

Pelletstown ETNS Newsletter

Pelletstown ETNS Update - 8th May 2023

Yard Zones

Following training of staff, and a lot of planning and preparation, we introduced Yard Zones on 2nd May. Following a trial week of these zones, this will be fully implemented in our yard now. The zones are: Chill & Chat Zone, Construction Zone, Skipping Zone, Craze of the Week/Active Zone, Performance Zone, Running Zone and Games Zone. We are so grateful to our Active Schools Committee who have helped with this, including the children who are working as 'zone monitors'. We hope that the yard will be a safe and happy place for all of our students!



Skipping Zone



**Chill and Chat
Zone**



Building Zone

School News and Events

Active School Week

We celebrated Active Schools Week 24th - 28th April. All classes participated in a variety of sports activities and events every day during the week and there was a great buzz around the school. Many

thanks to our Active Schools Committee for organising this, and to our student council who organised a dodgeball tournament for the classes.

After-School Provider

Following the tender process, and in collaboration with the PTA committee and the parent body, the Board of Management have decided to appoint **School Kids Aloud** as the after-school provider for the new term of contract. We appreciate the guidance and involvement of the PTA in this process, as well as the input of the wider parent body. A survey (Google Form) has been sent to you on Aladdin. Please fill in (a) what you would like included in the contract with the provider and (b) your feedback on how the tender process was undertaken.

Creative Clusters

As you know, our school is in a Creative Cluster with 2 other local schools; Broombridge Educate Together National School and Cabra Community College. The cluster has been busy organising activities and last week Orlaith's 2nd class got the opportunity to work with an artist and a photographer as part of this initiative. We look forward to continuing our creative journey with the other schools for the rest of this school year and into the next school year. We will keep you updated about this exciting project!

Hero Day -19th May

We are participating in the LauraLynn Super Hero day on May 19th to help raise money for their children's hospice. Children are invited to wear a superhero costume, or dress up as a hero who inspires them (this does not have to be bought - we love seeing creative, homemade masks and costumes!) Donations to the LauraLynn hospice can be made online, and should not be sent into the school. Please follow this link to make your donation on the day:

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/PelletstownETNS>

National Children's Choir

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th Class pupils who represented the school in the National Children's Choir in the National Basketball Arena on 24th April 2023. They have worked so hard all year to learn the repertoire of 14 songs in 3-part harmony, and it was an absolute pleasure to see them perform so beautifully with hundreds of other primary school students!

Standardised Tests

Annual Standardised Tests are taking place in all classes in the school in the month of May. This includes the B.I.A.P. (Belfield Infant Assessment Profile) in Junior Infants, and Literacy and Numeracy Assessments in Senior Infants - 6th Class. As per the Department of Education guidelines, parents/carers and pupils are not informed in advance of these taking place. This is to ensure there is no anxiety around these and that no preparation takes place for them. All schools in the country do

school reports. It is important that children are not put under pressure in relation to these assessments and that parents/carers are aware that they are only one test on one day, and not an overall reflection of your child's ability and efforts in school. You can find out more about standardised tests on the NCCA website: https://ncca.ie/en/resources/english_tip_sheet_sten/

Dates for your Diary:

Please note the following upcoming important dates and events for this month:

15th - 26th May: Different Families/Same Love and Pride Fortnight

19th May: Laura Lynn Hero Day - Children invited to dress as a superhero for the day in aid of Laura Lynn Children's Hospice. See link above for donations!

29th May - 2nd June: Arts Week, with exhibition for parents in school hall on 2nd June

25th May: HALF DAY to facilitate staff professional development (JI and SI: 11:30am, 1st - 6th Class: 11:45am)

Remember to check our school calendar for dates for your diary:

<https://www.pelletstownetns.ie/news-events/calendar>



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