



CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER N.S.

Learn Together To Live Together

Note from the Parents Association

As a parent in Educate Together we are all automatically members of the Parents Association and any involvement & support is greatly appreciated. Some parents can give more time than others, others contribute resources, talents or ideas, all of which are essential to help the Parents Association to continue in its community building and fundraising. We look forward to getting to know more of you better in the future.

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Disco

What a ball we had at our school disco! This month over 100 of our families joined the Parents Association in the school hall for an afternoon of fun. We would like to congratulate the Warren Family who won our Disneyland Holiday Prize. Many thanks to Travel Focus for donating this wonderful holiday prize to our school. We all enjoyed the home baking, refreshments, arts and crafts and face painting. We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support in making the day a huge success and we are already looking forward to next years disco.

World Book Day

We are delighted to be celebrating World Book Day again on Thursday 5th March. We are inviting all the children to bring in a book from home that they are happy to exchange for another book in class for a donation of €1.00. All funds raised will go towards our iPad fundraising appeal.

iPad fundraising - How will they be used?

The Parents Association are busy raising funds at the moment for iPads for the school. Some of you may be wondering how the iPads will be used once they are in place within the school.

iPads have been used in the Multi Class for the past 2 years. The children have used them here for a number of different things. They are used to revise and re-enforce mathematical concepts through the use of apps as well as being used in all other subject areas. The few iPads already in use in the school are also being used for this purpose in the other classes at the present time.

The Multi Class have also been using them to create and it is here that we have seen most of the success. Last year the children wrote, edited and published 7 books to the iTunes store. To date they have had over 740 downloads in 17 different countries. They have also completed a digital cookbook which will be published in the coming weeks. This is a cookbook with video tutorials showing you the steps to creating simple recipes. (searching for my name "Cormac Cahill" will show you the books the children have written and we would love to get a few more downloads).

Last year they also enjoyed success using the iPad to film and edit a movie which went on to win the Aileen McKeogh Award for Outstanding Achievement in Film Making at the Irish Fís Film Festival Awards in Dublin. Most of the work was done using the iPad. The movie is available at the following link if you would like to see what was created using the iPad. <https://vimeo.com/108793707#at=0>

Once the school has more iPads it will take time to achieve similar successes in the other classes but it will mean that the children will have even more access to technology having both iPads and the laptops currently being used in the classrooms.

Cormac Cahill

Clothes Collection Fundraiser



Save your unwanted clothes items for our next clothing collection which is planned for Wednesday 18th March. Just bring your unwanted clothes to school and we'll do the rest.

Mobile Phone Collection

As part of the Parents Association fundraising campaign for iPads we are collecting used mobile phones & tablets to trade in for cash.

So if you have any old phones lying around just drop them into the office and we'll do the rest.

(Please ensure that all SIM cards and personal information have been removed from the phone/tablet before donating.)

Would you like to get involved with Aistear?

Aistear is for the Infant Classes. The word Aistear is the Irish word for journey and was chosen because early childhood marks the beginning of children's lifelong learning journeys. Aistear shows how important play is for young children's early learning and development and offers lots of ideas for different types of play. Through role play the classes have already explored different places such as hospitals, restaurants, the post office and garden centre. Parental involvement in Aistear is actively encouraged by the teachers so if you can get involved, either regularly or occasionally, please talk to the Infant class teachers.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

World Book Day Book Swap

Thursday 5th March - Bring a book and €1

Clothes Collection - Wednesday 18th March

SEN Coffee Morning - Monday March 2nd at The Abbey, Main Street, Carrigaline, All parents are welcome to enjoy support from fellow school parents

Coffee Mornings in school - Friday March 6th - Children's fitness presentation

Friday May 1st - Presentation from a Representative from The National Parents Council

Wizard of Oz School Show

April 28th & April 29th

Junior Infants to 2nd class Show - Friday 13th March at 1pm. All parents welcome.

Active School Flag

Carrigaline Educate Together N.S. (CETNS), is undertaking to achieve the Active School Flag (ASF) this year 2015.

ASF activities are currently underway and ongoing in our school and we hope to include more activities in the weeks and months ahead, on a rolling basis. The ASF School Community, is made up of pupils, teachers, S.N.A.s, parents and staff. Achieving the ASF is a work in progress, but all of the CETNS Community must work toward attaining it. We would, therefore, welcome the assistance of parents with particular skills in this area, who could give of their time to provide workshops, in order to support our efforts to become a more active and healthy school. We are endeavouring to implement active, healthy and sustainable changes that will, in turn, have a solid, tangible, positive and beneficial impact on our school.

CETNS Active School Flag Committee

Coffee Morning

The Parents Association are delighted to be able to hold monthly coffee mornings in the school. These are well supported with the aim of building our community. We have the opportunity to chat and spend some time together. Last month we enjoyed a very interesting presentation on Nutrition.

Our next Coffee morning will be held on Friday 6th March when we will have a presentation on Children's health and fitness. We are fortunate to have Personal Trainer, Cathal O'Shea, who will be focusing on children's exercise and fitness.

We look forward to seeing as many there as possible. All baked goods are very welcome and appreciated.

Second Level Educate Together Update

We are delighted to let you know that the new Educate Together second level school (Cork Educate Together Secondary School) will open in September 2016.

While a permanent site has not yet been confirmed, work is progressing well by Educate Together staff and the local start up group in anticipation of opening in the South Suburbs of Cork. It will be a multi denominational and co educational second level school. It's vision is to provide a new model of school, one that places the student, your child, at its centre.

We invite you to check out our website www.cetsl.ie or to contact the start up group Eric, Siobhan and Alice with any queries on info@cetsl.ie.

Tesco Community Fund

Our school has been nominated to take part in the Tesco Community Fund. For the next six weeks each time you shop at Tesco Douglas you will be able to help our school.

With every purchase you will receive a goodwill token which you can use to vote for CETNS in store.

Depending on the amount of votes we get our school could win a share of €1,000.