



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

**SETNS Newsletter
15th October 2021**

Dress-Up Day



Our annual Educate Together "Dress Up" Day will take place on **Friday 22nd October**. As always we encourage children to dress up in all types of (safe and appropriate) costumes and get involved in designing and making their own. Dressing up is completely optional. No sharp/dangerous objects to be brought in on the day. This is an annual event organised by our Patron Body and is a great opportunity to fundraise for Educate Together Schools nationwide. **On 22nd October** we are asking children to bring in €2 and dress up for the day. We will have lots of exciting things planned in the classrooms and we look forward to sharing the highlights with you.

Peter's 4th Class: It's all Greek to me!!!!

For the past week, these wonderful projects have been displayed in our foyer. They are a culmination of the fantastic work from Peter and his 4th Class. As you can see the creativity and artistic flair is definitely alive in Room 13. Congrats to all involved in the wonderful Greek creations.



Wellbeing

Sunday October 10th marked **World Mental Health Day**. Looking after our minds is important every day but especially on this day. World Food Day gives us a chance to talk about mental health in general, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to talk about things and get help if we are struggling. In SETNS we place a huge emphasis on Wellbeing both of our minds and our bodies- the two go hand in hand! Please chat with your children about the importance of being kind to ourselves and others and that it is absolutely normal to have up and down days- the best thing we can do is to talk to someone we trust about how we are feeling ☐

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

Another date to be aware of is **World Food Day** which is celebrated annually on the 16th October to promote global awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger, and to highlight the need to ensure healthy diets for all. Please have a chat about this at home. We have a Healthy-Eating policy in SETNS and the children have recently completed their follow-up week of Food Dudes so they are really well informed on the benefits of eating healthy foods.

<https://sdg.iisd.org/events/world-food-day-2021/>

Mid Term Break:

The school will be closed from Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October inclusive.

Parking Concerns

We are still receiving complaints regarding parking at drop off and collection times and are also disappointed at the behavior reported to us on a weekly basis regarding parking violations outside the school campus. Parents/Guardians are not permitted to park within the school/community center car park. These are reserved spaces for school and community center staff members only. It is also forbidden to park in front of a parked car within the car park at any time. We are shocked at some parents/guardian's reactions to staff members when they are reminded not to park in the car park. We endeavor to teach pupils of this school the difference between right and wrong and to follow rules for the safety and wellbeing of all, when we as adults show complete disregard for these rules outside of our school.

In the past we have engaged with the local Gardaí on such matters and we encourage all witnesses to report the same.

Primary Language Curriculum

Many of you will recall that we have been engaging with the release of the New Primary Language Curriculum over the past number of years. Due to Covid-19, professional development for staff was postponed due to social distancing restrictions and our focus on face to face teaching and wellbeing.

Schools are now reengaging with professional development. In order to allow teachers to attend in-service training for the new Primary Language Curriculum, we wish to let you know that the school will close for a ½ day on the dates below. We will send emails to specific classes with more accurate departure times in due course.

Day 1: 19th November 2021

Day 2: 21st January 2022

Day 3: 16th March 2022

Day 4: 6th May 2022



You will have received your order forms for this year's Seasons Greeting Cards and 2022 Calendars this week. Please note the upcoming return date of **Wednesday 20th Oct**, and late orders cannot be accepted.

Pre-orders are essential. Please return your orders in the envelopes provided.



A taste of Halloween from Isolde and Emily's Senior Infants during Aistear.

