



Swords Educate Together National School Roll Number 20145 O

SETNS Newsletter
17th May 2019



Best wishes to the 6th Class Students and staff travelling to Anagaire, Co. Donegal on Monday. We are hoping the weather stays fine for the entire week. Many thanks to Louise, Pearse, Fiona and Claire for giving up their time and bringing the children to Donegal this year. We will be sending texts to parents/guardians each evening and hopefully receive some nice photos to share on the school Facebook Page. We have reminded all children to remember their Golden Rules while they are away and to look after themselves and their classmates, and of course to have lots of fun. The children will be returning at approximately 1p.m. on Friday 24th May. As the school will be closed for voting, a prompt pick up is required at this time. We will celebrate the children's return properly on Monday 27th May.



Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Thursday 30th May from 6p.m-8p.m. The theme this year is Wellbeing and we are looking forward to showcasing our wonderful work on this topic over the past number of years. The classes will be displaying their work on our new initiative "Weaving Wellbeing" and we will be joined by our Mindfulness and Positive Mental Health teacher Annmargaret Nolan. We place a lot of emphasis on Wellbeing in Swords ETNS with initiatives such as Weaving Wellbeing, Mindfulness, Wellbeing Week, Wellbeing Team and Active Week. Our Wellbeing Teams will also be present on the evening and are looking forward to welcoming you to the school.

This is an enjoyable event in our school calendar. Classrooms are open to any visitor and we ask that you remind children to respect the building and corridors and to remain with the adults that accompany them. Children are not permitted on the playground or outside the school grounds. Please leave buggies etc outside the school building. The PTA will be serving tea/coffee and light refreshments in the Hall. We look forward to welcoming all families and extended families to our school on 30th May.

Sustainable Development Goals

As part of their Learn Together Programme, Fiona's 5th Class have been studying the Sustainable Development Goals. These Goals were agreed by the United Nations in 2015 and aim to end poverty and improve our world by 2030. The children have examined some of the Goals in detail. The class have been invited to perform at the Global Goals Festival in the Helix, DCU on Wednesday 29th May. They will be accompanied by Aisling, Niall and Maura's class on the day. Any parent/Guardian that wishes to attend can do so by purchasing tickets by clicking the link below.

<https://thehelix.ie/what-s-on/all-events/children-s-festival-of-sustainable-development-goal/>

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will take place on 31st May 2019. As usual, weather permitting, the event will be held in St. Colmcille's GAA Pitch. Parents/guardians are more than welcome to attend from 9.45a.m onwards but we ask that you stay within the spectator area and refrain from taking photographs or recording the children in line with GDPR Guidelines.



Before the bank holiday weekend, we welcomed Tom and his Guide Dog "Gatsby" to the school. They visited 2nd Classes where the children got the opportunity to learn about being visually impaired and the story behind Tom and Gatsby. The children learned about the adventures that Tom and Gatsby have and also about the amazing help that Gatsby gives Tom on a daily basis. Thanks to Aisling (Greta's Mum) for organising the visit and we look forward to welcoming Tom and Gatsby back to the school again soon. For more information on the Irish Guide Dog Association, please visit www.guidedogs.ie.

School Communications

Any school related information that you wish to communicate to the office, Karl, Eoghan or staff, please do so through the school email address info@swordseducatetogether.ie or call the office (01-8903899). Any email received after 3.00p.m during the week may not be received until the following morning.



Rathbeale Road Closure

Representatives from the Board of Management and the Campus met with Fingal County Council Planning Department in relation to the proposed Rathbeale Road Closure which will take place over the coming months. This closure has some very serious implications for traffic around the campus and it is likely that the traffic from the Rathbeale Road will be temporarily diverted down Glen Ellan Road until early 2020. The Engineers have said that they will be holding a public meeting for those affected by the closure in due course and they have also proposed an information leaflet to be given to all families in the school. We will be distributing these as soon as we receive them. As shown above there will be no parking on the road outside the school. However, Fingal County Council in conjunction with Gannon Homes are providing a Temporary Car Park adjacent to the school building for drop off and pick up. This Car Park will have limited spaces so we are encouraging parents/guardians to make alternative drop off and pick up arrangements; to walk, cycle or scoot to school and to adhere to the parking restrictions that will be in place. As the road will be open to public transport it is important that parents/guardians speak to their children about road safety. We will also be reinforcing this at school. We will be in contact with any information that we receive.



Dog Therapy

Many thanks to Kinga and her Dogs for working with our children. Senior Infants are currently enjoying Dog Therapy and for the first time in the history of the school, Kinga will begin working with Junior Infants over the coming weeks. It is such a valuable resource and teaching strategy and we are so appreciative to Kinga for all her work with us.

The Apple Wood Sensory Garden

Today we officially opened our Apple Wood Sensory Garden. We were joined by Przemek our designer from UpCycle Project as well as representatives from Irish Rail who donated a lot of the materials and Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) who contributed towards the funding of the project. On behalf of the whole school community we would like to thank Eoghan and his team of helpers for coordinating the project and for the time and effort spent in bringing this project to fruition. Huge thanks to the PTA and the Board of Management for supporting the project and we look forward to sending you lots of sunny pictures from the Garden over the coming months.

