

Carrigaline Educate Together NS Parent Association Newsletter

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Working Together for the Best Interests of our Children

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A Message from the Principal:

I would like to thank sincerely all the people who worked so hard for our school this year. It has been a busy and exciting time for all involved. Although we are only open since September we have achieved a great deal. We are delighted to see our school growing and our children so happy with us! Next September, as our numbers will be over fifty, we will welcome a new teacher, Deirdre Ní Hágáin, to our school community.

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Thank You To:

- ❖ Our Board of Management who ensures the smooth running of our school.
- ❖ Our patron Educate Together, for their support.
- ❖ Carrigaline United A.F.C. for their kindness and support.
- ❖ The Parent Association for fundraising for our photocopier, for the fantastic circus event, for organising our New Beginnings party, for helping to fund our trip to the Cork Pops and for the Newsletter which keeps us all informed about school matters.
- ❖ The parents who helped in the classrooms and outside, in various ways throughout the year (CAPER, art, photography, cookery, website, gymnastics, trips to the park, music, storytelling, festival celebrations, computers, furniture relocation, RSE and food! etc...) Your support and involvement is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ All the teachers and Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) who have worked with us this year.
- ❖ The fantastic children in our school who have kept us all on our toes and who make all the hard work worthwhile.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11th June** School Tour to Supernova, 9:15–2:00, €19
- 15th June** Constitution Vote, 8pm at school
- 19th June** Open Day for New Junior Infants, 10-11:30
- 26th June** End of School Year at 12:00 –
Enjoy the Summer Holidays! ☺

Circus Success!!

Over €1600 raised for CETNS!



Photo courtesy of Val Davin

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make Circus Explosion a great success. This was a new kind of fund raiser in Carrigaline – not only did we raise €1673 for our school, we also offered a genuine cultural event to local families who enjoyed a great day out.

Special thanks must go to the Cork Circus Street Theatre Company who put on a fantastic show with clowns, acrobats, hula hoopers, contact crystals and swinging poi. We are also very grateful to Uptime Printing and Provision Photography, who donated posters; Healthy Say who sold tickets; and to the many local businesses who sponsored prizes for the raffle.

Contact the PA Committee: pa@carrigalineducatealtogether.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.carrigalineducatealtogether.ie for up-to-date school news, photographs and student artwork

PA Fact Spot – The PA constitution sets out the aim, purpose and basic rules of how the Parent Association works.

Review of Our First Year

Off to a great start!

Founded just six months ago in December 2008, the CETNS Parent Association has had a productive first year. We have set a solid foundation for PA activities in the future and hope to do even more next year. Working together with the Principal, Board, teachers and students, we are making a positive contribution to our school that benefits all our children.

A big 'Thank You!' to all the parents, teachers, board members and friends whose hard work and support made our first year so successful ☺

We did all this and more!

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| ✓ Raised over €3000 | ✓ Circus Explosion |
| ✓ Bought a photocopier for the school | ✓ St. Patrick's Day Parade |
| ✓ Bag-Pack Fundraiser | ✓ Monthly Newsletter |
| ✓ New Beginnings Party | ✓ Cork Pops Outing |
| ✓ School Photos | ✓ Coffee Mornings |
| ✓ Photo CD's | ✓ Contact List |
| ✓ Extra-Curricular Activities | ✓ School Policy Reviews |
| ✓ Communication Survey of Parents | ✓ Text & Email Updates |
| ✓ PA Training | ✓ Constitution |

PA Constitution

Parents to vote on Parent Association Constitution

The Constitution Sub-Committee, Mary O'Mahony and Val Davin, have been working on writing our constitution using guidelines from the National Parents' Council. The constitution is an essential document that brings together the ground rules for our organisation, including how the Committee is elected and how it does its work.

The final draft of the constitution will be presented to CETNS parents shortly. There will be a general meeting on June 15th where CETNS parents will vote to accept or reject this version of the constitution.

School Photographs

Vladimir Mihaylov took class group and individual school photographs in May. Samples and a reprint order form will be available soon. Please return order forms and money to your class teacher. Contact Mary O'Mahony for more information.

PA Funds Photocopier

Our first major fund raising goal achieved!

Thanks to the great success of the Circus Explosion fund raiser, the CETNS PA is proud to announce that we have achieved our first major fund raising goal – a new photocopier for the school. Pictured below is Donal O'Driscoll, PA Joint Treasurer handing a cheque for €1200 to Joy Campbell, Treasurer of the Board of Management. The Board and PA will agree on a purpose for the excess funds raised. Well done everyone!



Photo courtesy of Mary O'Mahony

RSE Program Begun in all Classes

Some information about the RSE program...

All schools in Ireland follow the **SPHE** (Social, Personal and Health Education) Curriculum. **RSE** (Relationship and Sexuality Education) is a program in this curriculum.

RSE gives children the chance to learn about relationships and sexuality in ways that help them think and act in a moral, caring and responsible way. Each class learns only the information appropriate for their age group.

The school is required to offer the **RSE** program. However, your child does not have to take this class. If you do not wish your child to take this class it will be your responsibility to teach your child this information. In the playground or in class your child may hear information learned in the **RSE** program from other children. The school cannot stop this.

If you have any other questions please ask your child's teacher, or download an information booklet: http://www.education.ie/servlet/blobervlet/rse_going_forward_together.pdf

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