



**Swords Educate Together  
National School  
Roll Number 20145 O**

**SETNS Newsletter  
7th May 2021**

*Thank You!*

Before the Easter break we held a fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society where all the children and staff were invited to wear yellow. Funds raised on the day exceeded all expectations and we raised an amazing €1164.12. Thanks to all who donated and a special thanks to Maeve Osborne our Learn Together Coordinator for coming up with this wonderful initiative. In such uncertain times, it is wonderful to see how our school community comes together for such a worthy cause.



During the week of May 24th, we will celebrate "Smile Week" where it is our intention to keep everybody happy and smiling with fun activities throughout the school. There will be a 'Silly Sock' day on **Friday 28th May** where we can all show our individual taste and style!

Our **Run a K with Karl** event means every class will get an opportunity to run/jog/walk a kilometre (less for infant classes) with Karl. This is sure to make everyone happy, (especially Karl who misses the weekly Assembly with the children).

'Smile Week' will also give us an opportunity to reconnect (virtually) with our neighbouring classes through facilitating zoom calls, games and activities with other classes throughout the school.

We will be in touch again closer to the date!

**Maeve**

**Standardised Testing Reminder**

As per previous newsletter, our standardised testing dates are listed below and will take place over the coming weeks. We ask you as parents/guardians to ensure your child is present on the day as there will not be another opportunity for your child to resit the test.

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Drumcondra Reading Test (Katie's 1<sup>st</sup> Class only)**
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Drumcondra Reading Test (Emma's 1<sup>st</sup> Class only)**
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Drumcondra Reading Test (2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class).**
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Sigma T Maths (1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class).**

Results will be communicated to you on your child's end of year school report which will be issued in June as per Department of Education Guidelines. This year more than ever it is important to remember that standardised test results only give a snapshot of your child's ability in a particular curriculum area on a specific day. Schools have been issued guidelines for completing these tests from the Department of Education. However, we understand that this year has been a difficult year for everyone, especially the children. It is important that your child does not feel anxious about these assessments and we would urge you not to focus on them with your child.

**Best Wishes!**

The Board of Management has accepted the resignation of David Earley. David has been with us since 2007 and he will be sadly missed by children, staff and parents/guardians. David has been offered and accepted the position of Principal of Trim Educate Together National School. He has agreed to stay with us until the 30th June in his role as 6th Class teacher. We would like to wish David all the best in his new position and what a lucky school Trim ETNS is!



As communicated previously, our wonderful mums, aunts, sisters and grandmothers have decided to lace up once more and take part (virtually) in the VHI Women's mini marathon. Please get behind all of our wonderful team and show your support for them and for Swords Educate Together by either taking part yourself or donating whatever you can.

Some of our Mums have already started training. Thanks to Tanisha from Rachel's 4th class for putting this lovely video together.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ar3y1j1vHQcE FEFHU2jnaiFLmD4wlZ04/view?usp=drivesdk>

If you would like to take part, please email [pta.setns@gmail.com](mailto:pta.setns@gmail.com)

To get behind and support the team please

**DONATE**

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/womens-mini-marathon-for-swords-educate-together?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/womens-mini-marathon-for-swords-educate-together?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

**Sniffles and Sneezes**

Due to Covid-19 regulations, if your child has a runny nose, cough and/or sore throat, please keep them at home. If they are coughing, sneezing or uncomfortable at school, we have no alternative but to call home for parents/guardians to come and collect them. We cannot make the decision as to whether coughs, colds and runny noses are Covid-19 related or not, therefore, we ask you to err on the side of caution and keep the children at home until the symptoms ease. These measures are to protect our children and staff.

**Green Team**

Congratulations to Peter and the Green Team who received a €500 donation from Swords Credit Union on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing what exciting plans they have for spending the money.