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Summer Newsletter

Newtownwhite Educate Together National School

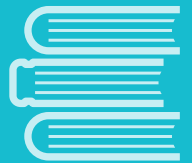


Happy Summer Break!

It has been another very busy term across the school. We have explored and celebrated a number significant days and events this term. We are all very excited for our well deserved Summer Break!

Cumann na mBunscol Both our girls and boys teams did so well in our matches in Boffenaun and Ballycastle. A huge thank you to Willie B, Martin Carr and Eamonn Moore for their training and support on the day of the matches.

The children were lucky enough to be treated to lunch in Willie B's shop in Lahardane the first day followed by a stop off in Ballycastle at Donnelly's shop for ice cream the second day.



We will welcome all children back to school at 8:50am on Thursday August 31st 2023.



Breakfast and After-school clubs will continue in Term 1 of 2023/24 school year. Contact the office to book a place.

join us

We are still accepting enrolments for 2023/2024. You can contact the school for more information.



Swimming has taken place this term in WaterPoint, Enniscrone. 3rd to 6th Class throughly enjoyed their lessons over 6 weeks.

Gardening - A huge thank you to Adrian Carson who has been a huge help in digging up and preparing our school garden for the planting of vegetables.



Drama with Martha a massive thank you to Martha who provided fabulous drama lessons to the Senior Room this term.



PAWS Water Safety Talk

Thank you to David who gave an informative talk to all classes before we finished up for the term. Children were reminded of basic water safety and what to do in case of an emergency. They also had a go at throwing a ring buoy.



Student Council Meeting



Our termly Student Council meeting was held where our students gave their ideas on School Tour, Sports Day and improvements they can implement in our school.

Tennis with Artur at Ballina Tennis Club was a huge success again this year. Artur provided such fun lessons and expertise throughout the four week period.



Bike Week was celebrated throughout the school with our Cycle on Wednesday initiative followed by a bike obstacle course and bike checks.



Music Generation with Jessica The Junior Room said goodbye to Jessica this term after a whole year of super fun music lessons weekly. Jessica brought African drums for their last session which was thoroughly enjoyed by the class. Thank you Jessica for such a fun year of music!



Europe Day The children in the Senior room hosted Europe Day this term. They all brought in a variety of foods from different countries to showcase their project work about Europe and to celebrate completing the Blue Star Programme.



Sports Day was another glorious day in the Tom Ruane Park this year. We had fun in the sun with novelty races, an obstacle course, dress us races, tennis, football, a chill zone and parachute games. We even had ice creams delivered by Noreen from the Parents Association to top off a fabulous day!



School Tour to Westport House The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Westport House this year. There was fun and games for all including the flume ride, ferris wheel, pedal swans, interactive games room and train rides to name a few. Lunch at Gracy's was a hit and the bus journey home was one of quiet exhaustion!



Open Evening took place in May this year and what a lovely evening it was. We welcomed new families to our school along with a few familiar faces helping out behind the scenes. Thank you to all staff and parents involved in making the evening such a success.



Community Garda Michael Kelly came to visit 4th - 6th Class in June to reiterate the importance of Internet Safety and in particular our responsibilities when we are online. He emphasised the importance of keeping ourselves and others safe online.



Graduation time is here for another 6th Class cohort of Newtownwhite. We wish our 6th Class the best of luck in their new respective schools. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them and can't wait to hear their updates over the coming years.



Linda's Graduation

We wish Linda all the best in her retirement. We will dearly miss Linda around the school as she has been a huge support to all of the children and staff alike in her 8 years here. Go n-éirí an t-ádh léi.



Staffing Updates

We will welcome back Martina next term.

We congratulate Elaine who will become a more permanent fixture in our school taking over from Linda.

We wish Kate lots of luck on her career break and hope to welcome her back in the near future.

Class Allocations for 2023/24

Junior Room - Martina and Tracey

Middle Room - Catherine

Senior Room - Caroline

Special Education Teacher - Ciara

Happy Summer Break from all at Newtownwhite ETNS!

A huge thank you to the school community for all your support in ensuring another successful year at Newtownwhite. We hope you all have a safe and happy Summer Break and we will look forward to welcoming you all back to a new term in Autumn 2023.