



**SETNS Newsletter  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



Eid al-Fitr, meaning Feast of Breaking the Fast, is one of the two official holidays within Islam and is enjoyed by over 1.8 billion Muslims around the world. The festival marks the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and celebrations typically last for three days. We wish all our families who are celebrating Eid this week very best wishes, **Eid Mubarak!**

**Standardised Testing**

Standardised testing will take place throughout May. We ask you to ensure your child is present on the day as there will not be another opportunity for your child to sit the test. Standardised Testing only takes place in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Drumcondra Reading Test (English)**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May: Sigma T (Maths)**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Sigma T (Part 2) 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class only.**

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. As always, it is important to remember that standardised test results only give a snapshot of your child's ability in a particular curricular area and on a specific day. Schools have been issued strict guidelines for completing these tests from the Department of Education. It is important that your child does not feel anxious about these assessments and we would urge you not to focus on them too much at home.

***Sometimes, the most brilliant and intelligent minds do not shine in standardised tests because they do not have standardised minds  
(Diane Ravitch)***



Congratulations to all our newly elected PTA members. Chairperson– Ciara Acton, Vice Chairperson(s) – Amanda Foran & Gillian Stapleton, Treasurer – Tony Haddon, Secretary – Jackie Sheridan, BOM Reps – Greg MacHale and Aisling Deignan, Staff Reps Peter Bisset and Aisling Davey.

Additional Parents include – Adele Ruiz, Denise Merrigan, Ilona Tkachenko, Michelle Leech, Sanita Auseja, Lynda Ryan, Vicky Hennessy, Sharon Finlay, Linda Chquiry, Krishna Vungarala and Sinead Lindsay.

Thank you to all, we are really looking forward to working with the new team.



Our School calendar has been finalised for the next academic year 2022/23. Please see draft version on the next page. This is provisional at the moment.

**Lá Spraoi**

6th Class are excited to plan Lá Spraoi this year. Junior Lá Spraoi (J1 - 2nd) will take place on Thursday 12th May and Senior Lá Spraoi (3rd - 5th) will take place on Friday 13th May.

For €2.00 the children can participate in 3 yard activities (penalties, basketball hoops and wet sponge throwing), face or nail painting and receive a bun and drink. Please discuss with your child in advance to ensure they have your permission for these activities (allergies etc). Raffle tickets for some lovely prizes and some small items (books marks, friendship bracelets) will also be available to buy at a cost of 50c each.

We are delighted to have these fun activities back on the school calendar!

Thank you Norah, Fiona and the 6th Class for organising!

**Handwriting Month**

For the month of May we are focusing on our handwriting. Classes will be working on improving their handwriting with displays being presented at the end of May. There will be lots of prizes distributed for handwriting improvement, consistency and presentation of work. We look forward to sharing some of the fantastic work with you.

**Mini Marathon**

After 2 years of being apart, we are finally able to walk/jog/run together in this year's VHI Women's Mini Marathon (10 Km) on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. For many years the SETNS women have laced up and raised funds for our amazing school, not even Covid could stop them!

So again, we are asking all our fabulous SETNS Women to dust off their runners and join us for a great day out to support our school and it's also a great way for our junior classes to meet other SETNS parents/guardians/family members.

Thankfully we can return to our pre-covid traditions of providing a bus that will drop and collect participants to/from the city centre. There will be a social gathering after the marathon in Swords and of course, the best part, participants get to show off their medals during school assembly.

If you wish to join us you will need to register online at [www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie](http://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie) and if you could email [pta.setns@gmail.com](mailto:pta.setns@gmail.com) with you name, class and race number so we can add you to our WMM whatsapp group.

For those of you who are not in a position to join us on the day, we would ask you to support the SETNS team by donating through our Go Fund Me page.

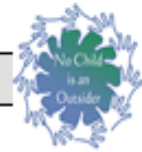
We look forward to welcoming both returning participants and new members to the SETNS

***We have big news coming soon that will hopefully make parents/guardians job a bit easier every morning and the children's day a little bit tastier! We will be in contact over the coming weeks!!***



# Swords Educate Together National School

## 2022-23 School Calendar



August '22						
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All dates are provisional

	First and Last Day of School		School Closed
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