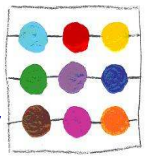


CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER NS

Parent Association Newsletter



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Patience, Please!

Be considerate of other drivers & children in the car park

Parents who were with the school last year will know that our car park has been remodelled with a new entrance off the roundabout. We also have lots of new parents this year so the car park will be quite busy, especially in wet weather.

For the safety of our children, please remember:

- ✓ Drive very slowly and with care for children who may run out in front of you unexpectedly.
- ✓ Be sure you are parked between the marked lines.
- ✓ If possible, back into your space, as facing out will make it easier and safer to leave when there are other cars and pedestrians about.
- ✓ Please try not to block other cars when parking.
- ✓ If you do block someone else, please drop off/pick up your child and move your car as quickly as possible.
- ✓ Be aware that if you are lucky enough to get a parking space, you may find yourself blocked for a few minutes. Please be patient! ✍



Many thanks to all the volunteer parents who have been helping direct traffic while we get used to the new layout. Pictured are Michael Connolly and Richard Cowhig. Photo: Mary O'Mahony

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of 13 th -17 th Sept.	Most after-school activities begin – Contact the activity leader to book & confirm – see back page for more info
1 st October	School closes at 12:00 for staff meeting
6 th October	Parent Association AGM

Our Parent Community is Growing!

New PA Committee members welcome

The Parent Association welcomes all the new families to CETNS. From a full class of new Junior Infants to lots of new faces in the older classes, our community has grown enormously this year. Best wishes all our children, new & old, for a very happy and successful school year.

The Parent Association will hold their **Annual General Meeting on October 6th at 8pm**. 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.

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. ✍

Welcome to New Staff

Four new teachers join the CETNS community

Our teaching staff has doubled in size over the summer! The new teachers are:

Patrice Arrigan, 3rd – 6th Class.

Sinéad Purcell, 1st & 2nd Class.

Siobhán Cronin, English Language Support.

Hillary Collins, part-time Resource Teaching.

The PA welcomes the new teachers to the school and is delighted to see the familiar faces of last year's teachers and staff after the holiday. As our school grows, the PA looks forward to working closely with school staff again this year for the benefit of all our children. ✍

Contact Lists

The PA will put together **contact lists** of families for each class soon. The lists are only for use by families in that class and are handy when planning birthdays or for checking on homework assignments. If you want to be on the list for your child's class, fill in the form when you get it and hand it in to your class teacher.

If you were on the list last year please fill in the form again so we know we have the correct info for you. ✍

Contact the PA Committee: pa@carrigalineeducatetogether.ie or 087 268 5124

- Mary O'Mahony, Chairman
- Orla Palliser, Secretary
- Jane Maher-Loughnan & Donal O'Driscoll, Joint Treasurers
- Val Davin, Committee Member
- 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 factspot: All schools in Ireland are overseen by a patron body. CETNS' patron body is Educate Together.

CETNS NEEDS YOU! ☺

- The school needs **old internet routers and/or computer mice** (not roller ball). If you have spare ones lying about, please drop them in to Christine in the classroom downstairs to the left. Thanks!
- We are collecting **old mobile phones** for the Jack & Jill Foundation, a charity offering support to families with brain damaged children. They will give us an interactive whiteboard for every 300 phones donated so please have a look at home & bring in those old phones – Thanks!

After-School Activities Are Back!

Making movies, Science, French and much more...

As the school year gets underway it is time for after-school activities to start again. Be sure to book ahead to secure your place! Most classes meet in Mel's room, but check with your activity leader to be sure.

The Animation Club meets on **Mondays**, this time with a new club for **Senior Infants** from **1:45-2:45** for 10 weeks, as well as the **1st & 2nd Class** group **2:45-4:15**, for 7 weeks. Cost **€100** for the **10 hours**. Class size is limited to 6, so booking ahead is essential! Starts **Sept. 13th**. Contact Naomi Fein on **086 374 3132** or naomi.fein@gmail.com

Naomi teaches stop-motion animation technique through teamwork and hands-on activities. The young people make up a story inspired by social and environmental issues, create silhouette puppets, photograph them and use computer software to put the images together into an animated film. ✍

Cork City Music College will be in CETNS on **Tuesdays**. They are offering **Music Literacy for 1st & 2nd Class** from **2:45-3:15** and instrument classes for **2nd – 6th** at various times. CCMC aims to give all students a life-long love of music, whatever their age, standard and capability. **Contact: 021 431 3211 / info@ccmc.ie / www.ccmc.ie.** ✍

Hands-On-Science Club is back! Children who were part of the club last year will be delighted to hear that Siobhan is returning to **Wednesdays** from **2:45-3:45**, starting on **Sept. 15th**. **Contact: 087 950 6527 / info@handsonscience.ie / www.handsonscience.ie**

Children investigate a different science topic every week, by making rockets, kaleidoscopes, invisible ink, ice-cream and much more. The cost is **€110** for **10 weeks** and the club is open to all children in **1st Class and above**. ✍

Kinderama, for the **4-6 year olds**, will meet on a different day this year - **Thursdays** from **1:40-2:15**. Steph will offer a **free class on Sept 16th** for anyone who wants to try it out. The regular classes will start from **Sept. 30th**.

Each session incorporates learning themes taught through music, movement, and imagination games. The cost is **€4.50 per class**, paid by the half-term. **Contact: 086 244 6433 / www.kinderama.com** ✍

Le French Club has also moved to **Thursdays** at **3:15-4:15 & 4:15-5:15**. They offer **French & Spanish** language, culture and heritage through fun activities such as drama, games, arts & crafts, songs & more. Contact Catherine on: **087 7595370 / 087 6443574 / Lefunfrenchclub@gmail.com** ✍

Relax Kids is coming back later in September to **Tuesdays** from **1:45-2:45**. In this class, Susan Crowley will teach relaxation, visualisation and positive thinking to **4-6 year olds**. She will also offer a class to older children if there is enough interest. **Contact: 087 130 3615 / relaxkidssusan@live.ie / www.relaxkids.com** ✍



Our new bicycle racks are already full! Thanks to the Board of Management for encouraging us to go green. *Photo: Mary O'Mahony*

National Parents' Council

Speaking for parents at national level

The National Parents Council Primary (NPC) is the nationwide organisation representing parents of children attending early and primary education. NPC is recognised by the Government and the Education Act 1998 as the body representing us as parents.

Their aim is to improve and enrich the education of all children and to support parents to get involved in their children's learning at home, in the community and at school.

Our parent association is a member of the NPC. All parents can avail of the services they offer, through our PA, through the Cork East branch of the NPC or directly from NPC. For more information on the work of the NPC, contact: info@npc.ie or **01-8874034**. NPC have an **Information/Helpline for parents: 01-8874477** (leave a message if it's busy & they will call you back) or by email: helpline@npc.ie ✍

Special Interest Groups

The National Parents' Council Primary has several Special Interest Groups who meet to discuss issues, help determine NPC policy and to network with each other. These groups are:

- **Special Educational Needs Groups** – representing parents of children with special educational needs
- **Migrant Parent Group** – representing non-Irish national parents
- **Minority Religion Group** – representing parents of children of non-catholic faiths
- **Traveller Parents** – representing Traveller parents
- **Irish Medium Schools Group** – representing parents of children in Irish medium schools

Our Parent Association can send one parent representative to each group. If you would like to know more about these groups and the work they do, or if you would like to be a member of any of the groups, please see www.npc.ie or **contact the PA.** ✍