



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you enjoy our **February Woodstock ETNS Review**. The pictures showcase the incredible work the pupils have created together and the wonderful learning achieved over the last month.

**A few notes for your diary:**

I am delighted to inform you that the school has successfully secured funding from the Department of Social Protection, **School Meals Scheme**. This will fully fund the provision of a hot meal service at Woodstock ETNS. Freshtoday will be our lunch service provider. This Irish company is based in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford since 2010. The timeline for delivery of the programme is still in progress but will most certainly be ready for September 2024. Please note this will be an opt in/opt out service so parents can choose whether to avail of the hot meals or provide their own packed lunches. Full details to follow soon.

**Summer School Trips**

It is hard to believe but our annual Summer School trips are already organised! We have endeavoured to keep the costs as low as possible, however transport has added greatly to the overall price.

- *Junior and Senior Infants - June 11th Airfield: Total per Child is 22 Euro*
- *First Class June 7th Festina Lente: Total per Child is 33 Euro*
- *Second and Third Class June 5th Alive Outside Kilruddery: Cost per Child 40 Euro*

**The PAC:**

I would like to sincerely thank our PAC for organizing a highly successfully and fun Quiz Night at the Parkview Hotel on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of February. It was wonderful to see some many parents and locals support our growing school. A huge amount of work behind the scenes goes into these functions and we are highly appreciative to all those involved. A massive Thank-you for the Woodstock ETNS Team. We look forward to next year's event!

**Annual Book Fair:**

Will take place afterschool March 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers welcomed. More details to follow.

Keep well & kind regards,

*Dr Nicola Martin*



Dear Parents,

Although this month has been one week shorter, we managed to fit a lot in! Please review a portion of what we covered this month in Junior Infants.

### Literacy/Phonics

The girls and boys steamed ahead with Jolly Phonics in February. They also started vowel digraphs which can be difficult but they have worked extremely hard to gain fluency. The new sounds covered this month were: b, ai, j, oa, ie, ee/or.

The plan is to start sending reading books home after Easter so I ask that you ensure that all sounds are consolidated up to that point. Similarly, encouraging them to read and write words that contain their sounds is recommended eg. rain, coat, jam etc.



### Gaeilge

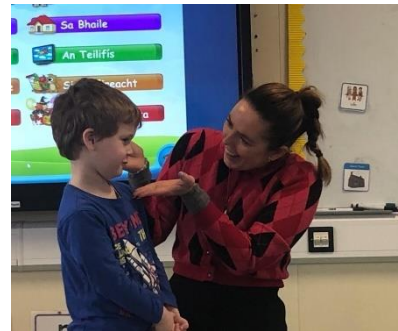
This month we focused hugely on the theme 'Éadaí' (clothes). We learned phrases like:

- Cuir ort (Put on) Eg. Cuir ort do chóta (put on your coat)
- Bain díot (take off) Eg. Bain díot do hata (take off your hat)

They love acting out their phrases so I would encourage this at home!



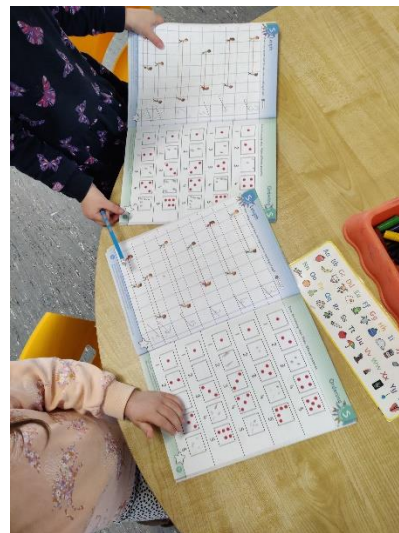
We have 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' in March so they will be getting phrases to practice as part of homework. More information on this will be given.



### Numeracy

This month, we have been working hugely on number. Below are some of the objectives we've covered:

- Order sets of objects by number, 1–5.
- Use the language of ordinal number: first and last
- Partitioning numbers 1 – 5 activities with objects of different colours, sizes etc







## Aistear

We had a few Aistear themes for February – ‘Chinese New Year’, ‘Valentine’s Day’ and ‘I am an Engineer’

Here are a few of the activities they completed:

- Chinese Restaurant
- Chinese Writing
- Dragon Making
- Beebots coding, with help from Third Class Volunteers
- Alien Construction
- Frog Skin baking
- Frog water play
- Frog habitat drawing
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### Yoga:

We are so lucky to have our wonderful yoga teacher Viv back with us this year. The Junior Infants will have yoga once a fortnight. Our first class was last Friday in the Community Centre and we all had a wonderful time!



### In March:

- Seachtain na Gaeilge – I sent an email regarding parent participation. If you haven't had the chance yet, please take a look.
- If you have any Irish books you are willing to donate, that would also be hugely appreciated.

That's all the news for now!

Kind regards,  
Gráinne