



# CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER NS Parent Association Newsletter



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*Working Together for the Best Interests of our Children*

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## First Day at School!!

*New friends and old pals start the year together*



*Photo courtesy of David O'Mahony*

On August 31<sup>st</sup> Principal Mel and teachers Christine, Deirdre and Grace welcomed fifty-five children to CETNS' new location in the Heron's Wood Estate.

Twenty-two Junior Infants, starting school for the very first time, enjoyed the excitement of new toys while their parents helped them settle in. Most of the older children were moving up from last year's classes but many were new to CETNS and the classrooms buzzed with friendships renewed and new connections made.

The CETNS Parent Association wishes all our children, teachers and staff a happy year of learning and growing together! ✍

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8<sup>th</sup> Sept Coffee Morning, 9:00-10:30am
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sept Mini-Music starts 1:45
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept Hands on Science Club starts 2:45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Free Kinderama class 1:45pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sept Relax Kids starts 1:45 & 2:45pm

## What's Ahead for the PA?

*New parents, new goals, same commitment to you*

The Parent Association is delighted to welcome many new families to CETNS. We had a busy and rewarding first year building our parent community and expect our second year will be even better. As always, we will work with the Principal, staff and Board to build effective partnership between home and school. If you have any ideas or needs, please tell us – we want to know! ✍

### Proposed Activities for This Year:

- Coffee Mornings
- Walking Bus
- Curriculum Info Evenings
- Workshops for Bilingual Families
- School Outing
- End-of-Term Party
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Student Newsletter
- Student Government
- Class Contact Lists
- Monthly Newsletters
- Text & Email Updates
- School Policy Reviews
- PA Training
- Child Safety Training
- New Fundraising Projects
- Cork Circus Show
- Bag Packs

## AGM & Elections

*New PA Committee members welcome*

The Parent Association will hold their Annual General Meeting in early October. All parents are invited to attend and tell us what you want the PA to do for you and be part of making it happen.

The agenda for the AGM will include a treasurer's report, a recap of the work the PA did last year, plans for this year and elections for officers and committee members.

Watch out for more details and please come along and be a part of our vital, thriving parent community. For more information on serving on the committee or to learn about the PA, speak to any committee member at school or contact us at the phone number or email address below. ✍

**Contact the PA Committee: [pa@carrigalineeducatetogether.ie](mailto:pa@carrigalineeducatetogether.ie) or 087 268 5124**

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

See our school website: [www.carrigalineeducatetogether.ie](http://www.carrigalineeducatetogether.ie) for up-to-date school news, photographs and student artwork

**PA Fact Spot – The Parent Association supports parents to work together for the best possible education for their children**

## After-School Activities to Start

*Music, relaxation, science and more*

As the school year gets underway it is time for after-school activities to start again. All classes will meet in the Junior Infants classroom. Be sure to book ahead to secure your place.

Starting on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Susan Crowley will offer **Relax Kids on Mondays**. Relax Kids is a method of teaching relaxation to children. The cost is €70 for 8 weeks and there will be two sessions: 1:45-2:45 for 4-6 year olds and 2:45-3:45 for 6-9 year olds. **Contact: 087 130 3615 / www.relaxkids.com**

The very popular **Mini Music** is back for all Junior Infants and their younger siblings, parent required to stay. Classes start on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.** 1:40-2:20. Val & the children sing fun modern & traditional nursery rhymes with dancing, shakers, flute and much more. 6 week term up to mid-term break €30. **Contact: 086 375 8458 / www.valsminimusic.com**

The **Hands On Science Club** will meet on **Wednesdays** from 2:45-3:45, starting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Children will investigate a different science topic every week, by making rockets, kaleidoscopes invisible ink, ice-cream and much more! The cost is €100 for 10 weeks and the club is open to all children in 1<sup>st</sup> Class and above. **Contact: 087 950 6527 / www.handsonscience.ie**

Again this year for the 4-6 year olds, **Kinderama** will meet on **Fridays** 1:45, starting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Each session incorporates learning themes taught through music, movement, and imagination games. The cost is €3.50 per class, paid for in blocks of 4,6 or 8 classes. If you would like to try Kinderama out first, come along to a free class at 1:45 on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. **Contact: 086 244 6433 / www.kinderama.com**

The PA is currently talking with the **Cork City Music College** about bringing music lessons to CETNS. CCMC aims to give all students a life-long love of music, whatever their age, standard and capability. See their website: **www.ccmc.ie** and watch out for more information coming soon. ✍

## Useful Links for School Website

If you have suggestions for useful links to put up on our school website, please email them to the Parent Association. All links should be relevant to education, children and parents. Commercial websites are not suitable and all links must be approved by the Webmaster before being added to the website. ✍

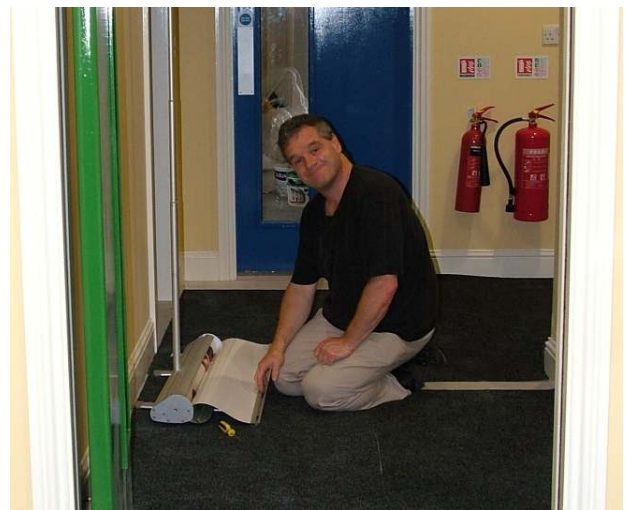
## Parent Power at Work!

*Parents work together to fit out school building*

While it is lovely to be in a brand new building, it also means that there is plenty of work to do to get it ready. Embodying the Educate Together ethos of parent involvement, many mums and dads have pitched in to help.

From moving furniture to laying carpet, putting up coat hooks and even hoovering, parents have been very busy these past few weeks. Proof again that parent power is an essential part of the CETNS team!

There is still more to do, so if you have some time to offer please contact Billy Tague or the PA. Many, many thanks to everyone who has helped so far. ✍



*Photo courtesy of Val Davin*

## Would you like to be a Special Delegate to the NPC?

The National Parents' Council Primary (NPC) is an advocacy organisation that represents the views of parents of primary school children. The NPC has several special interest groups to give parents from those groups a chance to explore related issues and to share ideas and information.

The NPC invites parents to join the following special interest groups: Minority Religion; Special Educational Needs; Irish Medium Schools; Migrant Parent; Traveller Parent.

The PA will hand out a questionnaire about these special interest groups this week. Please take the time to fill it in and send it back to the NPC. ✍

### Small Ads

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#### Cork City Aikikai



**10 week Beginner's Course starting Thurs Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at 8pm Only €60!**

**Instructor:** David O'Mahony - Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt)

**Affiliation:** Irish Aikido Federation

**Location:** 77 Douglas St, Cork City.

**Contact:** David O'Mahony @ 087 667 9403

*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. This service is free to CETNS parents. The next deadline for small ads is Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Emails to: [marymahony@hotmail.com](mailto:marymahony@hotmail.com)*