



Welcome to Our September Woodstock ETNS Review

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning pupils, parents and teachers. We look forward to the exciting year ahead.

Settling-in September is an active time for everyone, as it offers an opportunity to get acquainted with basic school routines, meeting new teachers and getting prepared for the vast variety of learning over the coming school year! Indeed, it is apparent from the children's eager entrance to school for Early Mellow Mornings sessions that they are happy and content to be back at school and meeting their friends and teachers.

For all new parents/guardians we have an active Parent Association Community (PAC) who will be holding their annual AGM on Monday the 16th of October at 7pm at the school – they will be seeking votes for parent class Reps (re-nominations & new) from Junior Infants upwards. The PAC have been invaluable to the school, helping to run events and raise key funds for much needed projects. So, save the date as all are welcome to attend on the night!

Additionally, the school will be seeking two Parent Nominees; (One Mother and One Father) for formation of our New Board of Management 2024 – 2028. This exciting opportunity is open to everyone in the school from all class levels. The role of the Parent Nominees on the BoM differs from the PAC in that parent nominees are not representing parental/PAC groups. They do not bring issues from those groups to the Board or report back. Rather, they are providing a perspective from an individual parent, but are not a route directly to the Board. Any issues to be raised at board level would go through the usual channels via the Principal (as secretary) and the Chairperson. A letter will follow detailing confirmed dates, eligibility and voting protocols. We look forward to seeing you all on the night and forming our new BoM for a December 1st start.

After school activities (Anyone for Science, Playball, Ukulele, Art & Craft camp) are in full swing! Please note it is important parents/guardians have contact details for the outside providers as these are optional paid extras. Lastly, just a reminder that you will find helpful information, policies and relevant updates at our website: <https://woodstocketns.ie/>.

Notes for the Diary

- Admissions & Enrolments Open 9th October 2023
- PE Days Monday (GAA) & Thursday (PE) please wear runners and suitable clothing.
- 3rd Class Avondale Sports: 24th October
- PAC AGM Monday 16th October 7pm at the school
- Halloween Break –30th October-3rd November * Children are welcome to dress up (Optional)

Remember, in addition, to our 'Monthly Reviews' <https://woodstocketns.ie/> we also load 'weekly' communications sharing our learning, outdoor fun & class activities: <https://www.facebook.com/WoodstockETNS/>.

Dr Nicola Martin (Principal Woodstock ETNS)





Emma's Senior Infants – September Review

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a super September! All the boys and girls in Senior Infants have settled so well into their new school year. We were thrilled to welcome both Alex and Ryan to our class, what wonderful additions. Below is a brief overview of what we got up to this month:

Literacy

During Literacy this month, we learned the difference between consonants and vowels. We revised group 1 (s, a, t, p, i, n) and group 2 (ck, e, h, r, m, d) of our jolly phonics programme and the children are practicing blending these sounds together using cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words.





Maths

During maths this month, the children revised their colours along with classifying objects for example a saucer belongs to a cup. The children have also been going over numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 along with finding the different number bonds for these numbers.



Gaeilge

During Gaeilge this month, our theme was Mé Féin. The children learned the following phrases:

-Cé tusa? Is mise ____.



-Cé hí sin? Cé hé sin? Sin í/é_____.

-Conas atá tú ? Tá mé go maith nó níl mé go maith.

The children have really enjoyed playing 'Deir Ó Grádaigh' which is Simon says in Gaelge to learn some everyday phrases in Irish (Seasaigí, suigí, dúnaigí bhur súile, osclai gí bhur súile, téigí a chodladh).

Aistear

During September our theme has been Roald Dahl. The children have loved reading some of Roald Dahl's books – The Enormous Crocodile, The Twits and George's Marvellous Medicine. Some highlights from this theme were learning how to make 'crocodile skin' during science, making Mr. Twits beard during Art and making their very own potion inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine!





That is all our news for now, I look forward to sharing October's progress with you next month!

Kind regards,

Emma