



# CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER N.S.

Learn Together To Live Together

## Note from the Parents Association

What a fantastic year we have enjoyed together. We would like to thank all our families who were involved in any way with our activities. We are so delighted to have raised so much towards our iPad appeal. The iPads have begun to arrive and the children will get to enjoy working with them soon. We would like to wish all our families a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new term. We are holding our AGM in September; all our parents and guardians are warmly invited and we hope to see you there.  
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## New Chairperson of the Board of Management

Congratulations to fellow parent Eric Hurley who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of our school. Eric has served for many years as a Parent Representative and Treasurer on our school's Board of Management. As chair, Eric will now have responsibility for ensuring our school is well managed for the benefit of our children. We look forward to working with Eric and wish him the best in his new role.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Joy Campbell who gave so much of her time and energy to this role for the last number of years.

## Coin Collection

The Parents Association are delighted to announce that thanks to all the donations from our parents and children our recent Coin Collection raised an amazing €900.55. Many thanks for your amazing generosity.

[www.carrigalineeducatetogether.ie](http://www.carrigalineeducatetogether.ie)

## Active School Flag

CETNS has just celebrated its first ever Active School Week (A.S.W.), and what a week it was! Our Active School Flag (ASF) Committee, made up of six pupils from 4th to 6th Classes, opened the week with a brief ceremony presenting winners of our ASW poster competition from each class level with a certificate each. The ASF Committee have worked extremely hard planning and brainstorming since October.

Each morning at assembly, for the duration of the week, the pupils, teachers and staff were treated to a variety of displays ranging from martial arts to figure skating, and from ballet to gymnastics floor shows, performed by children from different classes. And what a talented bunch of kids we have at our school!

Múinteoir Niamh introduced all classes to a dynamic ten minute workout with 'Wake up Shake Up' aerobics exercises, which the children approached with great enthusiasm, and this will continue over the coming weeks.

All classes were invited to take part in our 'school walk challenge around Ireland' by walking laps of the school building during ASW, and then pinning a sticker to show they had completed each trip. The children appeared to enjoy themselves while on their journeys!

On Tuesday we attempted a whole school Mexican Wave in the yard. It took a few attempts but we got there in the end!

On Wednesday Múinteoir Trish organised a basketball blitz for senior classes with two other visiting schools and a great day was enjoyed by all concerned. The children from 2nd class were delighted to be able to visit Carrigaline Tennis Club where they enjoyed some coaching and playing.

Thursday was our much anticipated annual school sports day loaded with a plethora of different fun sports activities for the children to try out, and even the weather was on our side on the day! Later on, 6th class were victorious in the first ever Staff vs. Students Rounders match!

Thank you to Múinteoir Cormac's Class for recording the days events for us.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to parents Matt and Fiona for giving their time to give all our children lessons in Kuk Sool Won, the children appeared to thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Friday saw the close of our (A.S.W.) with our Last Man Standing penalty shoot out competition in aid of the Nepal Earthquake relief fund which raised a generous €170! What a wonderful end to our Active School Week!

Finally, a big thank you to all the children and staff for getting active and participating in the weeks events and activities. We hope we will continue to be active in the weeks, months and years ahead, and look forward to achieving our Active School Flag in the very near future.

*Active School Flag Committee*

## Wizard of Oz

What a fantastic performance we all enjoyed in our school's recent Wizard of Oz show. We are all so proud to have such talented pupils and so grateful to the hardworking teachers who contributed to making this show such a great success. This is now available to buy on DVD.

## Carrigaline Tidy Towns Schools Art Poster Competition

Congratulations to all our winners:  
Amelie & Natalia (Snr Inf)  
Amy & Sam (1st Class)  
Justin & Gary (2nd Class)  
Luana & Munirah (3rd Class)  
Killian, Laura & Hubert (4th Class)  
Nabil & Aliona (6th Class)  
Calli & Joan (Multi Class)

## Tesco Community Fund

We are delighted to let you know that the Tesco Community Fund donated €288 to our school. We would like to thank all the parents who participated. And of course a huge thank you to Tesco.

**Congratulations** to Abby O'Riordan and Abby Deeney from fifth class who won prizes in Trend Micro's 'What's My Story?' competition. Well done to our talented pupils.

## Second Level Educate Together Update

Preparations are now moving quickly in anticipation of the opening of Cork Educate Together Secondary School next year in September 2016.

Last month CETNS hosted the launch of our new admissions policy. Representatives from Educate Together joined the local start up group to talk about the new secondary school and to answer parents questions. There was enormous engagement from the 100 community members in attendance on the night.

The Department of Education and Skills have also announced that a permanent site has been identified. While the exact location has not yet been disclosed we are delighted that pre-planning discussions are being held with the local authority with a view to having start-up accommodation in place on the site for our opening.

We are now taking enrolments for 1st years starting in 2016. Enrolment can be completed online. Please see [www.cetsl.ie](http://www.cetsl.ie) for more details.

# CETNS Garden News

It has been a busy time in the garden group this year. We are really proud to tell you that thanks to hard work and donations received, we have purchased a polytunnel for the school garden. We would also like to thank the Crosshaven Soccer Club for kindly donating the astroturf to make the path that leads down to the sensory garden.

The sensory garden was designed by Josephine Taylor, mother of Hollie and Fei (past pupils of the school). The design includes a scent and a touch garden, a visual/art patch, a wildlife corner and a taste garden with herbs and soft fruits. This amazing project is growing day by day and a big thanks is due to all the parents who donated time and plants to make it happen.

At present, we are planting the school orchard and we want to thank all the parents and family members who helped us on the day we dug holes for the trees. We really appreciated the enthusiasm!

Please note, we are still looking for equipment for the garden we would love if you could check if you might have something you don't need anymore. The garden group will be happy to receive it as long as its still in good condition!

If you think you have something to donate please contact [susannatrifiletti@gmail.com](mailto:susannatrifiletti@gmail.com). If you would like to help out with the gardening, no experience necessary, call Billy (087 2484658) to find out more information.

Happy potting season!

*The Garden Group*

## Clothes Collection Fundraiser



We would like to thank all our families who donated towards our recent clothing collection. We are delighted to let you know that this raised €275. Our previous collection raised a fantastic €604.56 towards our iPad appeal. This is a great way for us to raise funds for our school and we look forward to more success with this next year.

It was with deep sadness that we learnt of the death of Richard Carey on May 8th 2015.

Since first joining our school as a parent five years ago, Richard placed himself at the heart of our community. As a valued member of our parents association for several years, he was enormously giving of his talents, his time and his energy. He made valuable contributions to the process of securing our new building and successfully fundraised for new equipment which we now enjoy.

Richard excelled at social events where his cheerful exterior, wit and passion for people shone through. His easy going nature and ability to put people at ease ensured he was always surrounded by other parents, enjoying their company as much as we all enjoyed his.

He was most of all a committed and loving family man and is survived by his wife Elaine and son Harrison to whom we offer our sincerest sympathies.

Richard fought his long illness with a wicked sense of humour and humbling bravery and we will miss him very much.