



## NEWSLETTER

### **Board of Management**

The Board of Management of the school would like to thank outgoing members Sharon Kierans and Sharon Adams for all their hard work and efforts over the years. Sharon Adams has rejoined the PTA as chairperson and will continue her good work in this position. At the latest meeting we welcomed new members Louise Mahony (Parent Rep) and Dr. Susan McKinney (Community Rep).

### **Drogheda Women's Refuge**

Pauline and the Food Collection Committee (Aimee, Edgaras, Amy and Kristaps) will be collecting food for the Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge this week. They would like if every pupil and staff member could bring one item each for this worthy cause. They will deliver the food next Friday before the holidays. Please have the food in on or before next Thursday. Here is a list of suggested items: Pasta, tinned beans, tuna, sugar, teabags, tinned food, rice, biscuits, cereal, shampoo and shower gel. Thanks to everyone who has already made a contribution.

### **School Fees**

Thank you to all families who have already paid all/part of their school fees for the year. It is not too late for anyone still looking to make payment. You may pay any amount in the office as it suits you or send money into your child's teacher in an envelope clearly marked with their name. Envelopes are available from the office for anyone wishing to pay in small installments and receipts will be issued for all payments.

### **Minister's Visit**

The recent visit of our Minister for Education and Skills was a great success. Minister O'Sullivan left with a great impression of what it means to be part of the Educate Together Community. Having called in to talk to the students and staff at Ballymakenny College, Minister O'Sullivan then came to see how lessons were progressing in 4th, 5th and 6th classes downstairs at the school. She also found time to stop and chat with some of the children from our Coiscéim classes. Pictures of the visit are online at the school website [www.astonvillageetns.com](http://www.astonvillageetns.com) and on the school's facebook page.

### **Sixth Class trip to RTÉ**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class students attended the recording of RTE children's show "*Una's Dream Ticket*" in early October. The program will air shortly on RTÉ and we will let everyone know when in advance.

### **Staff Upskilling**

Our staff have been extremely busy attending training events both in and outside of school hours since September. Teachers have completed training in the areas of Diabetes, MAPA, Asthma, First Aid, EPI-pen administration, Epilepsy, Junior Entrepreneurship, Assessment, Challenging Behaviour Management and many others. Today, many of our staff will attend an Educate Together training event hosted by Skerries Educate Together National School in the afternoon.

### **Ballymakenny College**

Just a word of appreciation to our tenant school here at Aston Village ETNS. Everything has gone really well in the initial months of our sharing of premises due in no small part to the flexibility of staff and students in both schools.

### **School Spelling Program**

A meeting will take place in the school library tomorrow at 14:35 regarding the school spellings program for anyone interested in attending.

## Freaky Fun Festive Friday Fruit Day!!

As per previous years we will have our Fruit Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate the Harvest time of year. Children are encouraged to dress up and bring fruit items with them to school. (NO NUTS PLEASE) There will be a variety of class activities integrating Fruit as a theme and we will also hold a Fancy-Dress Parade and a short school disco for the children in the morning.

## Coiscéim 2

Well Done to Dermot and Grace, Rose, Martina, Delyse and Meave for their great efforts in adding our second classroom in Coiscéim which has been a great success for all concerned.

## Student Numbers

Our student population is now at 330 and we have approximately 70 Junior Infants registered for intake in the 2015-2016 school year.

## Discipline

Our new School Discipline Initiative is having a hugely positive effect and we congratulate all children making great efforts in this regard.

## Clubs

The below program of after-school clubs will begin a 6 week run on the week we return after mid-term break. **Registering** will be on a first come, first served basis **at 08:20am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the school gym**. Each club has a limited number of places and a minimum of 8 children is required to go ahead. The cost will be a once off payment of €15 per child to cover the 6 weeks.

Activity	Teacher	Day	Time	Class	Venue	Max No
Drama/Games	Naomi	Tuesday	1:35-2:35	Junior + Senior Inf	SNU Activity Room	16
Art + Crafts	Jennifer	Tuesday	1:35-2:35	Junior + Senior Inf	Aistear Room	20
Arts + Drawing	Grace	Tuesday	2:35-3:35	1st-3rd	SNU	16
Table Tennis	Des	Tuesday	2:35-3:35	3rd-6th	SNU/Activity	First 10
Indoor Games	Brian	Tuesday	2:35-3:35	1st-4th	Gym	20
Computer Skills	Paul	Tuesday	2:35-3:35	4th-6th	Computer Suite	15
Science Club	John	Thursday	2:35-3:35	1st and 2nd	Science Lab	16
Oil Painting	Liz	Thursday	2:35-3:35	4th-6th	Her Room	Min 10
Keep fit/Yoga	Síle	Thursday	2:35-3:35	2nd-6th	Gym	20
Dance	Áine	Thursday	2:35-3:35	2nd-6th	SNU/Activity	15
Ukulele	Mark	Thursday	2:35-3:35	1st-6th	Library	16
French	Dara	Thursday	2:35-3:35	3rd-6th	Own Room	20
Orchestra	Claire/Liz	Tuesday	2:35-3:35	Children are invited if they can play an instrument		

After School Clubs will run for 6 weeks :

**Tuesday 4th November- Tuesday, 16th December**

**Thursday 6th November - Thursday 18th December**

Enjoy a safe Mid-Term Break Everyone!