

Carrigaline Educate Together NS Parent Association Newsletter

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CETNS Participates in 60th Birthday of Cork Cór Féile

Our children on stage at City Hall

On Wednesday March 25th, our children were stars for the evening on the big stage at City Hall in Cork. They danced and sang three songs, 'Do Your Ears Hang Low?', 'Mé Féin' and 'Alice the Camel'. The children in



Photo courtesy of Vladimir Mihaylov

the front row each carried a piece of a special guest, Alice the Camel, who came along to help them with their song. By the end of the song poor Alice had no humps left at all, but she made a lovely horse!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

3 rd April	All children go home at 12:00
6 th -17 th April	Easter Holidays
1 st May	All children go home at 12:00
4 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
7 th May, 8pm	Next PA Meeting
10 th May, 2pm	Circus Explosion Event

Great Turnout for St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunshine and smiles at the local parade

CETNS parents, children and teachers got together on St. Patrick's Day and marched in the Carrigaline Parade. The children carried a banner that they'd decorated themselves and had a fantastic time participating in this lively local event. Well done to everyone involved!



Photo courtesy of Vladimir Mihaylov

Cork Pops

Parent Association sponsored trip

On Friday, March 13th, CETNS children, teachers and assistants went to City Hall to see the Cork Pops perform their annual Concert for Schools. The children enjoyed music from the movies and the gorilla playing the cello was a big hit.

This was our first Parent Association-sponsored school outing and the majority of the cost was covered by funds raised at our Valentine's Day bag-packing event. Thanks go to all the parents who helped to make this trip possible.

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

- Mary O'Mahony, Chairman
- Val Davin, Secretary
- Donal O'Driscoll & John McGinley, Joint Treasurers
- Sue Fiessler & Toufik Messabih, Board of Management Parent Representatives

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

PA Fact Spot – Did you know? Parent Associations organise activities that involve parents, children and teachers.

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The Cór Féile is an annual series of concerts organised by volunteer teachers in the Cork area. It provides primary school children with a wonderful opportunity to perform on the big stage in front of a large audience and has been a Cork tradition for sixty years. CETNS is very proud that our children were a part of the performances in this anniversary year.

Our own Christine Donnery is one of the volunteers who make these concerts possible. Many thanks to her for all her hard work putting our show together and preparing the children for their big night. Special thanks also go to Val Davin for recording the music for the performance and for making Alice the Camel.

Community Association Day



Mary O'Mahony and Val Davin represented the CETNS Parent Association at the Carrigaline Community Association Open Day on March 29th at the Community Complex. The people we spoke to were very enthusiastic about our extra-curricular activities and upcoming Circus Explosion Day.

Photo: Dave O'Mahony

Extra-Curricular Activities Started

Extra-curricular activities kicked off at CETNS this month with Kinderama - a drama class for children up to 6 years old that develops their balance, flexibility, and coordination through drama, dance, poetry and stories. Classes meet on Thursdays from 1:40-2:15. Contact Stephanie on 086 244 6433

Starting on April 21st, Val Davin will offer Mini-Music for 0-6 years old from 1:40-2:20 on Tuesdays. The class teaches fundamental music concepts through action songs, shakers, movement, and much more. Contact Val on 086 375 8458. See small ad below.

Le French Club will move their popular Saturday morning class to our pre-fab, starting on April 25th. The class meets from 11am-12noon and caters to children from 5-8 years. The cost is €50 for six weeks. Contact Catherine on 087 759 5370

The Circus is Coming!

Our first large-scale fundraiser

Get ready for a unique and exciting event – the CETNS Parent Association is hosting the Cork Circus on **Sunday May 10th** in a performance of their new show, **CIRCUS EXPLOSION**. The event will take place in the big hall at the **Carrigaline Community Complex** (beside the playground). Doors will open at **2pm**, show starts at **2:30**. Tickets are **€10** each and **€30** for a family of four.

Cork Circus has enchanted audiences at numerous local and national events, including the Cork St. Patrick's Day Parade, Picnic in the Park and the Cork Midsummer Festival in the Spiegeltent. Along with enthusiastic amateurs, these seasoned circus artists have created an entertaining show sure to captivate the public.

As well as the fabulous performances, there will be face-painting, balloon animals and refreshments.

The PA fund-raising sub-committee is working hard to organise and promote this event. Please help by putting fliers and posters up at work and in the shops and other places you visit and by selling tickets to your friends and family. This should prove to be an exciting and enriching event for all, please help to make it a big success!

PA Training

The Parent Association Committee had their first training session on March 5th. The training, provided by the National Parents' Council, covered the role of the PA and was very useful and informative. There will be a follow-up session on April 30.

Photocopier Arrives

Parents contribute to school equipment



The school has been able to purchase a new photocopier ahead of schedule, thanks in part to money raised by parents at our bag-packing fundraiser at Dunnes in February. It is now in use in Christine's classroom. Many thanks to all the parents who helped to achieve this goal!

Photo: Mary O'Mahony

Small Ads



Starting Tuesday 21st April 1:40-2:20 for 9 sessions. For newborn babies to Senior Infants (with their parent/carer) *Fun music like you saw at the 'New Beginning' party in December!* **1-6 year-olds €35, under 1's just €15 for all 9 sessions.** Remember to see Val and get your name down to ensure your place! **Or call her on 086 375 8458**

Every Sat 10am-Noon & Tues & Thurs 8-10pm **Cork City Aikido Club @Cork Candeias Academy, 77 Douglas St.**

Contact: Dave O'Mahony 087 667 9403 **Aikido is a Japanese Martial Art.** Affiliated to the Irish Aikido Federation

Small ads are a great way to advertise your business, give away or sell things, or to tell people about an upcoming event that you want to promote. The next deadline for small ads is April 29. Emails to: maryomahony@hotmail.com