



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/Guardians,

The 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> class have had a great February. While we only had 3 weeks in school this month, we have packed a lot in. With Engineers week taking place, Forest school and recording stories for our class Spotify podcast we have had plenty of things to keep us occupied. It has been great to see the arrival of Spring in school with our daffodils that we planted in September really coming to life. The native bulbs that the class planted with Ruth are also beginning to show and we are looking forward to seeing them bloom. The class have continued their participation in the Fyffes Ireland's fittest school 2024 competition. They even got the rest of the school involved during lunch time.





### **Gaeilge**

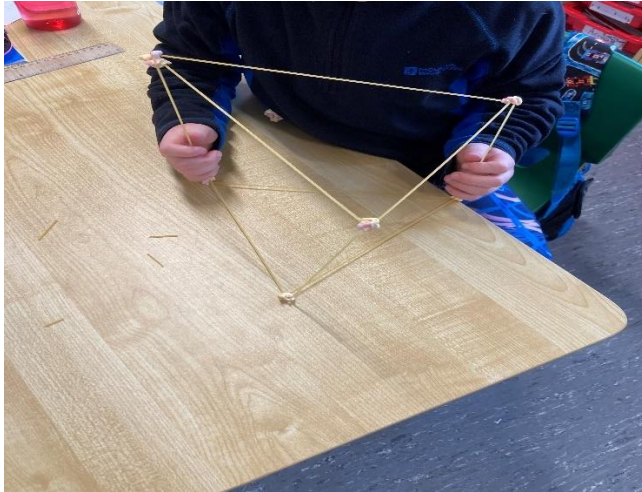
With only a few weeks left till Lá Fhéile Pádraig the class have been learning Amhrán na bhfiann. They have showed great pride and enthusiasm when learning the song, as seen in the photo above. The children have been doing good work on their frasaí over the last few weeks also and this has helped to widen their range of vocabulary.

### **Numeracy**

During February Engineers week took place. The children used their previously learnt knowledge to build towers and catapults. We looked at the power of the triangle and how it is used in different structures around the world. We then used this knowledge to construct towers that were 30 centimetres in height and 15 centimetres wide, we used spaghetti and marshmallows to do this, surprisingly most marshmallows survived the construction phase. We constructed catapults too with triangular bases, all of our catapults succesfully fired paper across the school yard. The children also worked with Beebots which are programable robots. They used them to create maths questions for the infant classes, they then worked through these questions with the infant classes throughout the week. We are currently learnng about fractions in class all of the children are working really hard on this.







### **English**

This month the children have been focusing on their persuasive writing. We have done this through having movement debates in class, looking at examples of persuasive writing styles and participating in would you rather activities. Last month the children learnt how to write stories, they developed characters, settings, and potential problems to be resolved in their stories. We have spent the last two weeks recording these episodes and uploading them to the class Spotify channel linked here

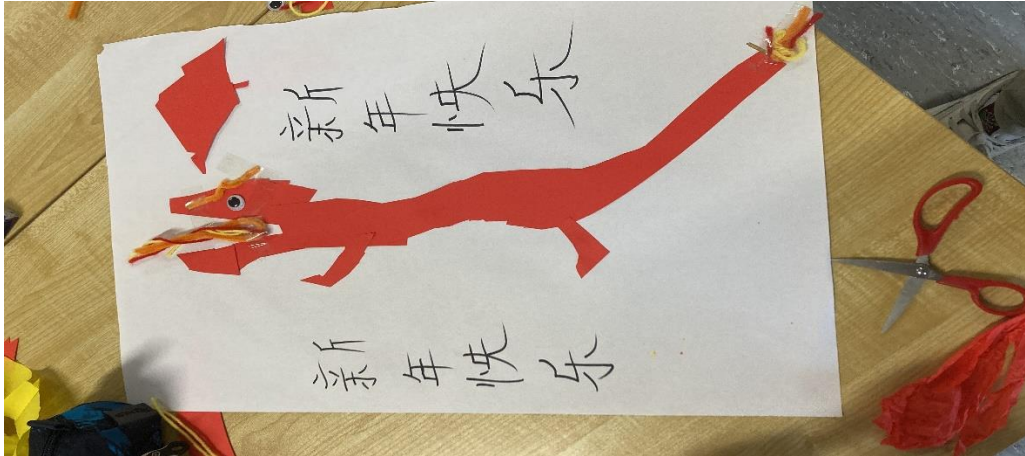
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### **Ethical Education**

During this month the celebrations for the Chinese New year occurred. We learnt all about this in class and Aishton told us all about how he celebrates the Chinese new year, he even taught us how to write in Mandarin.





A long range photo of the class enjoying Forest school last week.



It has been a really enjoyable month in school. We are now looking forward to all of the activities and celebration we have planned for Seachtain na Gaeilge and Lá Fhéile Pádraig in March.

Best wishes,

Philip