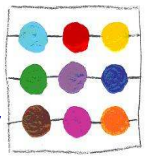


CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER NS

Parent Association Newsletter



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Munster Raffle result!

We have finished paying for the yard ☺

Our raffle of a signed and framed Munster jersey earned us an incredible **€1394.58!** This means that we have now achieved our goal of raising the money to pay for the improvements to the schoolyard.

Overall this year we have raised **€5873.13**, which is extraordinary for such a small school. All CETNS parents should be very proud of what we have achieved together.

The work on the yard has cost almost €5000 and the money left over will be spent on the class outings and partial payment towards an electronic piano for the school.

Many thanks to Lifemi Mafi who gave us the jersey and to Christine Donnery, Orla Palliser-Kehoe, Jane Maher-Loughnan and Breda Power for their hard work that made this raffle such a success. ✍

Just One More...

Let's make our last fundraiser a success

We have just one more fundraiser this year - the **Dunnes Stores Bag Pack** on Thursday & Friday, 29th & 30th April & Saturday 1st May. We hope to raise in the region of €1500, which will go towards buying a piano and an interactive whiteboard for the school.

We will only need a few people at a time as it is not a large supermarket. If you can, please put aside some time on those days and put your name down on the sign-up sheet – it's extra-large so you can't miss it! ✍

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 th April	Parents' tour of the new yard 1:30 & 2:30
29 th & 30 th April & 1 st May	Bag Pack Fundraiser in Dunnes Stores, Carrigaline
3 rd & 4 th May	School closed for May bank holiday
7 th May	Charity Fun Day, parents welcome School closes at 12:00 for staff meeting
21 st & 24 th May	School closed for holidays
1 st June	School photographs & portraits to be taken

We Did It! No More Wellies!

Parent Power got the yard sorted – well done everyone!

Break time and PE classes look a little different at CETNS now. Thanks to levelling, drainage and a new surface on the schoolyard, the children have now brought their wellie boots home and can enjoy the outdoors at school without getting mucky.

The surface is covered with black rubber chips, made from recycled tyres. This material is safe, fun to play on and the best part is that we can take it with us when we move to a larger school building in the future.

There are some areas that are still unsurfaced, these will be used for the children to grow vegetables and flowers.

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Dion Campbell-Brooks**, Luke and Allanah's dad, who planned, organised and carried out the work and donated his time at no cost to us. Thank you also to the parents who helped Dion over the Easter break. ✍



Senior Infants celebrating the new yard. Photo: Mary O'Mahony

Now Come & See It:

➤ All parents are invited to come and see the new yard at **pick-up time on April 26th**. The children will give us a tour and you will have a chance to speak with Mel and ask any questions you may have about the new surface. **Junior and Senior Infant parents will see the yard at 1:30; and 1st-6th Class parents will see the yard at 2:30.**

➤ CETNS teachers and staff invite Parents to a **Charity Fun Day** in the new yard on Friday morning, **7th May**. (School closes at noon that day for a staff meeting). ✍

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: The National Parents' Council (NPC) and the Irish Primary Principals' Network (IPPN) have worked together to produce a guide for parent involvement in school life. There is a copy on the bulletin board, please have a look.

Where Are You From? Tell Us About It!

Is there a special food from your home country that you would like to share? What kind of music, art and clothes did you grow up with? What language does your family speak? Are there fascinating stories and histories in your culture?

On **June 4th**, CETNS families will celebrate our many rich and varied cultures with an **International Day**. All families are invited to share the food, music, art, language, costume and more from their home countries - including Ireland, of course! The event will take place from 10:00-12:00 (school closes at noon that day for the June Bank Holiday). Please think about what you would like to bring along and show us where *you* come from!

Lori Scobie and Sue Fiessler are organising the event. Look out for more information in the school bags soon. In the meantime, anyone who wants to help to plan this special day is very welcome to contact the PA and get involved. ✍

Happy Paddy's Day, Carrigaline!



CETNS families enjoying a day out at the Carrigaline St. Patrick's Day parade. *Photo: Mary O'Mahony*

Stars, Wildlife & Puppets!

PA sponsors educational outings for CETNS students

Every year the PA sponsors educational outings for our children. **Parents are asked to pay just €3 per child** and the rest of the cost is covered with money that they have raised in PA fundraisers through the year.

Christine's class visited the Blackrock Observatory in February. The total cost of the bus and entrance into the Observatory was €202, of which the PA paid €151.

Deirdre's class will visit Fota Wildlife Park on May 19th. The total cost of this outing is not yet finalised.

On May 11th Naomi Fein will lead Mel's class in a workshop where they will create their own puppets and put on a show. The cost of this event is €200, of which the PA will pay at least €137, depending on attendance.

1 Old Mobile Phone = 2 Good Causes

The **Jack and Jill Foundation** is a not-for-profit charity that provides vital services and support to families with brain damaged children. CETNS students would benefit from an interactive whiteboard. You can support both causes benefit by donating your old mobile phone to Jack and Jill.

Just put your old mobile phones in the box at the front door of the school. The Jack and Jill foundation will give us an interactive whiteboard in exchange for 300 mobile phones. Every phone makes a difference so please ask your friends and family if they have an old mobile sitting unused in a drawer – it could mean a big benefit for us! ✍

CCMC Music Program

The **Cork City Music College** will establish a centre at CETNS in September with after-school instrument classes in piano, guitar, flute, etc. Principal Sheena Shortall, Vice Principal Virginia Metcalfe and guitar teacher Sara Corkery visited the school this week and played the flute and guitar for the children.

The CCMC aims to give every student a life-long love of music and inclusiveness is their motto. Students are encouraged to enjoy playing music no matter what their capability. For more information, **contact CCMC at: (021) 431 3211** or look out for the leaflets in the schoolbags. ✍

News in Brief:

- The proposed **Golf Classic** has been cancelled as these fundraisers do not seem to be successful any more due to the recession. ✍
- www.carrigalineeducatetogether.ie, the **school website**, will soon be shut down for maintenance for a short time. The **Parents** section is currently under review. Look out for exciting changes in the future that will make it more useful for parents, including a discussion forum and remodelled home page. ✍
- CETNS is in the process of setting up the **Text-a-Parent** service. Parents who sign up for the service will receive useful text reminders about school closures and other important information. ✍
- The following **school policies** have been ratified by the Board of Management and will be available shortly for all parents to read online and in hard copy from the school office: **Relationship and Sexuality Education Policy; Anti-Bullying Policy and Parental Involvement Policy.** ✍
- **School portraits** will be taken on **June 1st**. Photographer Ronan Palliser will offer packages of class group photos and individual portraits. Look out for more information to follow very shortly. ✍

Small Ads

Creative Summer Camps—Animation, Puppet Theatre, Gardening, Arts & Crafts + More!

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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 May28th

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!