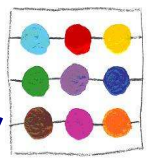


CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER NS Parent Association Newsletter



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Bag Pack Success!

Thanks to all the parents who gave their time

Thanks to a great team of volunteer parents, the Parent Association made a total of **€2218.08** at Tesco Extra, Douglas on the 23rd & 24th of January. It's hard to believe that the few coins thrown in by shoppers would add up to so much!

The money raised will go towards draining and resurfacing the school yard. Including the money raised in the Winter Raffle, the PA now has €4478 to spend on this project. The Board of Management is now getting quotes on the job and hopes that work will begin very shortly.

Worked out at an hourly rate, the shopping baggers made an average of €34.39 each per hour. We have another bag pack planned for the **13th & 14th March at Dunnes Stores in Carrigaline**. Please mark your calendar now and give a couple of hours to the event. It's well worth your time! ✍



(The PA is considering ordering t-shirts for adults & children with the school logo, if there is enough interest. If you think you would buy a shirt like the ones in this photo, please let us know.)

Dave O'Mahony and helpers Áine & Cormac at the bag pack in Tesco Extra, Douglas

Photo: Mary O'Mahony

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5th Feb** All children going home at 12:00
- Start 8th Feb** Parent-Teacher Meetings for Jr. Infants
- 15th Feb** Coffee Morning, 9:00-10:30
- 18th & 19th Feb** Mid-Term Break
- 24th Feb** NPC Cork East County Branch Meeting
- 13th & 14th Mar** Bag Pack at Dunnes Stores, Carrigaline

Reading – More Fun Together

A nice chance to be part of your child's class

Research has shown that children learn more effectively when they read with their parents and other adults as well as with their teachers.

CETNS welcomes parents into the classroom to help with reading. **Mel's class** has parent-assisted reading on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. **Deirdre's class** is open to parents on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Just stay in the class for 15-20 minutes after drop-off and enjoy! ✍



Ellen Hurley & Jane Maher-Loughnan enjoying reading together in Mel's Class
Photo: Mary O'Mahony

Calling All Rugby Fans!

Extra fundraising opportunity causes cancellation of Circus

The Parent Association is currently organising a raffle to give away a **signed Munster rugby jersey**. The jersey, fully signed by the entire 2010 Heineken Cup squad, is the gift of Lifeimi Mafi and the PA is very grateful to him for his generosity. The draw will take place on April 10th.

The tickets will be sold as €2 lines. The jersey will be displayed behind the bars in various rugby pubs around the area. Anyone with connections to local rugby pubs is asked to contact the PA. The money raised will go to pay for the sponsored class outings and an interactive whiteboard.

As the PA had not originally planned for this raffle, it represents extra work for the committee. Consequently, **we have decided not to run the popular Circus Event this year** as it would be overstressing ourselves to try to do both. The PA is very sorry to give up the chance to work with the Cork Circus again, but feel it is better not to take it on if we can't do it properly. ✍

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 & Eric Hurley, 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–By law, PA's are only allowed to raise money for their own school, not for any other charity.

Congratulations Eric!



Photo: Val Davin

Following on the January 18th election, **Eric Hurley**, dad to Ellen, is now a **Parent Representative** on the CETNS Board of Management. He is also automatically on the committee of the Parent Association, although not in an officer role. The CETNS PA welcomes Eric and looks forward to benefitting from his input and ideas. ✍

PA-Sponsored Class Outings

The Parent Association will sponsor **cultural/educational activities for all CETNS students** again this year. Parents will be asked to contribute €3 per child for the outings but all other costs will be covered by the CETNS Parent Association, using funds raised during the year.

Christine's class will go to the Blackrock Observatory in February. They will enjoy workshops and a behind-the-scenes tour of the castle thanks to Dylan Maher-Loughnan, uncle to Calli and Tia, who works at the Observatory.

Mel's class will put on a puppet show with artist Naomi Fein. Naomi will lead them in a workshop where they will hear a story, make their own puppets and then act out the story for parents afterwards.

Deirdre's class outing is yet to be determined. If you have a good idea for a class trip for children 5-7 years old, please let Deirdre know.

Mel's & Deirdre's classes will enjoy their activities in the spring, after the Dunnes Stores Bag-Pack fundraiser. ✍

Do You Use the School Website?

The PA is currently working with Ralph Depping, Board Member and Webmaster on ways to improve the school website and make it more user-friendly and useful for parents. Comments and suggestions to pa@carrigalineducatogether.ie please!

Doodle 4 Google

Congratulations to Nabil Abdullahi and Jude O'Brien who have both reached the quarter finals in the Doodle4Google competition. Their designs were chosen to represent our region in the competition and if they win, they will appear on the Google website. We wish them the best of luck! ✍

New Families Next Year

It's already time to welcome next September's Junior Infant parents to the school. Enrolment night is Feb 8th and the Parent Association will be on hand to welcome the new parents & offer tea & coffee. Mel will talk about the school and the year to come. Any CETNS parents who would like to attend are very welcome. ✍

Internet Safety for Families

Guest speaker planned for Cork East NPC meeting

Do you have concerns about your child's safety on the internet? The National Parents' Council Primary offers a workshop to inform parents about how to handle the risks associated with children's use of the internet.

If you would like to hear more about Internet Safety, come along to the NPC Cork East County Branch meeting at **8pm on Wednesday 24th Feb. at the Radisson Hotel, Little Island, Cork.** Attendees will also elect a Cork East County Branch committee and NPC Assembly members. For more information, contact Mary O'Mahony on 087 268 5124. ✍

News in Brief:

- **Parent-Teacher Meetings for Jr. Infants** will start Feb 8th and continue for 2 weeks. Each family will be given a day & time for their meeting. ✍
- Parents who are interested in arranging **Catholic Instruction** for their children are asked to contact Sharon on 087 299 1778. A qualified instructor can be arranged to come to the school after school hours. Children of all ages can be catered for, not just Communion & Confirmation classes.
- Any parent who wants to organise **religious instruction classes** for children of *any* denomination is welcome to use the school after hours for this purpose. Chat with Mel for more info. ✍
- Well done to all CETNS students who participated in the **Douglas Gymnastics Friendly Competition** on Sunday 30th Jan. ✍
- The PA has decided not to put together **photo CDs** until the end of the year. Please keep your photos of school life & events as we will be looking for them in May! Thanks! ✍
- Photographer Ronan Palliser, uncle to Abbie, will take school **photo portraits** in the spring. To see examples: www.ronanpalliser.ie ✍
- The Board has now completed the following: Special Education Needs, Acceptable Usage (Internet), Record Keeping & Data Protection Policies & English & SPHE Plans. These will be on the school website & available for viewing in the school office shortly. ✍

Small Ads

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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 maryomahony@hotmail.com The next deadline is February 27th
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!