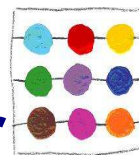


CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER NS Parent Association Newsletter



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Great Prizes to be Won!

Stunt Driving, Paintball, Personal Fitness & more!

The Parent Association is delighted to announce our first fundraiser of the year – a **raffle** with fantastic prizes donated by parents and their friends.

Winter Raffle Prizes:

- 1st: Stunt Driving Lessons for 2 at Rockingham Raceway, UK + flights, total value €435
- 2nd: 5 Commando Packs at Combat Zone Paintball
- 3rd: Assessment + 3 Sessions of Personal Training at NM Fitness, Heron's Wood.
- 4th: Munster Rugby Jersey signed by Lifemi Mafi
- 5th: 4 Tickets to Aladdin at the Everyman Theatre
- 6th: Christmas Hamper from Barry Collins' SuperValu
- 7th: Pampering Products Hamper

The draw will be held at **8pm on Dec 16th at Hogan's Restaurant on Main St. in Carrigaline**. There will be food, live music and spot prizes so come out and join us for an enjoyable evening together!

Tickets are €5 – every family will get one book of 10, but more books are available from Anne-Marie in the school office so please take as many as you can sell. If you know of a shop that will sell tickets for us, please let Anne-Marie know.

Proceeds from the raffle will go towards improving the condition of the school yard. The Board is currently looking into ways to improve the drainage and reduce the mud in the grassy area. If you can offer any help or advice with this please speak with Mel. **Thanks!** ✍

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2nd & 3rd Dec Book Fair 1:30-3:30 (Mon 7th in case of strike)
- 4th Dec School Closes at 12:00
- 9th Dec Coffee Morning, 9:00-10:30am
- 12th Dec Family Outing to Aladdin Pantomime
- 16th Dec Raffle Draw at Hogan's Restaurant, 8pm
- 22rd Dec End-of-Term Party & School closes at 12:00

Memories to Share

The Parent Association is currently putting together photo CD's of pictures taken in school during the first term. The CD's will be available for sale in the New Year and proceeds will go to the school. If you have any pictures in digital format to contribute, please send them to maryomahony@hotmail.com. ✍



Deirdre's Class go Daffodil Planting

Photo Mary O'Mahony

Time to Celebrate!

The last day of term is Tuesday 22nd December. The Parent Association will host an end-of-term party for all parents, children, teachers and staff from 10:00-11:30. Parents will be asked to bring food and a small wrapped gift for their child to put into a lucky dip so that each child both gives and receives a gift.

The PA is looking for volunteers to help plan the party by choosing a theme, making decorations, organising games, etc. If you can help in any of these areas, please let us know at the number below. ✍

Corporate Sponsorship

The Board of Management and Parent Association are jointly exploring the possibility of sourcing corporate funding for the school's many needs. If you can offer any contacts in the business world, please let Mel know. Thanks! ✍

Contact the PA Committee: pa@carrigalineducate.together.ie or 087 268 5124

- Mary O'Mahony, Chairman • Val Davin, Secretary • Anne-Marie McIlwraith & Donal O'Driscoll, Joint Treasurers
 - Jane Maher-Loughnan, Orla Palliser & Lori Scobie, Committee Members • Sue Fiessler & Toufik Messabih, Board of Management Parent Reps
- See our school website: www.carrigalineducate.together.ie for up-to-date school news, photographs and student artwork

PA Fact Spot – The National Parents' Council Primary support parents to be involved in their children's education. www.npc.ie

Money, Money, Money!

Fundraising goals and activities set for the year

The Parent Association Committee and Board of Management met in November to agree on our fundraising goals & activities for the year.

Our fundraising program for this year is as follows:

- Raffle in December
- Bag Packs in January & March
- Circus Event in May
- Golf Classic in June

The money raised this year will be spent on improving the conditions in the schoolyard, interactive whiteboards, an outing for the children and PA expenses. Look out for ways that you can help with these events which will benefit all our children.

The Board has also approved in principle a similar fundraising program for the 2010-11 school year so the PA can begin planning for those activities in advance.

At the same meeting the Board and PA agreed on a joint document detailing the financial relationship between the two bodies. This document lays a strong foundation for a relationship of openness and trust in financial matters that will serve the school for many years to come. ✍

Bag Pack at Tesco in Douglas

CETNS parents will raise money at Tesco's in Douglas by packing shopping on the 23rd & 24th Jan, 2010. Last year we made over €1500 from a bag pack and with more families in the school this year we hope to do even better.

A rota will be posted on the bulletin board in the New Year so please put aside a couple of hours on that weekend and sign up to do your part. Working together we will raise money to improve the school yard and purchase interactive whiteboards for the school. ✍

After-School Update

The very popular Science Club has now finished up for the term. Siobhán Devlin will take maternity leave for the next few months, but hopes to start the club again in the spring. We wish her and her new baby all the very best!

Kinderama, Relax Kids, Cork City Music College and Le French Club will all continue – look for more details in the New Year.

In addition, artist Naomi Fein plans to offer two clubs for ages 7-12: Puppet Theatre Performance and Shadow-Puppet Animation, depending on interest. Both activities will involve writing a story and creating characters and puppets. The Puppet Theatre Club will make a stage and present their play at the end, while the Animation Club will create a stop-motion animated film with voices and music. For more info, contact Naomi on: 086 374 3132. ✍

More Than One Language?

Bilingual Forum Ireland offers a public talk

Do you wish your children to speak, read and write in more than one language? What happens when children speak two or more languages? How does the bilingual mind work?

To give families some support for the daily challenges of raising bilingual children, the PA is inviting parents from the Carrigaline area to a public talk at the school with the Bilingual Forum Ireland at 8pm on Thursday, December 10th.

The information talk by the Bilingual Forum Ireland will last about one hour and addresses families of children who speak two or more languages. Parents will get information on bilinguality, language development and issues such as code-mixing, parental strategies and children's attitudes. After that there will be time for an open discussion and questions and answers relating to the experiences of multilingual families. ✍

Check it out!

The PA bulletin board has been moved to the top of the stairs, over the coat hooks. Be sure to stop and have a look when dropping off & picking up to catch up on the latest news & pictures. Parents coming in for 2:30 pick-ups can now collect their children upstairs so they can see the bulletin board too (& wait inside, out of the winter weather☺) Just ring the bell to be let in. ✍

Piano, Anyone?

In preparation for the launch of Cork City Music College's full after-school program next year, the school is currently looking for a high-quality digital piano. If you have one or know of someone who will either sell or give one away, please contact the PA. ✍

Policy Formation

The Policy Sub-Committee is currently working on the following policies: Anti-Bullying; Parent Involvement; Record-keeping & Data; Special Education Needs.

If you have a particular interest or expertise in any of these areas and would like to be involved in the process, please contact Christine. ✍

Drop-off, Work Out, Get Fit!

Niamh at NM Fitness in Heron's Wood has offered to put on a 9am class for CETNS parents who want to get in shape in the New Year. The fitness centre is located just off the first roundabout in the estate so parents would find it very convenient to pop over after drop-off. The cost is €60 for 6 classes. Numbers are limited to 7, so please let Mary O'Mahony know if you're interested. ✍

Small Ads

NM Fitness Studio, Heron's Wood – Personal Training, Small Group Classes, Weight Loss, Injury Rehabilitation.
Programs for all ages & fitness levels. **Call Niamh on 087 245 3041 for an appointment**

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Cork City Aikikai

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Instructor: David O'Mahony - Nidan (2nd Degree Black Belt)

Affiliation: Irish Aikido Federation

Location: 77 Douglas St, Cork City.

Contact: David O'Mahony @ 087 667 9403

Send your ad to marymahony@hotmail.com The next deadline is December 1st

Small Ads are free to CETNS parents, but we'd like to suggest that you make a small donation to the school book fund. Thanks!