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**SETNS Newsletter
4th March 2022**

It has been a busy week since returning from our Mid-Term Break on Monday. As communicated to you throughout the week we are slowly returning to normal in Swords ETNS. Thank you for adapting to the new routine so quickly. On behalf of myself and the Board of Management, I would like to thank our amazing staff who, for the last two years, have had reduced lunch breaks, started work earlier than is required, supervised classes, covered their colleague's break times and supervised classes on yard everyday throughout the restrictions. The school could not have continued to function so efficiently if it wasn't for this amazing group of dedicated and committed people. They ensured the children were safe, happy and engaged in learning at a time when there was so much uncertainty. I applaud them all and send them all a huge, heartfelt thank-you.

I would also like to thank our fantastic Board of Management and PTA who helped the school in ways that cannot be quantified. To Andrew and Ellie and our fantastic team of cleaners who kept us safe and able to work in a clean, safe environment. Thank you all. Barbara, our enrolment secretary, for keeping lines of communication open and to our wonderful Catriona, the nurse, the friendly voice, the caring figure who kept the ship steady while always smiling, there are no words that say enough thanks to her.

Finally to acknowledge the In School Management Team, Eoghan, Alice, Aoife, Maeve and Claire T who were available for meetings at the drop of a hat and whose advice and support to me, the school and the children was always greatly valued and appreciated. A huge thank you to them all.

As we look forward to a brighter future for us all, we should not forget or fail to acknowledge the current unrest in the world. To the people in the world who remain fearful for their safety and their family's safety at this time, our thoughts are with you all. While we look to a brighter future, we hope that soon their future will be just as bright.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Yesterday, March 3rd we celebrated our annual World Book Day. We invited children to bring in a favourite books from home and classes spent some time reading and sharing them with their friends.

Bank Holiday

Due to the addition of public holiday for 18th March 2022, and future public holidays on 1st Monday in Feb from 2023, schools are permitted to add an additional holiday in lieu. We have decided to take the additional day with the May Bank holiday weekend (3rd May). **This will mean that the school will be closed on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd of May.**

Primary Language Curriculum

As communicated to you in our previous Newsletters, the school will be engaging in Professional Development days relating to the Primary Language Curriculum, as directed by the Department of Education. This will involve a number of ½ Day closures. The next ½ Day closure will be **16th March 2022.**

**Junior and Senior Infants will leave at 11.45a.m
1st-6th Classes will leave at 12.00p.m.**

We would appreciate a prompt pick up to enable staff to commence the training on time.

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Fundraising Lotto

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Huge thank you to all our School Fundraising Lotto participants. There has been a huge uptake since our launch before Christmas. If you haven't managed to join the recent lotto craze, there is always time...

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Junior Infant Photos

Our Junior Infant Photos will take place next Tuesday 8th March. Parents/Guardians have received information regarding this last week.

PICKER PALS

Our Picker Pals initiative is still alive and well in Swords. Well done to this young gentleman for keeping our community tidy!

