



SWORDS EDUCATE TOGETHER 'FRIENDLY' NATIONAL SCHOOL
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Fáilte ar ais ar scoil everybody!! A very special welcome to the parents and guardians of our new junior infants!

As you all know, Karl has gone on secondment for the year to work for the Department of Education. He is keeping tabs on all our goings on and promises that he will pop in and visit us soon!

I wanted to say hello and let you know about some of the wonderful things that are already going on in our school since we returned:

- 3rd to 6th Classes began learning Ukulele on Tuesday. What an amazing opportunity for our senior students to learn a musical instrument! This is thanks to the funds that were raised by our PTA at our show 'A Night at the Musicals'



- Our boys and girls GAA teams have their first Cumann na mBunscoil matches this coming week. Go n-éirí libh gach duine!
- On Wednesday 20th September, Peter is launching the WOW initiative, where we are encouraging adults and children to

ditch the car and Walk on Wednesday (or scoot or cycle). Children must still be supervised by parents/guardians as appropriate, but Peter will be there to encourage and maybe entertain with a morning joke or two!

- We are in the process of updating our school website and making it an interesting place for you to visit and see all about life in SETNS. Have a browse:

<https://www.swordseducatetogether.ie/>

- Our wonderful PTA run lots of initiatives during the school year. A very successful one that began last year is our School Lotto. The funds raised enable us to provide the very best school environment for our children including i-pads, PE equipment, art materials, science resources and much more. You may even get lucky and win the jackpot!

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/swordsetns>

- I've been enjoying lots of knocks on my office door from children coming to say 'Dia dhuit, conas atá tu?' or to get a Green Card for following our Golden Rules! Our Golden Rules form the basis of our Positive Behavior Policy and go a long way towards creating the inclusive, respectful and kind school that we have. This year we even have a Cárta Glas! I wonder which class will get the most Green Cards this year!?



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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