



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/Guardians,

The 2nd/3rd class have had enjoyable time in school this May. We have participated in our first Wicklow Athletics track event, enjoyed Yoga on Fridays, played Hurling and participated in a fun filled *wellbeing week*. In class we've learnt about the water cycle, become data detectives and learnt how to say some phrases en francais! We have also received a video message from Olympic bronze medallist Aidan Walsh, a big thank you to Heather for organising this. However, that wasn't the only Olympian we heard from we were also on a video call with World champion gymnast Rhys Mc Clenaghan.



The students in 2nd and 3rd class playing hurling with equipment provided by Cumman na mBunscol.

Gaeilge

During April the children have been learning all about eadaí. We have a Fashion show as gaeilge planned for the first week in June. The children have described different items of clothing and developed appropriate phrases and vocabulary associated with this topic. They have worked hard and done this all while speaking as gaeilge. Maith sibh!





The 3rd class students on their way to the Wicklow athletics track event, it was also our first time getting the 184 bus as a class.

SESE

This month we have revised what we learnt at the start of the school year about bees for world bee day on the 20th of May. 2nd and 3rd class understand how important water is to us all. This month we learnt about the water cycle and how we use water, we also discussed ways to conserve and reuse water at home and in school.

Numeracy

In May we completed the majority of the numeracy curriculum for the year and we are now revising some of the key aspects of it. We have incorporated a problem solving approach to this. The students became data detectives and solved a crime by using mathematical strategies and skills. While the students showing how they work out a problem is really important we have recently challenged the class to be able to support their answers by orally explaining how they got it. This has been done through a variety of maths games where maths talk is encouraged.





English

The children have been working on their explanation, recount and free writing this month. They have also worked hard on the SRA reading programme which is designed to improve their comprehension skills and has differentiated levels so that all children in the class can benefit from it. A big thank you must go to our SET teachers Leigh and Sarah for their work on this with the students in the class.

It has been a great to be able to spend lots of time outside the classroom over the last month. It promises to be a very exciting end to the school year with our school tour, culture day and sports day all taking place in June. The children are busy preparing for these events and we can't wait to share them with the school community.

Beir bua,

Philip

