



# CARRIGALINE EDUCATE TOGETHER N.S.

Learn Together To Live Together

## A Note from the Parents Association

We would like to introduce our new Parents Association members for this year:

Gemma Griffin, Richard Kavanagh, Othman Al Dawamenah, Amy Molloy (Treasurer), Colm Manley (Asst Treasurer), Hilary Lawrence (Secretary), Dawn Crawford (Chairperson), Laura Nagle-Kiwanuka, Jenny Twomey, Paola Santo, Luis Rosa, Deirdre O' Keeffe, Bijal O' Leary, Kevin O' Leary, Ingute Luksiene.

In this newsletter we are delighted to share news of some of the great achievements of our pupils and some of the plans for this school year. We look forward to getting to know as many of our parents as possible and are hoping for a great year together.

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## Supporting Parents of Children With Additional Needs

Our support group for parents of children with additional needs will be having its first meeting on Monday 23rd November at 8pm in the school to put together a plan for how to best support, guide and inform each other this year.

We will be covering areas such as: information sessions with guest speakers; how to access support services; and how to help our children have the best education possible. Please come along and share your opinions. We look forward to meeting many of you there.

*SEN Support Group*

## Film Festival Awards for CETNS

On 3rd of November the children of Multi Class A and 6th Class travelled to Dublin to the Helix Theatre in Dublin City University and the 11th Annual Fís Film Festival. The Fís Film Festival is an All Ireland film making competition for children in Primary Schools and the event on the day is attended by over 900 children and their teachers. Both classes made movies last year and earlier this month we heard that the 6th class documentary about the life of "Walt Disney" had been chosen to receive a Highly Commended Award. Multi Class A received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Special Effects for their stop motion movie "The Great Lego Rescue". After picking up two awards at last years event including the overall award it's beginning to look like Carrigaline Educate Together is fast becoming the new Hollywood. Well done to all the children involved. We are all looking forward to seeing what the children of CETNS decide to create for next years festival.

## Green School Award

Here at Carrigaline ETNS we care a lot about the environment. Therefore, we have decided to form a Green Schools Committee to raise awareness in our school about how we can be more environmentally friendly.

We are very proud to say that over 60 children applied to be on this committee and the standard was very high. The members of our Green Schools Committee are Abbie D, Damian, Eoin, Rachel, Marc, Séan, Manny, Callum, Ronan, Alex, Blaithín, Oisín, Felix, Alan and Rob our caretaker. The teachers on the committee, Frank, Hilary, Rory, Miriam and Clare, can't wait to work with them.

We welcome any parents who are interested in joining the committee too. If you are passionate about the environment or work in any related area, such as gardening, sustainability, waste management, recycling, energy, water etc., we would be delighted for you to join us at meetings or do a once off project or lesson and share your ideas. Please let your child's class teacher or a member of the committee know if you are interested.

The first area we are focusing on is reducing litter and waste in our school. Our first step is to carry out an environmental review of how much waste and litter we currently produce and then we create an action plan for how we are going to reduce this amount. With your help we hope to achieve great progress in this area and to apply for our first Green Flag this time next year. *Green school Committee*

## Student Council Fundraiser

Our Student Council recently held a Charity event for the Greater Chernobyl Cause. We are delighted to let you know that over €500 was raised for this charity. We are so proud of our active Student Council and so grateful to our school community for the donations.

## Active School Flag

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

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.

This week we had our accreditation visit. Lots of classes were visited and they saw Bizzy Breaks, Go Noodle, a gymnastics demonstration, Go Bananas, and lots of other activities by the children. A video presentation was shown and we are now waiting to hear if we will get our flag.

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. We would, therefore, welcome the assistance of parents with particular skills in this area. If you can offer any assistance or if you have a particular skill in this area please talk to your child's teacher.

*CETNS Active School Flag Committee*

## Board of Management Elections

Monday 16th November, 7pm at school.

Our parent body will be electing our two new parent representatives for the next term of the Board of Management. If you would like to be considered for the role please email:

[eric.hurley@carrigalineeducatetogether.ie](mailto:eric.hurley@carrigalineeducatetogether.ie)

## Dates for your diary

- **Board of Management Parent Rep Elections**  
Monday 16th November, 7pm at school.
- **Special Educational Needs Support group meeting**  
Monday 23rd November, 8pm at school. All Welcome.
- **Clothes Collection**  
Wednesday 25th November.
- **School Disco**  
Sunday 13th December.
- **Culture Week**  
February 29th - March 4th, 2016.

## Clothes Collection Fundraiser

We are planning our next Clothes Collection on Wednesday 25th November. This is a great opportunity for us to have a great clear out at home and help raise funds for school resources. Please help us by bringing your unwanted items from home (items accepted are clothes, shoes, belts, bags, bed linen, towels and curtains). Please tell your friends, relatives and neighbours also. All bags can be dropped to the school at drop off or collection on Wednesday 25th November.



## National Parents Council – Primary

The National Parents Council (NPC) is the representative organisation for parents of children attending primary school. The members of NPC are the affiliated parent associations of primary schools around the country. The NPC structure is made up of an Assembly and Special Interest Groups (concerned with developing education policy); the Board (dealing with the management of the NPC); and the staff (employed for the day-to-day running of the organisation).

The Assembly, Board and Special Interest Groups are made up of parents of primary school children. The work of these groups helps to define policies in relation to primary education, and often feeds directly into work with the Department of Education. As our Parents Association is affiliated with the NPC this means that we, the parents in CETNS, have a voice in the educational policies that directly affect our children's school lives. This is very important and a strong position for us to be in.

Each affiliated school has at least one NPC representative.

In CETNS these are our representatives:

- NPC rep: Hilary Lawrence. [hilary.lawrence@carrigalineeducatetogether.ie](mailto:hilary.lawrence@carrigalineeducatetogether.ie)

### Special Interest Group reps:

- Special Education Needs - Terri Doyle
- Religious Minority - Othman Al-Dawameneh
- Migrant Community - Susanna Trifiletti

If you have any queries please contact our NPC rep.

Alternatively, you can use the NPC Helpline on 01 8874477

## Culture Week 2016

CETNS are planning to Celebrate our Diversity of Culture during our Culture Week, February 29th - March 4th 2016.

This will be a fun filled week of activities. As part of this week we are planning on putting a cookbook together. If you would like to submit a traditional recipe from your home country we would be grateful. Please email [owen.hennessy@cetns.org](mailto:owen.hennessy@cetns.org). More information will follow.

## Health Promoting School

With the support of the HSE our school has made a commitment to working together over the next few years to create, support and strengthen a health promoting school environment. A health promoting school consults with and involves students, staff and parents in looking at what makes a school a healthy place to work and study in for both students and staff, and addressing their concerns through an agreed process. A committee of parents, children and staff has been formed and they look forward to working with you this year.