



Woodstock ETNS May Review

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach our last month in school, we have some exciting activities planned:

- *Wednesday 5th June: 2nd & 3rd School Tour (Killruddery Alive Outside)*
- *Friday 7th June: 1st class (Festina Lente)*
- *Tuesday 11th June: Junior & Senior Infants (Airfield Park)*
- *Friday 14th June: Woodstock ETNS Cultural Day*
- *Tuesday 18th June: Senior Infants (Forest schooling- bus to Coillte wood area)*
- *Monday 24th June: Junior Infants ((Forest schooling-bus to Coillte wood area)*
- *Wednesday 26th June: Sports Day*
- *Friday 28th: Last Day: School closes at 11:45 am*

Our annual Teddy Bears Picnic proved to be a fantastic afternoon. It was wonderful to welcome all the incoming children to our vibrant and inclusive school. In addition, Stephen's Ukulele class prepared a musical welcome for the new pupils- well done! It was great to have the PAC attend, they were able to meet parents and give an insight into how we can all come together and play our part in helping to nurture our amazing school.

I would also like to sincerely thank Jitka and all the members of the PAC who willingly gave up their time and put a tremendous effort into preparing a superb *Woodstock ETNS Family Day* for all to enjoy! Thanks to those who took the time to come out and support our school. Here is just a glimpse of the day- thanks to Stephen for the photos!



This month we also had a highly successful After-School meeting with Lisa from Lyons Den. As you are aware this is an afterschool care option for parents which I believe is greatly welcomed and I would like to thank the BoM for enabling the premises to be used to meet this need. The Fresh Today Hot Meal programme has now been up and running successfully for a month- I am receiving positive feedback from the children which is always a good sign! Some may have noticed our Cineáltas Flag (Kindness) proudly flying high! Thanks goes to Yvonne from the BoM for arranging sponsorship to fund our new flag. We hope to have an official flag opening sometime later this month.

Lastly, we have signed up to a *Google Education Fundamentals* for Schools. This enables access to all Google's applications and will help the school as we continue to develop our IT infrastructure. We hope to see the benefits of this in the students' learning in





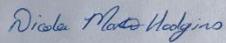
the coming years. Although, our old addresses will work for June we will be rolling out info@woodstocketns.ie for September 2024.

As always the entire team at Woodstock ETNS are looking forward to working with the children to ensure a month of incredible learning, inclusive activities and fun.

P.S. I noted the unapproved copy of my previous update went out- completely my fault. The content remains the same minus the typos!

Thank you all for your co-operation and support moving forward.

Kind regards,



Dr Nicola Martin
Principal Woodstock ETNS





Dear Parents,

As we had such a busy May, I thought it best to focus on all the additional things we did.

Below are a few of the things we got up to:

Aistear

Our Aistear theme for April was 'Minibeasts'. We learned all about different minibeasts. The children especially loved learning about butterflies, bees and ladybirds.

Here are a few of the activities they completed:

- Making ladybirds out of clay
- Minibeast hunt
- Butterfly lifecycle sequencing
- Making beehives with beekeeper suits
- Honey tasting





Butterflies

In line with our Aistear theme, we adopted caterpillars into our classroom. The girls and boys had a great time watching them make their cocoons, grow into beautiful butterflies. Once they were grown, we released them with Senior Infants.





Forest School

The girls and boys had a wonderful time in Forest School. They learned about loads of different plants and animals. They made seed bombs with clay and also went home with their own wooden necklaces.





Gardening

We are so lucky in Junior Infants to have great parent volunteers. During the month, the students had a great time gardening. They absolutely loved it!



June

We will be learning all about Tanzania in June for our Culture week. If you have books/pictures etc that you think would be useful to this theme and are willing to lend/donate we would really appreciate it.

That's all the news for now! I will check back in at the end of June for our last review of the year!

Kind regards,
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