News**

### **Family Welcome Night:**

The family welcome night took place on February 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a huge turn out on the night. The children really enjoyed it. Thanks to all who supported it.

### **Bag Pack:**

The next PTA event is a bag pack on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in Dunnes Stores, The Bridge Centre. The PTA is looking for volunteers to help out on the day. A form will go out to each household should

you wish to help out. Please return the form to Richard in the office.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next PTA meeting is on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. All welcome.

### **Traffic Calming Measures**

A member of the PTA lobbied a local politician on behalf of the school regarding a pedestrian crossing on Collins Lane. Thanks to this the digital driver feedback system was reinstated. However this is not enough. Please bring up this matter when you meet candidates canvassing for the upcoming local elections.

### **Donation**

We are asking parents to donate a ream of photocopying per family between now and the end of May to help us keep expenditure down. We would be extremely grateful for this.

### **Assembly**

February's assembly took place on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Second Class was super at exploring the core value of cooperation. Winners of the handwriting awards were Malai (Junior Infants), Dylan (Senior Infants), Isabel (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Síofra (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Lukas (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Adnan (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Diana (The Arc), Simon (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Leah (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

## **Book Fair and World Book day**

The Book Fair was on March 7<sup>th</sup> and coincided with World Book Day. Each child received a World Book Day token which they were able to use at the bookfair. We marked the occasion by having a dress up day and we had a special assembly. Many wonderful characters came alive on the day. Prizes (vouchers for a free book at the book fair) for the best costumes went to Chulainn (The Wizard of OZ), Levi (Mr. Incredible), Katalina (The Owls of Blossom Wood), Annalie (Miss Trunchbull), Lola (Paddington Bear), Jędrzej (Ironman), Aoife (The Cat in the Hat), Róisín (Jack and the Goblin King). A big thank you to Jenny for organising the bookfair.

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge Márta 13ú-15ú**

The schedule was as follows:

Wednesday: Céilí for all classes 11.30-1.00 p.m.

Thursday: Siopa for all classes (€1 spending limit)

Friday: Tráth na gCeist (Quiz) for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class 1.30 p.m.-3.00 p.m.

Monday: The school was closed in lieu of St. Patrick's Day which fell on a Sunday.

Thank you for your baking donations to the siopa (shop) Well done to Breda and 6<sup>th</sup> Class for running the siopa.



Prizes for the children who made the best effort to speak Irish during this week and for the first three teams in Tráth na gCeist will be given out at assembly on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

We had a great week!

### **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Adam in 5<sup>th</sup> class who represented the school in the Offaly County final of the Schools Spelling Bee competition. Our school hosted the County Final this year in our school hall. Thanks to Ronan for organising it.

### **GAA League**

James and Ronan organised our first ever in-school GAA League this term. Four teams took part- Laois, Offaly, Kerry and Carlow. The final was held on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kerry made school history on the day and the team was presented with medals and a perpetual trophy. Kerry Team: Kevin R (Captain), Khalid, Gavin, Lyla, Duje, Alisa, Zainab, Ibrahim and Jamila. Well done to all involved.

James and Ronan are also organising a pyjama day this Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to fundraise for sports equipment. We would greatly appreciate a contribution of €2 per family.

### **Parental Involvement**

Thank you to the following parents who were involved in school life this month: Jenny, Lisa C, Lisa K, Sarah, Oksana and Charlene (Book Fair), Psemik (Basketball), Anna, Paul, Jacqueline, Mara, Katarina (Family Night), Katarina (Traffic Safety)

There is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress. Your co-operation with maintaining high attendance and punctuality is greatly appreciated. We urge parents of all children to fill in the absence forms in their child's homework journal if their child has missed a day from school.

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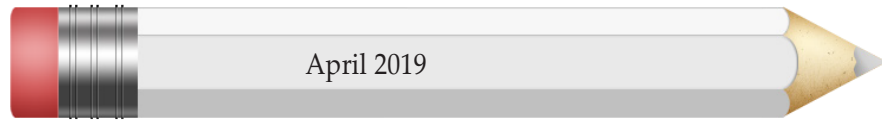
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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## **PTA News**

### **Bag Pack:**

The PTA bag pack was on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in Dunnes Stores, The Bridge Centre. Thank you to Jacqueline who organised it and to all the volunteers who helped out on the day. €625 was raised and this is going towards the cost of badminton lines in the hall. The PTA has also organised workshops for all classes. The senior classes have had biodiversity workshops and the junior classes will have pollinator workshops on May 3<sup>rd</sup> next. Thanks to Anna for organising these. Our school is currently one of the charities in the Tesco (blue token) Community Fund so if you are in Tesco please remember us! Thanks to Jacqueline for organising this. A cake sale will take place in the Bridge Centre on May 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information on this at a later date. The next PTA meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Traffic Calming Measures**

Please bring up this matter when you meet candidates canvassing for the upcoming local elections. We encourage you to vote in the local elections. You must be registered in order to vote. You can get an RFA2 form from Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road.

## **Donation**

We are asking parents to donate a ream of photocopying per family between now and the end of May to help us keep expenditure down. We would be extremely grateful for this. Thanks to all who have donated already.

## **Assembly**

The March assembly took place on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Adam, 5<sup>th</sup> Class, received a plaque for representing the school in the Offaly Spelling Bee. Shannan, 6<sup>th</sup> Class, received a plaque for her outstanding achievement in making the Credit Union Quiz Team four years in a row. Seachtain na Gaeilge prizes were as follows: Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine (The children who made the best effort at speaking Irish) Mija (Junior Infants), Zarmeen (Senior Infants), Arianna (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Ronan (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Katrina (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Arturs (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Nojus (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Kevin (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

Tráth na gCeist: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Shannan, Santana, Callum and Juliana; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Vlada, Poppy, Aoife and Eridas; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mark, Lyla, Duje and Muna. Thanks to Michelle for organising the prizes.

The winners of the handwriting awards were Gabriele (Junior Infants), Amelie (Senior Infants), Amelia (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Ali (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Zainab (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Rebekah (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Robert (The Arc), Maurice (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Roisín (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

First Class was super at exploring the core value of friendship. We are postponing the selling of friendship bracelets until after the Easter break.

The enterprising student award went to Ashley (6<sup>th</sup> Class) for her leadership qualities. She likes to bake and does this as part of 6<sup>th</sup> Class classroom economy incentive. Ashley received her award from the Offaly Enterprise Office on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. All those who attended had a lovely time.

## **GAA News**

The pyjama day raised €320 towards sports equipment. James and Ronan also ran a raffle. The 5<sup>th</sup> Class children were very busy selling tickets. We had some fabulous prizes donated by businesses in the community. Thanks to Ben Scally (Centra), Noelle Garry (Spar), Kenan and Sarah (The Blue Apron), The Flower Bar, Dunnes Stores, Mr. Price, IMC Cinema and Aura. The raffle winners are as follows: Patryk (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Elza (5<sup>th</sup> Class), Malek (JI), Poppy (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Alannah (JI), Ugne (JI), Jack G (JI), Hannah (4<sup>th</sup> Class) and Faye (SI). Thanks to all of you who bought tickets. €638 was raised. Thank you for your support. Cumann na mBunscol has started for both the girls' and boys' teams. The girls have played three matches and have won all three. They have played Pullough NS, Rashina NS and Boher NS. Shannan is the captain this year. Well done girls! The boy's team, captained by Kevin, play their first game this afternoon. They play Lumcloon NS. All the best, boys!



### **Parental Involvement**

Thank you to the following parents who were involved in school life this month: Psemik (Basketball), Anna, Deirdre, Catherine, Jacqueline, Mara, Katarina, Terry, Helena B, Sharon, Dina, and Averil(bag pack). Thanks to past parents Richard and Olivia and to past pupil, Jamie.

### **Burren**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes went on an educational trip to the Burren. They had a great time. Thanks to Ronan and all the teachers involved.

The Easter holidays are tomorrow. The school closes at 12.00 p.m. It re-opens on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope you enjoy the break.

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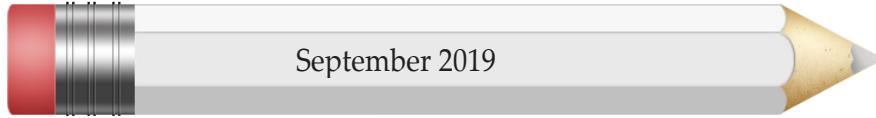
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Hi All,

We would like to welcome all the children and staff back to school after our summer break. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new pupils in Junior Infants and the six other new pupils in the other classes.

### Art and Craft Money

There is still some Art and Craft and insurance money outstanding. Please send it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. The insurance money covers school activities.

### After School Activities

Again this year we are rolling out after school physical activities to the children from 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> and they will be up and running shortly. They are as follows:

Mondays: Soccer with Richard (Richard is organising this 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class) Started Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays: General Games with Massi (Volleyball/Handball/Spiderball) Starts Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

Thursdays: GAA with Ronan, Louise and Sarah Starts October 16<sup>th</sup>

### Aistear

Aistear is a framework for learning through play. This month's theme was 'The Doctor's Surgery'. The children learned the relevant vocabulary through role-play, game-playing and art.

### LTP

This year in the Learn Together Programme we are going to explore the Ethics and the Environment strand in assembly. We will start with Climate Change in the October Assembly.

### Settling In

Any parent who has concerns regarding their child please feel free to make an appointment with the class teacher. All teachers are very willing to accommodate parents in this regard. The earlier concerns are dealt with the better for everyone involved. It is quite common to have teething problems and periods of adjustment at the beginning of the school year. The official Parent Teacher meetings will take place in November.

### Healthy Lunches

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch. One treat is permitted on a Friday. In the interests of keeping the school green we ask the children to bring home any wrappers or cartons they bring into school.

### Photographs

County Photos were here on September 27<sup>th</sup> to take photos of the Junior Infants, Sixth Class and their siblings. There is no obligation to purchase the photos.

### Wet Mornings

The procedure the children are to follow on wet mornings is posted beside the four

downstairs classrooms.

### Homework Policy

The school policy is under the policies tab on our website.

### Parental Involvement

Thanks to the parents who helped out this month: Stephen and Jenny

### Assembly

We had our first monthly assembly of the year on Friday last.

Congratulations to Lucy (Junior Infants), Alannah (Senior Infants), Elza (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Imran (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Síofra (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Diana (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Aimee (The Arc), Maya (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Elza (6<sup>th</sup> Class) who were the September recipients of our handwriting awards. Well done to all!

### Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA will be having their annual Family Fun night soon. This will give parents and children the chance to meet up socially. The PTA will hold its AGM in the weeks after this, should parents wish to get involved. A letter with more details will go out soon.

### Board of Management (BOM)

The current Board of Management's four year term is up on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The election for female and male parent/guardian nominees to



the Board will be held in the second week of November. A detailed letter explaining the role and responsibilities of the BOM and details of the election process will go out before the end of October.

### Secondary School

A letter has gone home to the parents of the 6<sup>th</sup> Class children about Killina Secondary School open night.

### Housekeeping

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### Cyberbullying tips

**Don't respond.** If someone bullies you, remember that your reaction is usually exactly what the bully wants. It gives him or her power over you. Who wants to empower a bully?

**Don't retaliate.** Getting back at the bully turns you into one and reinforces the bully's behaviour. Help avoid a whole cycle of aggression.

**Save the evidence.** The only good news about digital bullying is that the harassing messages can usually be captured, saved and shown to someone who can help. You need to do this even if it's minor stuff, in case things escalate.

**Talk to a trusted adult.** You deserve backup, it's always good to involve a parent but if you can't a school staff member knows how to help. Sometimes both are needed. If you're nervous about saying something, see if there's a way to report the incident

anonymously at school.

**Block the bully.** If the harassment's coming in the form of instant messages, texts or profile comments, do yourself a favour: Use preferences or privacy tools to block the person. If it's in chat, leave the "room."

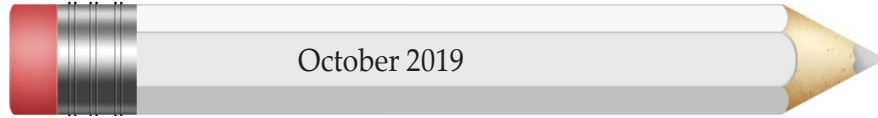
**Be Civil.** Even if you don't like someone it's a good idea to be decent and not sink to the other person's level. Also, research shows that gossiping about and trash talking others increases your levels of being bullied. Treat people the way you want to be treated.

**Don't be a bully.** How would you feel if someone harassed you? You know the old saying about walking a mile in someone's shoes. Even a few seconds of thinking about how another person might feel can put a big damper on aggression. That's needed in this world.





# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you enjoyed the midterm break.

## **Board of Management**

As mentioned in the last newsletter the current Board of Management's four year term is up on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The election for female and male parent/guardian nominees to the Board will be held next Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. in Room 9. Please find attached a letter explaining the role and responsibilities of the BOM and details of the election process.

## **Maths Week**

Maths week took place from October 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. The children had a great time doing maths trails, discussing maths at the maths language board, learning tables and number facts as they walked up the stairs and doing maths related art work. Michelle gave out prizes for the best art work at assembly. The recipients were as follows: Lara (Junior Infants), Kirill (Senior Infants), Everts (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Izzy and Darren (The Arc), Ivan (2<sup>nd</sup> Class) Jasmine (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Liam (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Natasza (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Artur (6<sup>th</sup> Class). Thanks to Michelle for organising Maths Week.

## **PTA**

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) held a

Family Fun Night on Friday night October 18<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended and the children really enjoyed it. Thanks to Anna, Jacqueline, Michelle, Psemik and Agnieszka. The AGM of the PTA will be on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the hall.

## **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

The Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on November 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup>. You will get confirmation of times nearer to the date.

## **Secondary Schools**

The secondary schools have started visiting primary schools in the area. They are holding their open nights over the coming weeks. Tullamore College organised a visit to their school for 6<sup>th</sup> Class on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Athletics**

Some children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class attended an event in the Harriers. Thanks to Breda for training them.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Class**

Breda Goulding will be going on leave from November 4<sup>th</sup>. Darren Fahy will be taking over until Rebecca returns in January 2020. Laura is the acting Deputy Principal until Rebecca's return.

## **Aistear**

Aistear is a framework for learning through play. This month's theme was 'school'. The children learned the relevant vocabulary through role-play, game-playing and art.

## **One Day Together**

On Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> we had our dress up day. It was the annual One Day Together day when we mark being an Educate Together School. The Board of Management will make a donation to Educate Together and this money is put towards up-skilling teachers and Board members on relevant areas. Prizes for the best homemade costumes went to Ripley (Junior Infants), Gwendolyn (Senior Infants), Colm (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Jan (The Arc), Katalina (2<sup>nd</sup> Class) Kaja (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Georgia (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Ruby (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Cristianne (6<sup>th</sup> Class). The Student Council chose the best homemade staff costume. This went to Michelle. Overall we had a great day!

## **Assembly and the Learn Together Programme**

This year we are concentrating on the Ethics and Environment Strand of the Learn Together Programme. Our topic of the month was Climate Change. Laura outlined what is meant by climate change. 6<sup>th</sup> Class put on an excellent dramatisation of journalists and news reporters

interviewing protesters on climate change. Well done 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

Abigail gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. They were Nathan (Junior Infants), Dylan (Senior Infants), Elza (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Ashton (The Arc), Zofia (2nd Class) Rayhan (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Jedrzej (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Paige (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Khalid (6<sup>th</sup> Class). Thanks to Tara for organising the handwriting awards over the last few years and to Abigail for taking it on.

### **Student Council**

The Student Council for 2019-2020 has been elected. Congratulations to all those elected. The members are as follows: Síofra and Ronan (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Georgia and Nathan (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Maleeka and Matt (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Kira and Andrzej (6<sup>th</sup> Class). The Council held its first meeting before the break and Matt was elected as chairperson, Georgia as secretary and Maleeka as the liaison student for The Arc. The students introduced themselves to all classes and again to the whole school at assembly. The council's first task was to choose the best staff costume on One Day Together.

### **Enrolment for the mainstream classes 2020-2021 academic year**

The pre-enrolment process for the academic year 2020-2021 begins on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2019. Please see the school website for the school enrolment policy or a hardcopy can be obtained from the office.

### **Enrolment for The Arc ASD Classes**

The pre-enrolment process for the academic year 2020-2021 begins on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. The updated policy will be

available on the school website from that date or a hardcopy will be available from the office.

### **Parental Involvement**

Thanks to the following parents who helped out this month: Anna, Jacqueline, Psemik, Sharon and Agnieszka (Family Fun Night), Stephen (ICT) and Jenny.

### **Housekeeping**

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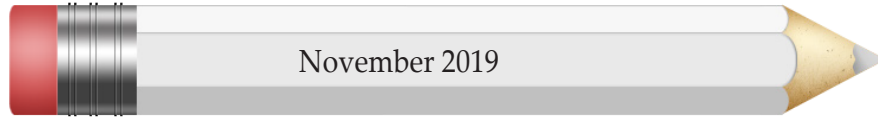
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## **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Parent/Teacher meetings were held during the week November 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you were unable to keep your appointment with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment time either through the class teacher or through Richard in the office.

## **Science Week**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Class children visited Tullamore College for Science Week where they took part in experiments with the Transition Year Students. We held a science day in the hall on Friday last. The 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes set up stations in the hall and all the other classes got to visit and participate in exciting experiments. The children learned about the water cycle, how to make a lava lamp, about air pressure and some children self-sourced their own experiments. Thanks to Tara for organising this.

## **Calendar**

The photographs have been taken for this year's calendar. The calendar launch will take place on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. It will begin with the Junior Infant performance at 11.30 a.m. to be followed by Senior Infants at 11.45 a.m., First Class at 12.00 p.m. and Second Class at 12.15 p.m. This will be followed by the choir for parents of children in the senior end of the school. All of this will take place in the hall. As we have adequate seating we are asking you to remain seated

throughout. It will be over by 1.00 p.m. The calendar will cost €10.

Children return to their classroom after their performance. Children are permitted to go home with their parents should parents wish this. Please have this decision made prior to coming to school. Please collect your child from his/her classroom when you are ready to leave. Should you have a child in the junior end and a child in the senior end, please do not collect your younger child until your older child is finished in the choir. School continues to the usual time.

## **Junior Infants 2020**

Please ensure that you have pre-enrolled your child for Junior Infants by December 21<sup>st</sup> next. Places will be offered at the end of January for September 2020. Please see the school website for the enrolment policy or there is a hardcopy available from the office.

## **The Arc 2020**

Applications for The Arc are accepted from December 1<sup>st</sup> for September 2020.

## **Parental Involvement**

Thank you to the Parents who have helped out this month: Stephen, Jenny, Anna and Jacqueline.

## **PTA**

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 PTA will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. Officers will be elected

at this meeting. All are welcome to attend.

## **Assembly**

At our assembly this month Abigail gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. These children were Teja (Junior Infants), Kyril (Senior Infants), Edie (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Zlata (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Ali (The Arc), Annalie (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Hanna (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Mieszko (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Danny (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

Laura outlined for us what is meant by endangered species as part of our Ethical Curriculum focus. 5<sup>th</sup> Class read out facts about endangered species.

Michelle introduced the newly elected green team. They are as follows: Emel and Druva (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Liam, Hannah and Keziah (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Yunes and Paige (5<sup>th</sup> Class), Simon and Laura (6<sup>th</sup> Class). The Green Team's first task was to lead the school in a protest against government inaction on Climate Change on Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Lions Club Tullamore Annual**

Congratulations to Liam York, 4<sup>th</sup> Class, whose creative writing piece The Babysitter with a Katana was published in the 2020 Tullamore Annual. The annual is on sale in shops locally. It costs €15 and the proceeds (after costs) will go directly back into the community, via Tullamore Lions Club.



### Aistear

The Aistear theme for the month was The Restaurant. The children learned the necessary language about all aspects of a restaurant through play.

### Strike for Action on Climate Change

Led by the Green Team the pupils from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class protested outside the school gate against government inaction on Climate Change. The School Climate Strike movement originated in Sweden in August 2018 when teenager Greta Thunberg stopped going to school every Friday as a protest. The children were armed with banners and chanted slogans. Passing motorists beeped in support of the activists and parents joined us in solidarity.

### Attendance

Ten children have missed ten days or more up to November 22<sup>nd</sup> last. A letter has gone home informing parents of same. There is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress. The school is obliged by law to inform the Educational Welfare Service when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year or where there is a concern about a pupil's attendance.

### Holidays

The Christmas holidays are on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. School closes at **12.00 pm** on this day. The school bus will run at 12.00 p.m.

### Housekeeping

There is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress. Your co-operation with maintaining high attendance and punctuality is greatly appreciated.

The passing of invitations and cards must take place outside of school hours. This ensures that no child is excluded or hurt.

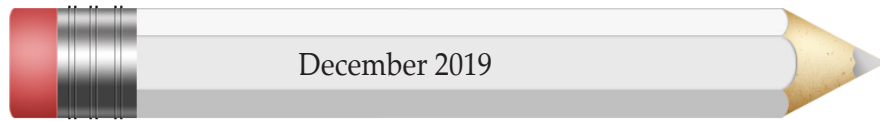
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# TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL



Hi All,

## Calendar

We had the launch of the school calendar on December 18<sup>th</sup> and it was a great success. Well done to all the children who took part on the day. It was very enjoyable. Every class contributed to making it a success and this was topped off by a wonderful performance from the choir. Thanks to all teachers and staff who prepared the children and the hall for the day. Thanks to Majella Killeen and to Darren for accompanying the choir on guitar.

## Parental Involvement

Thank you to the parents who have helped out this month: Jacqueline (calendar), Jenny and Stephen (basketball) and thanks to all of you who supported the calendar.

## Assembly

At our assembly this month Abigail gave out handwriting certificates to the hand writers of the month. These children were Dhiya (Junior Infants), Ugne (Senior Infants), Amber Lily (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Alan Vickers (2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Isobella (The Arc) Kaja (3<sup>rd</sup> Class), Sergio (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Kamile (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Sintija (6<sup>th</sup> Class). 4<sup>th</sup> Class talked to us about water conservation. The children told us some interesting facts. They finished with a great song. We said goodbye to Darren and we will be welcoming Rebecca back in the new year.

## Board of Management

The new Board of Management 2019-2023 will have its first meeting of the new term on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board members are as follows:

Michael Joyce: Chairperson and Patron Nominee

Louise McDowell: Patron Nominee

Cathy Lyons: Principal

Cathy Cusack: Teacher Nominee

Sharon Lawrence: Parent Nominee

Jonathan D'Arcy: Parent Nominee

Carlo Griffin: Community Nominee

Jim Enright: Community Nominee

## Toms Rankevics

Toms Rankevics, much loved son of Liga and Rolands and brother of Orlando and Kevin, passed away on 21/12/19 aged 12 years. Toms was a very popular boy with a great sense of humour. He always got into character for dress up days. He was a great athlete and also represented the school well in sports. He didn't let his illness get in the way while he was in school. He wanted to participate in all school activities as much as

possible. Toms was a most gentle, kind boy who is remembered fondly by those who knew him. This was obvious from the support at his funeral from current and past pupils, parents and staff members.

## January 2020

Happy New Year to all.

## Vaccinations

Vaccinations for Junior Infants will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Every School Day Counts

As explained by Laura at the calendar launch, we are endorsing the Tusla campaign – Every School Day Counts- whereby we are encouraging full attendance for the month of January 2020 which has 20 school days. Whilst some absences are unavoidable, we cannot stress enough the benefits of good attendance. Each child has been given a 20/20 page to keep track of their progress.

## RSE and Stay Safe Programme

Relationships and Sexuality Education will be rolled out to all classes this term. The programme content is outlined in the RSE policy which can be found on the website. The Stay Safe Programme will be delivered to the following classes: Senior Infants; 2<sup>nd</sup> Class; 4<sup>th</sup> Class and 6<sup>th</sup> Class.



## **PTA**

The following events/fundraisers are being rolled out by the PTA over the coming months:

January 24<sup>th</sup>: Family Quiz night from 7.00 p.m.-8.30 p.m in the school hall. No entry fee. Raffle on the night.

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Bag Pack, Dunnes Stores, The Bridge Centre

March 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> : Book Fair  
The PTA will be furnishing you with more information nearer to the dates.

## **Staff Training Day**

We have a staff training day on January 16<sup>th</sup> next. The school will be closed to pupils on this day. This day is not on the holiday list previously given to parents.

## **Dates for your diary**

Staff Training Day: January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Junior Infants Vaccinations:  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Mid-Term Break : February 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

## **Enrolment for 2020**

The closing date for applications for school places is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Offers of places will go out the following week.

## **The Arc**

Offer of places for The Arc for 2020/2021 will go out in late March.

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