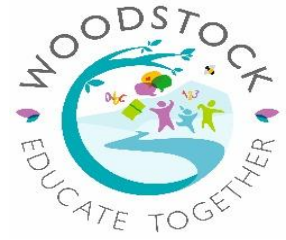




Woodstock Educate Together October Review

Can you believe we have come to the end of our first term together! What an eventful few months we have shared. The children have instilled a wonderful sense of curiosity, belonging and achievement into their new school. They all should be congratulated for making Woodstock ETNS a caring, vibrant and stimulating place of learning and exploration. Thank-you children, parents and all the wonderful Woodstock team.



Celebrating our Learning: (Visible, Voiced, Valued)

Held within these pages are just some of our shared highlights but as you are all aware we have an active Website & Facebook page which details and demonstrates many of the wonderful key learnings achieved at School. <https://woodstocketns.ie/> <https://www.facebook.com/WoodstockETNS>

- Important policies are readily available- i.e. Child Protection: Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment, Acceptable Use Policy(ICT), Positive Behaviour Policy. As always any questions please simply ask as together we work to ensure the whole school community at Woodstock ETNS thrives not only academically & socially but also in a safe & healthy manner.

Some Reminders: Physical Education:

Mondays (GAA) & Fridays (Dance) are our PE days. If the children could wear or bring in comfortable running shoes (Velcro is best as laces can be entangled) on both days that would be appreciated.

Activity folders: Sounds Copy

On return from Mid-term Break the children will be bringing home a small activity folder- there will be a small amount of Phonics each night. Remember it is important in the early years to establish positivity and routine. So try to get your child used to coming home, having a bit to eat and then dedicating a small amount of time to schoolwork. Remember holding a pencil correctly is a task in itself so they may find writing tiresome- point out what they are doing right and try and have fun (trace letters on your back first, then try it on the page etc.). You need only spend **10mins** at this.

SPHE (Social, Personal & Health Education) focus:

SPHE is an extremely important part of School. This term the children discussed Feelings & Safety. In the new term, as part of this programme a little SPHE folder will be sent home **routinely for parents to sign**. It is important to take time and discuss the key learnings (Safe people etc.) with your child. Any questions please just ask.

I wish you all a safe, restful yet fun-filled Midterm Break!

Is mise le meas,

Nicola.





OUR GREAT OUTDOOR EXPLORERS & LEARNERS

Our Woodstock Bamboo Hut (SESE/SPHE)

Ethical Education/SESE: We made the most of the warm weather, spending time in our outdoor classroom and vegetable patch! Rebecca came in to help us plant strawberries and teach us all about how plants grow. We are just so excited as we are also creating a Woodstock Bamboo Hut! We used our maths eyes to help measure to ensure we construct it properly. I hope it does not get too windy over mid-term!



I wonder what plant that is?



Look at our eager Horticulturalist! Using our Maths eyes- shape, dimensions & measurements in action!



The word **Aistear** is the Irish word for **journey**. The 4 key strands shown are essential life skills which infuse how learning is continually cultivated at Woodstock ETNS. Aistear represents the early childhood curriculum framework for all children from 0-6 years. So, What HAPPENS in the Classroom? Each day, children play (c 40mins) with an emphasis on active learning and oral language development. Curriculum subjects covered during Aistear include: **S.E.S.E., S.P.H.E., oral language, reading, writing, maths, art, music and drama**. During Aistear children are implementing their **numeracy** and **literacy skills** in a more meaningful way through the use of role play, games and real-life situations. Here is a glimpse to enjoy-



Constructing a Restaurant / Drawing plans/Serving time





Not sure if that was a knick knock! I don't think a clear get away was achieved 😊. Look at us buying food for our restaurant...yummy!

OUR EARLY MORNING STATIONS TIME (motor, social, maths & literacy)

It is just great to get in on time as we get to practise our Motor skills, Problem solving, Literacy & Maths skills and of course we learn how to take turns, be kind & be part of a team!





LEARN TOGETHER TO LIVE TOGETHER

4 Strands: Equality & Justice; Ethics & the Environment; Moral & Spiritual Development & Belief Systems.



During our First Term- Using story we explored what Human Rights means. We found out that awareness of our own & others rights alongside caring for our invaluable Planet are very important! To understand 'responsibility' we started small by ensuring our school yard is litter free and by planting bee friendly plants & sowing bulbs. We always Recycle at School.

Yipieeee!!! GAEILGE BEO!!! ABAIR LIOM

(Is mise: Myself; Oíche Shamhna: Halloween)



AMHRÁN agus DÁN

Lámh, lámh eile, a haon, a dó
Cos, cos eile, a haon, a dó,
Súil, súil eile, a haon, a dó,
Cluas, cluas eile, a haon, a dó,
Ceann, srón, béal is gruaig,
Is fiacla bána sa bhéal istigh!

Púca, púca, is mise an púca,
Púca, púca, a haon, a dó, a trí,
Seo í an oíche, Oíche Shamhna!



Have a wonderful, safe and fun-filled Mid-term break all.

Oíche Shamhna Shona Daoibh go léir.

Nicola (Principal Woodstock ETNS)

