



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





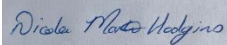
the coming years. Although, our old addresses will work for June we will be rolling out info@woodstocketns.ie for September 2024.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicola Martin".

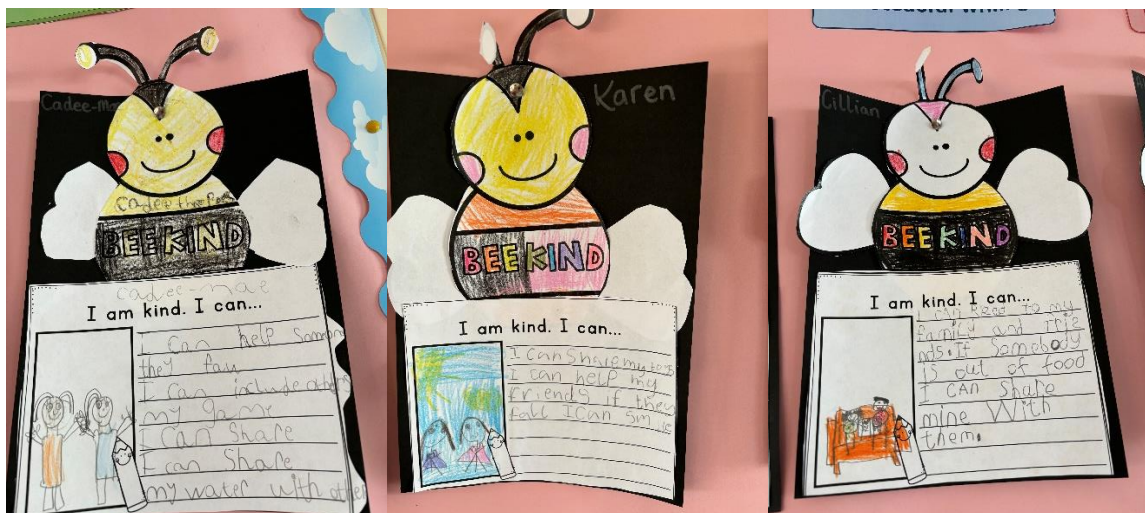
Dr Nicola Martin
Principal Woodstock ETNS





Dear Parents/Guardians,

May has been a busy month and the boys and girls in Senior Infants have done some fantastic work. Their written work is coming on brilliantly, I am so proud of all of them!





During Aistear this month, our theme has been minibeasts. Some of the activities the children have enjoyed are:

- using polydrons to make beehives
- making habitats for minibeasts out of natural materials
- collecting nectar and flowers for our butterflies
- tasting honey on the comb
- making bee art
- learning about the bee and butterfly life cycle
- role play – pretending to be beekeepers





Some photos from Wacky Hair Wednesday during Wellbeing Week:



The children have enjoyed their new climbing gym that Adam (Louis' Dad) kindly made for the school. The children have enjoyed the challenge of using their gross motor skills to reach the top





This month, the children finished up their yoga with Viv for this year. Yoga was an activity that the children looked forward to each fortnight and always came back from it with a smile on their face. A huge thank you to Viv!



With the end of May comes the end of homework for this academic year. I do ask that you continue to read with your children on a regular basis to continue to develop their literacy skills.

That is all our news for now, I look forward to sharing June's progress with you all next month.

Kind regards, Emma

