

# Nuacht



## School dates to remember:

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> Bank Holiday school closed	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> Day of Celebration for 2 <sup>nd</sup> class children	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> Graduation for 6 <sup>th</sup> class children	<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Summer Fair @ CETNS 12:30 - 4:30pm
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**A Walk in the Park 2009** - Well done you to all of you who braved the 'not so favourable' conditions for the Sponsored walk on Sunday. It was wet! However, we still had 132 children taking part in the trail quiz and, of course, all the parents walking as well. A big thank you to Aedin, David, Romey and Aoife for helping with the marshalling and to all the helpers and organisers, Paul Beattie, Ann Kelly and Clare Dowling. (Apologies to anyone I've missed out!). We had some spot prizes unclaimed on the day – blue ticket numbers 11, 13, 18, 42, 56, 76, 86, 130 and 145. – You can collect your prize from Reception. The draw for the Nintendo DSi will take place in assembly on Friday. Can you please return ALL sponsorship forms (blank or with money) to your class teacher or Reception as soon as possible, so that we can start handing out the Smyths vouchers. Thanks again for supporting this event – **The Fundraising Committee.**

**School Tours** - The summer school tours are organised and will take place during the month of June. It is possible to pay for the tours in instalments should you wish to do so. Dates per class are as follows:

Jen/Claire 5<sup>th</sup> June - Niamh/Marie-Therese 12<sup>th</sup> June - Paula/Tara 9<sup>th</sup> June - Emer/Ruth 5<sup>th</sup> June - Eimear/Siobhan 17<sup>th</sup> June - David/Romey 11<sup>th</sup> June - Liz Aoife 19<sup>th</sup> June - Yvonne 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **Voluntary Contribution Day**

The Board of Management would like to express a sincere thank you for all the contributions received recently for Voluntary Contribution Day. A total of €9,005 was received as well as almost €800 per annum in new monthly standing orders. Thank you also to all those who are already contributing by standing order. These donations forms a vital part of school funds and the BOM is grateful particularly in these difficult economic times.

**Green Team News** - Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> CETNS was honoured to receive a visit from the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Michael O'Donovan. The Mayor came to our school for the raising of our third Green Flag. This flag was achieved on a theme of Water. The Green Team were lined up at the entrance to the school for the flag raising ceremony. The mayor greeted each member of our team and congratulated them on their work in winning the flag. He was wearing a very impressive Mayoral chain on which are engraved the symbols of our country. Also present were Thomas Carolan of An Taisce and Ciara Finnegan from Fingal Council. Fergus from junior infants and Shannon from 6<sup>th</sup> class did the honours and raised the new flag to loud cheers from the assembled group.

After the ceremony everyone adjourned to the hall for an assembly. Following short speeches from our guests we were entertained by an environmental rap from Aoife's class, the lively "we are good" sung by David's class and as a grande finale, the famous water rap from Ruth's class! A great time was had by all.

***An appeal from the Green Team:*** We now have boxes ready to be used for growing vegetables in our school garden. We would be very grateful to receive donations of any surplus bags of topsoil or compost which anyone may have.

**Enrolments** – It is very important that the school be informed as soon as possible of any pupil(s) that may not be returning to CETNS in September, please advise Nuala/Paula. Please note that the **New Parents Information Evening** is planned for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 8.00pm. Also on 23<sup>rd</sup> Carroll's booksellers will be available from 7.00-8.00pm with the Junior Infant books. Carroll's will be in the prefabs on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> for all classes. Booklists will be available in due course.

**Orchestra Concert in CETNS** - We are very excited that St Agnes' School Orchestra from Crumlin will be visiting CETNS on May 28<sup>th</sup>. They will play 2 concerts, one for the junior classes and one for the senior classes. We would like each child to bring in €1 towards the cost of this visit and look forward to welcoming all the children and their many instruments!

### **CETNS Sports**

**Soccer:** 5-a-side: Well done to the boys and girls who took part in the 5-a-side blitz hosted by CETNS recently. Congratulations the boys from 6th class who won their group and went on to represent CETNS for the first time at the Dublin Finals in Irishtown last week.

**Soccer leagues:** The boys and girls have two league matches left to play. The boys play today versus Virgin Mary, Ballymun. All other dates still have to be fixed. There will be no training for girls this week.

**Spikeball:** Spikeball training has now finished for this school year. There will be training again in September for children from 5th and 6th class.

**Santry Athletics:** Trials will take place on Thursday in the field. Make sure you bring your track suit bottoms and runners tomorrow

if you want to be in for a chance to represent CETNS in a sprint or a relay team (u10, u11, u12, u13.5) on Wednesday 10th of June.

We are also looking for a boy and a girl to do shot putt (u13.5), high jump (u11, u13.5), long jump (u12), 500m (u11, u12, u13.5) and hurdles (u11, u12, u13.5) on Wednesday 3rd of June in Santry.

**Cricket:** There will be a cricket blitz for some children from 4th class on Wednesday 28th of May.

Tadhg Browne and Haley Dixon are representing the school at the INTO GAA min-seven skills this week.

**Gaeilge -** This week's phrase for infants to 1st Class is 'Feicfidh mé thú' (which means 'I'll see you' and is pronounced 'Fekig may hoo').

This week's phrase for 2nd to 6th Class is 'Feicfidh mé thú níos déanaí.' (which means 'I'll see you later' and is pronounced 'Fekig may hoo neese daney'). Go n-éirí libh! (Good luck!)



**Cúinne na Leanai (CETNS Childrens' Corner)**

Our **Student Council** went on a trip to An Dáil on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. She writes 'we went on a bus on a bus into the city and soon got to the Dáil. First we went and met John Gormley. He told us about the Dáil and we asked him some questions. Then we went and saw the government in session. I really enjoyed it!' **By Hayley 6<sup>th</sup> class. Below is a poem by Julia Sharpe 5<sup>th</sup> class:**

**Ice-cream**

<b>If I could paint a picture</b>	<b>The red, the blue, the green</b>
<b>I'd show you</b>	<b>All poured into the biggest glass,</b>
<b>How to make</b>	<b>The best you've ever seen</b>
<b>A big, giant ice-cream</b>	<b>And as you view this picture</b>
<b>And top it off with</b>	<b>You will not fail to see</b>
<b>Lots of cake</b>	<b>All the happy children</b>
<b>To drink you'd see colours</b>	<b>Sitting next to me!!!</b>

**Parents' Association News**

**Summer Fair** - The Summer Fair will take place on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. Last year, besides being great fun, the fair raised just under €7,000 for the school. This year we want it to raise even more. We are looking for items for donation, such as: DVD's, Books, Toys, Handbags & Belts/Party frocks/Cocktail dresses.

Please contact Paul Beattie if you have any questions @ 086-3843875. For the Food fair please contact Margaret O'Driscoll @087-3936330. Please note there will a SUMMER FAIR flyer next week. Keep an eye on the notice board also for updates.

**Coffee Morning:** The next coffee morning will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in the prefab in aid of Downs Syndrome Ireland. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat, we have a selection of herbal teas too!

**Parents' Talk** - A talk on nutrition was given by **Mary Dunne last Friday** and we would like to thank her for her time. It was very enjoyable as well as being very informative. Go raibh míle maith agat.

**After Schools Activities**

**Dance Class**

Jen's Dance classes continue on Wednesdays from 2.40pm – 3.40pm.

**Religion classes** – please note that religion classes for recent Communion and Confirmation have now finished, classes for pre-Communion and pre-Confirmation 2010 will continue for a further 2 weeks - Beechpark Religion Committee.

**JP's CETNS Summer Camp**

J.P will be running the CETNS summer camp again this year. Contact JP if you are interested.

**After School Arts & Crafts Classes**

These classes take place on Mondays & Tuesdays from 2:50pm - 3:50pm for 1st - 6th classes. Contact Soo Khim 087 7694381 for more details.

**Community News**

Educate Together's National Office are inviting those who wish to assist them in raising funds for the organisation to sponsor them in the Flora Women's Mini-Marathon on June 1<sup>st</sup> or to sponsor Paul Rowe, CEO of Educate Together, who is planning a parachute jump on May 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to 'make the women run' or 'make Paul jump' you can log onto [www.educatetogether.ie](http://www.educatetogether.ie) and find out more.

Log on to our website [www.cetns.ie](http://www.cetns.ie) to see the latest from our school and assist us in our project to reduce our paper consumption. Our newsletter can be viewed here every fortnight.

**Beir bua,**

**Aedin**