



CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER NS Parent Association Newsletter



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Working Together for the Best Interests of our Children

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Swapping Success!

More than €50 already raised for library books

Looking for a good book? There are plenty to choose from in the Parent Association Swap Shop! Need to clear some shelves? Bring your unwanted items in good condition to the Swap Shop. Parents, teachers and staff have been buying the books, clothes and other items on offer since last month's coffee morning.

The Swap Shop is across from the staff room. It is now open at drop off and pick up times – just ask a member of staff if you want to pop in and have a look. Take whatever you like and leave a contribution to the Library Fund in the box. So far we have raised **€55.20**.

The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday, 19th Nov.** from **9-10:30am** in the staff room. Come along and please bring a treat. Don't worry about bringing too much - the teachers & staff love leftovers! ☺ And don't forget to visit the swap shop while you're here! ✍

Photo Permission Forms

The school gave out photo permission forms recently. Parents were asked if they would allow the school to use photos of their children in school publications, on the CETNS website & in newspapers. Parents are free to choose to give permission or not and CETNS respects the choice of every parent. If you have decided not to give permission, please explain this to your child so they understand why they are not being included in photos.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 6 th Nov | School closes at 12:00 for staff meeting |
| 16 th Nov | Daffodil Planting 9:00am (rain date 17 th Nov) |
| 19 th Nov | Coffee Morning, 9:00-10:30am |
| 17 th & 18 th Nov | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| 12 th Dec | Family Outing to Aladdin Pantomime |
| 1 st week Dec | Book Fair – date to be announced |

Halloween Fun & Games

A terrifying crowd of witches, skeletons, ghosts and ghouls invaded the school on Friday the 23rd October. They were joined by princesses, fairies, superheroes soldiers and more, all intent on bobbing for apples, carving pumpkins and celebrating Halloween in style.

Thanks to the teachers and staff for playing along and sharing the fun and tradition of this ancient Irish festival with the children. ✍



Bobbing for apples in Mel's Class Photo credit: Mary O'Mahony

Green Thumbs at Work

Looking forward to spring flowers...

Do you have a spade or trowel to bring to school? Do you like to dig and plant? Then stay after drop-off at **9:00am Monday 16th Nov.** (rain date 17th Nov.) and help to make flower beds in the schoolyard. When the beds are ready, we'll help the children to plant daffodil bulbs. They'll learn about growing things and we'll all have fun working together.

Many thanks for this to Eric Hurley (dad to Ellen, Jr. Inf.) and to Noblewood Landscaping, who take care of the grounds on the Heron's Wood Estate. They are working together to design raised beds and source the necessary topsoil, wood, etc. All we have to do is come along and lend a hand. Smaller siblings welcome to join in. Be sure to wear suitable clothes and footwear as the yard is quite muddy. ✍

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 & Toufik Messabih, Board of Management Parent Reps
- See our school website: www.carrigalineeducatetogether.ie for up-to-date school news, photographs and student artwork

PA Fact Spot – Parent Associations agree on fundraising goals together with the Board of Management and Principal.

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Once you sign a photo permission form, the school will keep it on file for the whole of your child's time at CETNS. If you change your mind about the choice you made, simply tell your class teacher and fill in a new form. ✍

Parents Join CETNS Staff

The school has grown this year & we are now big enough to have our own part-time secretary and caretaker.

Secretary **Anne-Marie Mcllwraith** (mum to Torianne & Evan, 6th class) and Caretaker **Rob McClenahan** (dad to Calum, Jr. Inf.) started in their new roles before the mid-term break and are already indispensable.



Rob McClenahan

Photo: Mary O'Mahony

Congratulations to both! ✍



Anne-Marie Mcllwraith with Torianne

Photo credit: Val Davin

Scholastic Children's Book Fair

In the first week of December (date to be announced) Scholastic Books will come to the school and set up a Children's Book Fair just for us. Scholastic have been in children's publishing since 1920 and are well known for selling their high-quality books in schools.

A range of books will be on sale downstairs. Children will get to look at them during the day and parents can buy books in the shop at pick up time. CETNS will receive a percentage of the money spent, so please take this chance to buy books for all the children in your life – after all, there is no better Christmas present than a book! ✍

Let's Go to the Panto!

A magic lamp, a beautiful princess, a mystical genie & much more in Aladdin at the Everyman

A traditional holiday entertainment for the whole family, the pantomime is great fun for adults & children alike. Orla Palliser-Kehoe has very kindly organised a special afternoon at the theatre for CETNS parents and children. Orla (mum to Abbie, Jr. Inf., who is performing in the show) has a reserved block of seats for us at the matinee performance of **Aladdin** at the **Everyman Palace Theatre** on **Dec. 12th** at **2:30pm**.

Tickets are **€16** (normal price €20). Orla needs to have final numbers by **Nov. 30th**, but please let her know as soon as possible how many tickets you want – **orlapk@gmail.com** or fill in an order form (in the school bags soon). She has promised a special treat for us after the show – so don't miss out on the fun! ✍

Swimming Lessons

CETNS hopes to organise swimming lessons as part of the PE curriculum in the spring this year. For safety reasons the lessons will only be offered to the children in Christine's class as the other classes are too young to go to the pool in a group.

In order to make the lessons possible, the school needs a minimum of **two mothers** and **two fathers** to supervise the changing rooms, days & times to be announced. If you are interested in helping, please let Christine know. ✍

Annual Planning Meeting

PA and Board meet to plan the year's activities

On Monday 16th November the Parent Association Committee will meet with the Board of Management to agree a plan for this year's fundraising activities and to discuss general issues of interest to parents and the school.

The fundraising proposals include a raffle, two bag-packing events, a circus show and a golf classic. Keep watching for ways to help out with these important fundraising events – the money raised will benefit all of our children!

This will be our first annual joint planning meeting. We will also agree on procedures for managing the financial relationship between the PA and Board. This is part of the ongoing work between the PA and Board to ensure that the current open communication and trust between parents and school management will continue for the life of our school. ✍

Small Ads

CETNS is registered with www.software4students.ie – Parents can buy software for up to an 85% discount & benefit the school at the same time.

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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 December 1st

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!