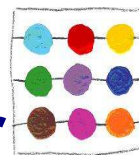


CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER NS Parent Association Newsletter



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It's Time to Choose!

Parents to elect a new Representative for the Board

At **8pm on Monday, 18th January**, CETNS parents will gather at school to choose a new Parent Representative to sit on the school's Board of Management.

What is a Parent Rep? By law, the Boards of Management of every National School have two Parent Representatives – one father/male guardian and one mother/female guardian. The Parent Reps are elected by the parent body in the school.

Why do we have to choose a male parent/guardian this time? Our first male Parent Rep, Toufik Messabih, stepped down from the Board in December, leaving an opportunity for another father/male guardian to take his place. The Parent Association would like to thank Toufik for his hard work and commitment to the school over the past year and to wish him well in the future.

What does a Parent Rep do? The Parent Reps don't actually represent the views of the parent body on the Board of Management. Like all Board members, they serve the ethos of the patron body of the school (in our case Educate Together); however they do bring their personal perspective as parents to the Board.

What is involved? The Board meets 8-10 times during the school year. The Board's duties include setting school policies, managing school finances and planning for the school's future. Parent Reps are also automatically on the Parent Association Committee, although they can't hold officer roles. The current Board members will serve until Nov. 2011. All dads are encouraged to consider serving! ✍️

For more info, contact Billy Tague:
board@carrigalineeducatetogether.ie

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 13 th Jan | Coffee Morning, 9:00-10:30am |
| 18 th Jan, 8pm | Board of Management Parent Rep Elections |
| 20 th Jan | National Parents' Council
East Cork Branch start-up meeting,
8pm at the Carrigaline Court Hotel |
| 23 rd & 24 th Jan | Bag Pack at Tesco's, Douglas |
| 5 th Feb | School closes at 12:00 |

End-of-Term Festivities

On Tuesday, Dec. 22nd parents, children, teachers and staff celebrated the end of term with food, fun and great entertainment from our talented children.

Each class performed in turn for a large group of parents in the big room downstairs, which had been decorated with the children's own artwork on a winter theme. Mel's class performed a play, 'Billy the Bee with No Buzz', led by parent and drama teacher, Orla Palliser-Kehoe. Deirdre's class sang and acted out several songs in Irish and Christine's class displayed their impressive tin whistle skills.

Mel, Deirdre and Christine were each presented with a card and gift voucher from the parents. Vouchers were also given to Grace, Maud, the SNA's and staff. All teachers and staff have expressed their thanks to the parents for their kindness.

Afterwards everyone went upstairs to enjoy delicious food provided by the parents. Thanks go to Lori Scobie, Sharon O'Dwyer and Jane Maher-Loughnan who organised the party and decorations. ✍️



Christine's Class performing on the tin whistle Photo: Val Davin

Let's Get Packing!

Please put aside a couple of hours on the weekend of **23rd & 24th Jan, 2010** and join other CETNS parents packing shopping in **Tesco's Douglas**. Money raised will go on an educational outing for the children, the improvements to the school yard and interactive whiteboards for the school. Last year we made over €1500 from a bag pack and with more families in the school this year we can do even better. ✍️

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

- Mary O'Mahony, Chairman • Val Davin, Secretary • Anne-Marie Mcllwraith & Donal O'Driscoll, Joint Treasurers
- Jane Maher-Loughnan, Orla Palliser & Lori Scobie, Committee Members • Sue Fiessler, Board of Management Parent Rep

See our school website: www.carrigalineeducatetogether.ie for up-to-date school news, photographs and student artwork

PA Fact Spot—Parent Representatives on the Board are automatically on the Parent Assn Committee, but can't hold officer positions

Raffle Raises over €2200!

A fantastic return on our hard work!

The Parent Association is delighted with the great result of our Winter Raffle Fundraiser. At the End-of-Term Party, Parent Association Chairman Mary O'Mahony presented a cheque for the total of €2260 to Principal Mel Thornton who accepted it with thanks on behalf of the Board of Management. The money raised will be spent to install drainage and resurface the schoolyard. ✍



Maurice McIlwraith & Orla Palliser-Kehoe drawing one of the winning tickets at the Winter Raffle Draw at Hogan's Restaurant on Dec. 16th

Photo: Val Davin

After-School Activities on Offer

Relax Kids, which teaches relaxation, meditation and positive visualisation to children through fun activities, will once again offer 3 sessions on **Mondays** starting on **Jan. 18th**: 1:45 for 4-6 year olds, 2:45 & 3:45 for older children. The cost is €70 for 8 weeks. **Relax Parents**: Learn techniques to help your children relax in 3 sessions on **Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm**, beginning **Jan. 26th**. Contact Susan Crowley on: **087 130 3615 / www.relaxkids.com**

Cork City Music College's Music Literacy class for 1st & 2nd class continues on Tuesdays at 4:15 from **Jan 12th**. Tel: **021 431 3211**

Beginning **Feb. 3rd & 5th** artist Naomi Fein will offer **Animation Club** on **Tuesdays 2:45-3:45** and **Puppet Theatre Club** on **Thursdays 2:45-3:45**. The clubs are open to 6-12 year olds & cost €100 for 10 weeks. Contact Naomi on: **086 374 3132** email: **naomi.fein@gmail.com**

Kinderama, learning through music, movement and imagination games for 4-6 year olds, will continue to meet on **Fridays** at 1:40, starting from **Jan. 15th**. Cost: €3.50 per class, paid for in blocks of 4, 6 or 8 classes. Contact Steph on: **086 244 6433 / www.kinderama.com**

Starting **Jan 22nd** **Le French Club** will resume their class on **Saturdays** at 11am and will also add two new classes on **Fridays** from 4-5 pm and 5-6 pm. Contact Catherine on: **087 759 5370** email: **lefunfrenchclub@gmail.com**

The very popular **Science Club** is currently on maternity leave but will start again in the spring. Contact Siobhán Devlin: **087 950 6527 / www.handsonscience.ie** ✍

East Cork NPC Branch

Support for parents of primary school children

The National Parents' Council Primary (NPC) is a not-for-profit organisation that contributes to the advancement of the early and primary education of all children and supports the involvement of parents in all stages of education.

Currently, the NPC is starting a branch in East Cork to facilitate parents in our area to avail of NPC services and support. **A start-up meeting** will take place at **8pm on Wednesday 20th Jan. at the Carrigaline Court Hotel**. All parents with an interest are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary O'Mahony on 087 268 5124.

NPC services include:

- **Information/Helpline** – a national confidential service for parents, open Mon-Fri, 10am-3:30pm. Tel: 01 887 4477 or email: helpline@npc.ie
- **Training & Development Programme** which seeks to empower parents and enables them to play an active part in their children's education.
- **Website** which provides information about primary education to parents. **www.npc.ie**

The NPC also facilitates and supports the development of Parent Associations. Our own PA is a member of the NPC and has benefited from their very helpful PA training course. ✍

News in Brief:

- The **Scholastic Book Fair** in December was a great success – the school benefitted from more than €400 worth of books thanks to the shopping power of parents. Thanks to Christine for organising the event and to all parents who bought books! ✍
- Students in the Tuesday afternoon Music Literacy Class performed on the recorder in the Cork City Music College Christmas Concert at St. John's Girls' N.S. on Dec. 9th. The concert also featured children from the other local schools, making it **CETNS' first inter-school event**. Congratulations to all the children who took part! ✍
- Niamh Murphy at NM Fitness in Heron's Wood has offered to put on a 9:00 am **exercise class** for CETNS parents. Numbers are limited to 7 & the cost is €60/6 sessions. Let Mary O'Mahony know as soon as possible if you're interested: 087 268 5124. ✍
- The **Bilingual Forum** lecture in December was well-received. Any parents with an interest in continuing a Bilingual Support Network can contact Sue Fiessler for more information. ✍

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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086 166 0338 or Email: liam@carrigsound.com



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 January 29th
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!