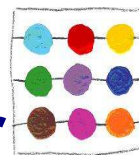


CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER NS Parent Association Newsletter



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Thank You Billy! Welcome Joy!

A change of Chairs in the Board of Management

The PA would like to say a great big thank you to Billy Tague, outgoing Chairman of the CETNS Board of Management. Without his tireless efforts this school would not exist and none of us would benefit from the outstanding educational environment it provides for our children. Billy will still be a part of the school as a parent, so happily it's not goodbye, just **THANK YOU!!**

Our new CETNS Board of Management Chair, Joy Campbell, has already been a valuable member of the Board as a Community Rep and Treasurer since the school's beginning in 2008. The PA wholeheartedly welcomes Joy into her new role and is confident that she will be an outstanding Chairman. ✍️



PA Chair Mary O'Mahony handing a cheque for €2000 to new Board Chairman Joy Campbell, who accepted it on behalf of the CETNS Board. The funds were raised at the Tesco Bag Pack in January and will be spent on improving the school yard.

Photo: Mel Thornton

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5th March** School closes at 12:00 for staff meeting
- 16th March** Coffee Morning, 9:00-10:30
- 17th March** School closed for St. Patrick's Day – don't forget to join CETNS in the parade @12:00!
- 26th March** School closes at 12:00 for holidays
- 29th March - 9th April** School closed for Easter Break – school reopens April 12th. Enjoy the holiday!

Come On Munster!

Signed & framed Munster Jersey to be won

Look out for our beautifully framed Munster Jersey, signed by the full 2010 Heineken Cup Squad. It will be on display in rugby pubs in the Douglas and Carrigaline areas over the next few weeks. We hope to sell lots and lots of lines at €2 each – who knows, you could be the lucky one!

Sheets of lines are available from the school office in the mornings. Please take one if you have family or friends who would like the chance to be the proud owner of this special piece of sports history.



Many thanks to Christine Donnery, Orla Palliser-Kehoe, Jane Maher-Loughnan and Breda Power for their hard work on this great fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards class outings and an interactive whiteboard. ✍️

Cormac O'Mahony and Callí Joya helping to sell lines at Barry Collins' SuperValu

Photo: Val Davin

St. Patrick's Day Parade

All CETNS families invited to march again this year

CETNS families will once again join other Carrigaline groups and associations in the Annual Carrigaline St. Patrick's Day Parade on Wednesday March 17th. All are welcome to join in this lively local event.

Our group will meet at the Dairygold CoOp (formerly 4Home Superstore) at 12:00 & the parade will move out at 12:30. There will be fun and food in the Owenabue Car Park following the parade.

The children made a fantastic banner last year and Christine's Class will brighten it up for us to use again. Please bring musical instruments, drums, noise-makers, etc. and be sure to wear a bit of green! Sue Fiessler is organising parents to choose a theme and make decorations to carry. Contact her on 087 682 5322 to be part of the fun. ✍️

Contact the PA Committee: pa@carrigalineducate-together.ie or 087 268 5124

- Mary O'Mahony, Chairman • Val Davin, Secretary • Anne-Marie McIlwraith & 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.carrigalineducate-together.ie for up-to-date school news, photographs and student artwork

PA fact spot: The PA is always open to suggestions, concerns and feedback from parents.

Use the contact info above or speak to any committee member in person. If you don't speak up, we don't know what you need!

Oh No! It's That Clipboard Again!

CETNS is still a new, small school and so we have lots of needs and not very many families to do the work of raising money for things not covered by the Department of Education, like a new surface for the school yard. That adds up to lots of opportunities to volunteer! Luckily, CETNS has a very high level of parent involvement and if we each continue to do a small amount then no one person has to do too much.

A word on being asked to volunteer: unfortunately, the experience of parent associations across the country is that unless people are asked personally there is very little chance that they will sign up to help, even if they plan to. Some parents actually prefer to be asked personally because in all the coming and going of drop offs and pickups they just don't remember to put their name down.

Of course, no one is obliged to help – you are absolutely free to say no! The PA committee does not want any parent to feel pressured into volunteering if it doesn't suit. However, please remember that unless we ask everyone, the same few people who do remember to sign up will wind up doing the work every time. If that happened, the PA would have to cut right back on fundraising activities and all our children would suffer.

It can be difficult to remember who has been asked already, especially if more than one person is doing the asking. The PA asks for your patience if you've been asked more than once for the same fundraiser.

Thank you to CETNS parents for your hard work and remember - fundraising benefits ALL our children!✍

What's Happening with the Yard?

The Board of Management is currently organising the drainage and resurfacing of the school yard. They have chosen a surface of black rubber chips as being the most appropriate and economical option. These chips are recycled, non-toxic and safety-approved for use by children. They are similar to bark chips but will not break down and can be brought with us when we move to a larger school building in the next few years.

Dion Campbell-Brooks (Luke & Alannah's dad) will be doing the work. He is very generously donating his own labour at no cost, but has asked for a few hands when it comes to spreading the chips over the new surface. If you own a spade, please watch out for a chance to lend a hand! ✍

Young Journalists

Christine's Class will start work on the first CETNS student newsletter this month. Any parent who would like to give them a hand is very welcome to join the class on Mondays from 1-2 pm, starting March 8th. ✍

Cork East NPC County Branch

Access to NPC resources for Cork East parents

There is now a Cork East branch of the National Parents' Council Primary. The county branch was set up at a meeting in February and will provide for regular workshops of interest to parents, networking for parent associations in the area and representation at national level in the NPC Assembly through two elected delegates. For more information on the work of the NPC and how it can benefit parents of school-age children, see www.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

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. ✍

News in Brief:

- The **Dunnes Stores Bag Pack** has been postponed. The new dates are Thursday & Friday, 29th & 30th April & Saturday 1st May. If you can, please put aside some time that weekend to help raise money for interactive whiteboards. ✍
- **Schooldays.ie** has launched a new online network for parents. Parents can sign up to connect online with other parents in their child's class and to get information from their parent association. Check out www.schooldays.ie/articles/parents-network
- The Parent Association would like to organise an **International Day** in our school. Any parents who are interested in sharing food, music, artwork, costumes or anything else from their home culture (including Irish!) please contact the PA. ✍
- So far the PA has only heard from 2 parents who are interested in ordering **School T-Shirts**. If you would like one, please let us know. If there isn't enough interest we will **not** order them. ✍

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Location: 77 Douglas St, Cork City.

Contact: David O'Mahony @ 087 667 9403

Send your ad to marymahony@hotmail.com The next deadline is April 10th
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!