

Carrigaline Educate Together NS Parent Association Newsletter

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Be Part of Circus Explosion!

Working together, we can make it a success

Circus Explosion is almost here! On **Sunday May 10th** the CETNS Parent Association will present the Cork Circus Street Theatre Company in a special performance of their new show guaranteed to appeal to all ages. The show starts at **2:30 pm** and will be in the **Community Complex**, near the playground. **All proceeds from the show will go to the school.**

This is an ambitious project for a new school, but with your help we can make it happen! Members of the Fund-raising Sub-committee have been working hard to organise and promote the event. Now it is up to all of us to make the day a success.

Parent volunteers are needed to help with:

- ✓ Setting up and getting the main hall ready for the show
- ✓ Serving food & drink and making tea & coffee
- ✓ Supervising the car park
- ✓ Selling and taking tickets at the door
- ✓ Supervising the audience and manning the exit doors
- ✓ Cleaning up after the show

We will start setting up at **1:00 pm** and hope to be finished cleaning up by **5:30 pm**. Any time that you can give to the event is useful, so please volunteer to help before, during or after the show – thanks!☺

If you can't be part of the volunteer group, you can bake cakes, cookies, muffins and buns to sell at the event (please include an ingredient *Continued on page 2*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

10 th May	Circus Explosion
20 th May	Coffee Morning
29 th May	All children go home at 12:00
1 st & 2 nd June	School Closed – Bank Holiday

New Resource Teacher

CETNS allocated permanent member of staff

Many of you will have noticed a new face in the school lately. Resource Teacher Grace Twomey was appointed to our school as a permanent member of staff just before the Easter break. She will work with individual children and groups who need extra support. The Parent Association is delighted to welcome her to the school.

As a start-up school, CETNS has been allocated this permanent post, although for now Grace is only with us for fifteen hours per week. Her remaining hours are shared with another school.



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

PA Fact Spot – Did you know? Parent Associations can review and give input on school policies.

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list so we can inform people with allergies) or consider offering to mind another child during the show to free their parent up to help.

Many thanks to all parents for your help and support!

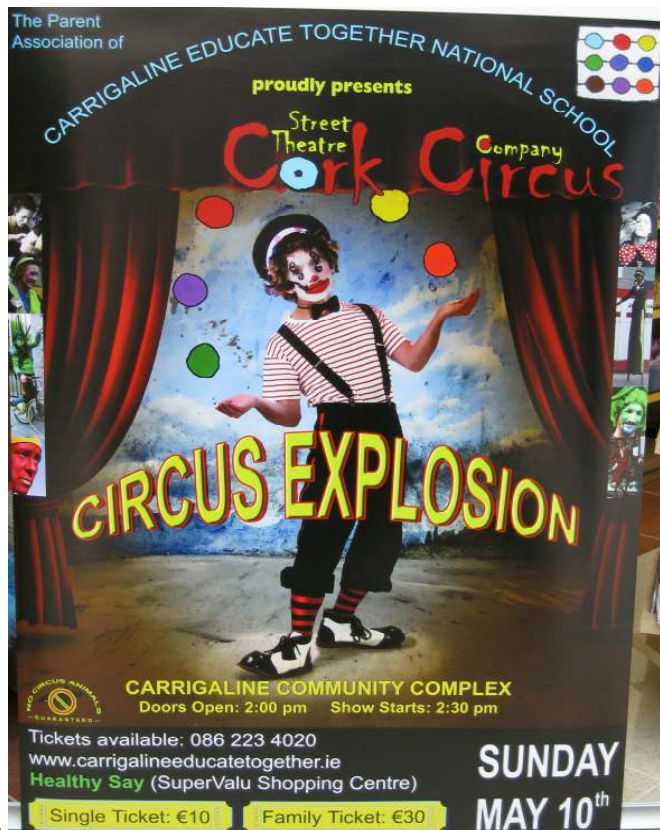


Photo courtesy of Mary O'Mahony

School Premises Update

CETNS will move to a larger premises in September as the Football Club isn't big enough for our growing student population. The CETNS Board of Management has been hard at work looking for the right place for our future home. As to date, they have made a proposal to the Department of Education and are waiting for an answer.

Naturally, parents are eager to learn where we will be in September. As soon as they have an answer from the Department, the Board will tell us – but in the meantime we will have to be patient!

School Photographs

Class photos and individual student portraits will be taken later this month – watch out for more details...

Cork Primary Schools Sports Day

Six of our students will participate in Cork Primary Schools Sports on June 10th at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. This is a yearly event where up to 5000 children from Senior Infants to Sixth Class compete for trophies and medals. The day is organised voluntarily by a group of dedicated teachers.

CETNS children competed last month to choose the fastest runners to represent the school. According to Sports Day rules, all children born in the same year run against each other, even if they are in different classes. The qualifiers were: Nabil Abdullahi, Luke Campbell-Brookes, Jude Forde, Craig and Jordan Mannix, and Evan McIlwraith.

The Sports Day takes place during school hours so only those children competing will attend. Good luck to them all!

Kids on the Move

Gymnastics are now part of the curriculum

As well as being Evan's mum, Anne-Marie McIlwraith is a qualified and enthusiastic Gymnastics Coach. She generously offered her time and energy free of charge to teach the children gymnastics and now her weekly lessons are part of the Physical Education curriculum.

Every Friday morning, the children stretch and bend and move. The training is great fun and teaches balance, coordination and self-confidence. Parents can look forward to a display of their skills at the end of term. Thank you to Anne-Marie!

School Policies Under Review

As we are a new school, the Board of Management of CETNS is in the process of writing the school policies. Parents are entitled to give input on certain policies and the Parent Association is mandated to review these documents on behalf of the parent body.

Currently under review are the Child Protection Policy and the Code of Behaviour. Any parents with a special interest or expertise in these areas are invited to contact the PA Committee if they wish to participate in the review process.

Photocopier Update

The photocopier in Christine's classroom is not fully paid for; therefore we are still working hard to raise the money to pay it off. The proceeds from Circus Explosion will go towards this expense.

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