



CETNS NEWSLETTER

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CREATIVE SCHOOLS

This week is our last week working with Jojo our Creative Associate. Although Jojo finishes this week, we will be working on our Creative Schools project until June 2021. We would like to thank Jojo for all her help over the past two years. Jojo brought so many creative ideas to CETNS as well as lots of fun and laughter! We will continue to use the creative skills Jojo has thought us in our teaching and learning.

SLÁN TO AARON & AVA

Next week we say goodbye to Aaron in second class and Ava in senior infants. Aaron, Ava and their parents are moving to Australia and we wish them all the very best for the future. We are sorry to see them go and they will be missed. We hope they stay in contact though and tell us what school in Australia is like. Sincere thanks to Maria and Brian who have supported our school in many different ways over the past few years.

LANGUAGE CONNECT

Castlebar ETNS has been awarded a €500 grant from Language Connect. This funding is from the School Library Home Languages Scheme and is promoted by ELSTA (English Language Support Teachers' Association). The school has purchased a number of resources in English, Polish, Greek, Hungarian, Portuguese, Spanish, Lithuanian and Russian. We look forward to reading these dual language books with the children. If any parent would like to zoom and read part of the book for their child's class, please let your class teacher know.

RUN, WALK OR JOG INTO CHRISTMAS

All classes have been participating in the Run, Walk or Jog into Christmas Schools Challenge! One of the "Keep Well" campaign strands is to keep active, even during the winter. Mayo Sports Partnership have come up with this challenge to keep our children and young people active during the winter months. The children have been enjoying their daily walks, jogs and runs.

POSITIVE POSTCARDS

The children in first, second and third have worked hard to create their own postcards. These are no ordinary postcards, but positive postcards which will be sent to community heroes. The boys and girls are very appreciative of how hard people have been working. Well done to all the children.

MAYO DAY

On Friday, we will celebrate a CETNS Mayo day in honour of Mayo reaching the All Ireland final. The boys and girls can wear something red and/or green to school if they wish to do so and we will be creating football inspired art to decorate our school. Up Mayo!

WINTER HOLIDAYS

Reminder school will close on **Tuesday 22nd December at 12pm** for 2 weeks holidays. We will reopen on Wednesday January 6th at 8.50 am. Thank you for the many ways you are working with us to ensure we learn, adapt and meet the unique challenges of living and working through the Covid pandemic as safely as we can. Despite the challenges we have faced with the pandemic, we've had a great first term and have learned and achieved a lot in these short months. On behalf of our Board of Management and Patron Body I wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday season and thank you for your kindness and support. We have a great school community and a very dedicated, hardworking staff. Seasons Greetings-Miriam

ICT CLUSTER

We have recently purchased new BeeBots, BeeBots accessories, Lego Wedo sets and styluses. This was funded by the ICT cluster which we are part of. Miriam will attend a meeting on January 29th where we will get additional resources. We are very fortunate to be members of this cluster. We look forward to teaching the children coding in term two.

YARD TIDY UP

Thank you to Monika, Artur and Marta who tidied up our school yard and outside the school. Workers from the South West Mayo Development Company tidied up our school car park. We greatly appreciate this help and it is lovely to see our school looking so well.

GREEN SCHOOLS

We have already received our litter and waste flag and are now working towards our second flag. The theme this time is 'water'. We will be looking at how we use water in the school and measuring the amount of water we use over the course of a week. We will be thinking of ways we can conserve water both at home and at school, as it is such a precious natural resource. In the new year we will be thinking of a creative new green schools code or slogan for this new theme. Lots more to follow in 2021!

Useful Tips to Conserve Water at Home:

- Turn off the taps when washing your teeth – you can save six litres of water
- Take a shower not a bath – don't use power showers as a 10 minute shower uses as much water as three baths!
- Fill the kettle for the right amount – you can save energy as well!
- Use water from a rainwater butt to water your plants
- Never use a hose pipe in your garden
- Always fix leaking taps
- Use your dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full, thus saving energy as well!
- Visit Irish Water's website to learn more about being water smart in the home.

ACCOMMODATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Discussion and dialogue is ongoing regarding our accommodation needs for next year. We have no update other than there are conversations and correspondence between our patron and the Department of Education. If you wish to communicate directly with the Board of Management in relation to accommodation please email CETNSbuildingproject2020@gmail.com.

SHINING STARS WINNERS

We've had many shining stars in recent weeks. The children are:

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

Date	Room	Name
20/11/2020	Declan's	Sam
	Declan's	Grace
	Miriam's	Alanna
	Miriam's	Eóin
	Brenda's	Bobby
	Brenda's	Saoirse

THANKS GIVING

Date	Room	Name
27/11/2020	Declan's	Amelia
	Declan's	Charlie
	Miriam's	Iarlaith
	Miriam's	Miguel
	Brenda's	Abbie O'G
	Brenda's	Aaron

YARD WEEK

Date	Room	Name
04/12/2020	Declan's	Ornagh
	Declan's	Regó
	Miriam's	Alex
	Miriam's	Alba
	Brenda's	Mia
	Brenda's	Lea L.

GREEN FLAG

Date	Room	Name
11/12/2020	Declan's	Ava
	Declan's	Aoife
	Miriam's	Adam Lee
	Miriam's	Packie
	Brenda's	Leja K.
	Brenda's	Brooke

