

## PARENTS COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2024

It was lovely to see such a high turn out at our parents coffee morning last Friday, really great to see you all

Special thanks to Mercedes for baking and to the Student Council who helped prepare the refreshments. Many thanks to all parents who signed up to help out at the school please link here if you haven't had a chance to do so already

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Below are the main items that we highlighted during the morning

### **Eamonn, Assistant Principal 1**

We still need parent volunteers at drop off, even if it is one morning a week

Swimming 5<sup>th</sup> Classes this term, again male volunteers needed to help out at the pool

Newgrange Trip for 5<sup>th</sup> Classes, this is a free trip but bus costs are a factor in everything that we organise

Chess Tournament in February hosted in WETNS

Assembly each week for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes, achievements a recognised and celebrated

### **Sharon, Deputy Principal**

Assembly each month for Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> classes. We have a core theme that the classes will explore in class drawn from our Learn Together (Patron's programme) each month. At our monthly assembly we celebrate this core value (for example 'Love' in February)

Early school closure Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February (new Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup>) For the rollout of the new Maths Curriculum there will be a school closure in term 3 for staff training date to be confirmed and communicated to families as soon as possible

Peace Proms 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes 3<sup>rd</sup> February, lovely opportunity for the pupils to sing in an inter schools' choir

### **Mercedes, Assistant Principal 1**

Write a Book 4<sup>th</sup> Classes, a lovely opportunity for the children to produce a book.

Library Visits 4<sup>th</sup> Classes, again great to have volunteers to help out on these visits.

Hot School Lunches will be available for all pupils from April. We are currently working through selecting a provider. The meals will be selected by parents through a menu and will be delivered to each child in their classrooms

French 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will commence next week, through an external tutor funded by the DES

### **Sinead, Principal**

Blood Donation Clinic in WETNS 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January

Mid Term 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February, with a bake sale & coffee morning on Valentine's Day. Sherpa Kids Mid Term Camp 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February

Culture Week 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March with International Food Fair on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Solar Panels we are in a position to install panels funded by the government, anyone interested in forming a small work group to tender for the project let Sinead know

STEM Grant success we were very fortunate to be selected to receive €10,000 grant towards the purchase of Science, Technology & Maths equipment for the school, again through DES

School Garden There will be a meeting on Friday 19 January to form a work group to help develop the 'teaching' garden area of the school-all those interested come along at 9am next Friday 19 January 2024

School is currently rented to local choir, Sherpa Kids and Blood Clinic, any queries for those interested in rental to Lisa info@

We are currently hiring We are now inviting applications for cleaning/housekeeping positions at the school. This position is 18 hours per week. The cleaning staff will work as part of a team to ensure that the building is kept to the highest standards of cleanliness. Working hours 3.30pm – 6.30pm Monday to Friday. Additional hours may be required. Garda Vetting will be required before appointment. CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS Is Friday 19th January 2024

School is 21 years old, the school opened for the first time in September 2003, we would love to celebrate our school's birthday with the whole school community and we are looking at ways to do this. Watch this space.....

### **Wendy Doyle, PTA Chairperson**

The PTA AGM will take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of February at 7.30pm** in the main hall. The AGM is for all members of the PTA and will include updates on activities of the PTA committee throughout the year, such as the winter fair, etc.

Each parent and guardian of children attending Wicklow Educate Together N.S. are a part of the PTA and coming to the AGM is a great opportunity to hear more about what is going on within the school and opportunities to get involved. Nominations to join the PTA committee will be accepted until **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of February**. A parent or guardian can nominate themselves by emailing [pta@wicklowetns.com](mailto:pta@wicklowetns.com).

The Winter Fair was a great success and we are so pleased to announce that the fair and raffle made **€5380.01**. A big thank you to everyone who donated a raffle prize or volunteered on fair day to help. Events like this wouldn't be able to go ahead without this support.

The school calendar was also a lovely success and raised just under **€3000**