



Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils,

I would like to wish everyone a safe, fun and happy Autumn mid-term holiday! We hope you will enjoy the Individual Class Monthly Woodstock ETNS Reviews that follows. Each class review offers a little glimpse into the array of stimulating teaching approaches and integrative learning our pupils enjoy on a typical day at school. Undoubtedly during this first term, the pupils alongside their teachers have all put in tremendous work and effort. On top of which we have been promoting both our Restorative Practice approach and Nurture Schooling ethos that helps in promoting positive behaviours and attitudes, friendships and kind play. This is essential as at the heart of our vibrant and welcoming school is the key principle that “educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

Below you will find a few key dates for your calendars.

Notes for the Diary

- School re-opens Monday November 6th @ 8:45 am (8:35am early drop off)
- PE Days Monday (GAA) & Wednesday (PE) please wear runners and suitable clothing.
- Board of Management Vote Monday 6th November @ 7:00 at the school
- *Mandatory DES School closure: **Monday December 11th**: Maths Curriculum.

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/>.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Autumn Break

Kind regards,

Dr Nicola Martin

(Principal Woodstock ETNS)



Emma's First Class October Woodstock ETNS Review

Senior Infants – October Review

Dear Parents/Guardians,

October has certainly flown by! The boys and girls in Senior Infants have been working so well and have been making great progress. We were very excited to welcome Polina and Mykhailo to our class, we hope they enjoy school here at Woodstock ETNS. Below is a brief overview of what we got up to this month:

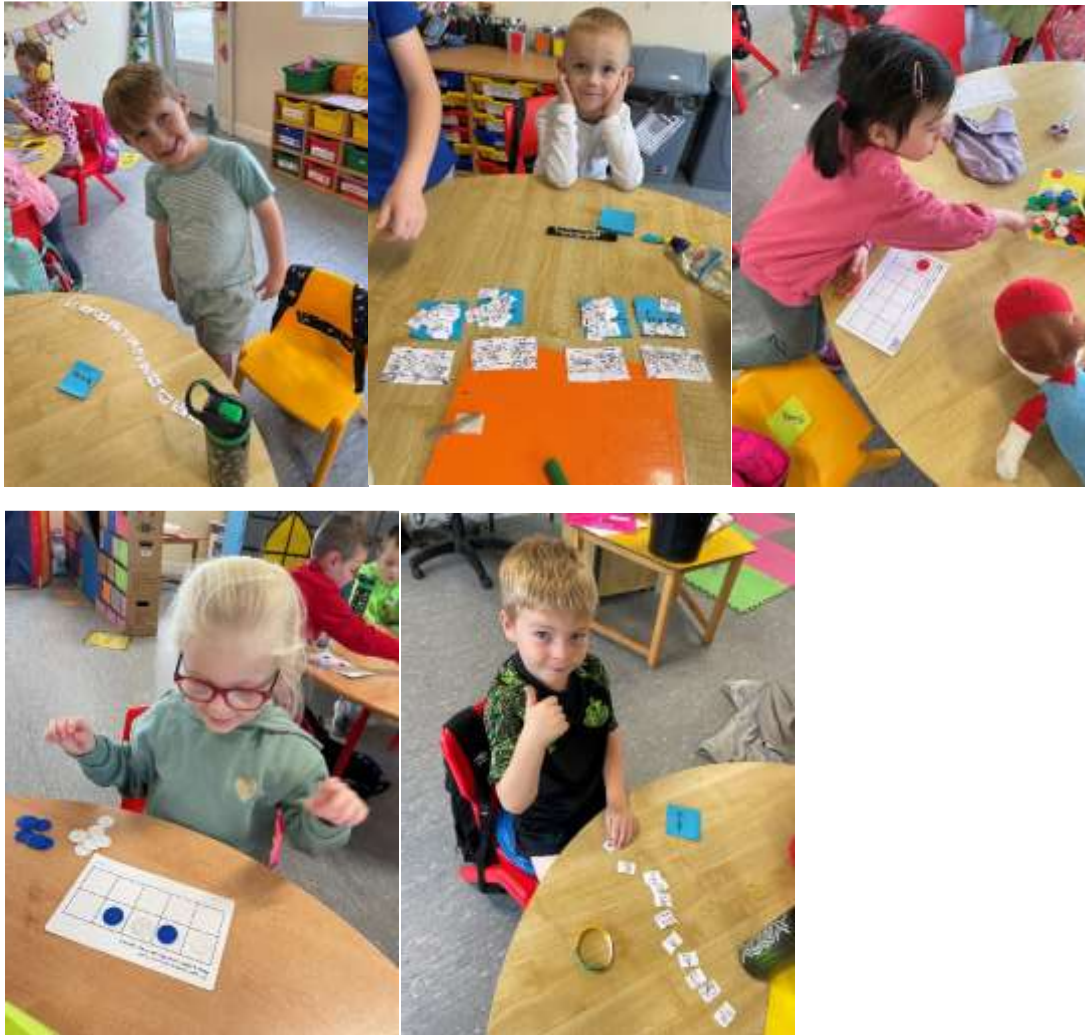
Literacy

During Literacy this month, we introduced literacy stations each morning with our SET teacher Leigh. This has been working very well. We are still working on group 1 and 2 of our Jolly Phonics programme and writing cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words. We have also been identifying the beginning, middle and final sounds in dictated cvc words. Children have also been using their free writing/drawing journal daily in class, it is fantastic to see some children writing words and short stories in their journals. After mid-term break, we will begin writing our daily news in a news copy!



Maths

During maths this month, the children learned about 'Time', deciphering between day and night and the four seasons. In the pictures below the children sorted activities into seasons, for example building a snowman went under the Winter season. We also began looking at a ten frame. Finally, we began looking at the number 6 and the different ways of partitioning this number.



Gaeilge

During Gaeilge this month, our theme was 'An Scoil'. Some of the vocabulary the children learned was:

-mála scoile (school bag), bosca lóin (lunch box), peann luaidhe (pencil), rialóir (ruler), scriosán (rubber)

This past week our theme has been 'Oíche Shamhna'. The children have really enjoyed learning the song 'Cúig Phuimcín'.

SESE

During SESE this month, we have explored hibernating animals and where some of these animals hibernate. We have discussed some of the changes that happen in Autumn especially the leaves on some trees. The children have also explored the life cycle of an oak tree and made leaf rubbings with oak leaves. In science the children have explored magnets and the different items that attract and repel magnets.



Aistear

Our theme this month was Autumn. The children thoroughly enjoyed making habitats for animals to hibernate in and using our role play area to depict animals hibernating for the winter. The children loved making Autumn wreaths using some of the leaves they picked up during our Autumn walk. As Halloween is in Autumn, the children made witches and black cats during Aistear this month also. We were very kindly donated some tuff trays for our school from Bex on the PAC committee. The children really enjoyed using tweezers to pick items out of the spider's web on the tuff tray to improve their fine motor skills.



That is all our news for now, I hope everyone has a fantastic mid-term break and a spooktacular Halloween!

Kind regards,

Emma