



Swords Educate Together


National School

Roll Number 20145 O

SETNS Newsletter

16th March 2022

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We have been celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge over the past week and have enjoyed a sense of normality coming slowly back to our school. Throughout the week we have had visits from Niall De Búrca with his enchanting tales, our annual Parade, Lá Glás, Tráth na gCeist, Biongó Loco, Ceilí and Irish Dancers Niamh and Ciara Friery and their amazing dance troop from SETNS. Huge thanks to Maeve and the staff for coordinating this lovely celebration and a special thanks to Áine O'Brien who, as always, has decorated our school foyer, corridors and staffroom beautifully. We hope you all have a lovely **Lá Fhéile Padraig**. 



World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day (WSD) is celebrated annually on the 21st of March and is a global awareness day that has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

The date for WSD is set on the 21st day of the 3rd month as a representation of the extra copy of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome that people with Down syndrome are born with. The theme for this year is something we in Swords ETNS continuously promote, **"What does inclusion mean"**

To celebrate this day we are inviting the staff and children to be creative and **wear socks to show you care** on Monday 21st March. Children are invited to be as creative with their socks as possible and to wear their favourite, funniest, odd or pairs of socks. In addition to this we are asking children to bring in €2 (or anything you can afford) to fundraise for Down Syndrome Ireland on this special day. There will also be a bucket collection at the school gates in the morning for any parents/guardians who feel like emptying their piggy banks.

We look forward to sending you the highlights of the day.

Supporting Children and Young People in a time of War Advice for Parents/Guardians

During this difficult time in our world, the Department of Education has published advice on supporting children, especially our most vulnerable, at this time. This document offers advice to parents/guardians to support their child/children and help them feel safe and to manage their thoughts and feelings.

<https://assets.gov.ie/217930/aa028f91-8a12-4ea4-8390-011e3a142931.pdf>

School Closure

The school will be closed 17th and 18th of March 2022. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 21st March 2022.

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Fundraising Lotto

FIND OUT MORE AT [OURFUNDRASER.IE/ORG/SWORDSETNS](https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/swordsetns)

Congratulations to Sara Bulaich, Tara Spratt and Ciara O'Loughlin who were our recent Fundraising Lotto Winners.

Remember there is always time to join the fun:
<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/swordsetns>



PTA AGM is scheduled for **Friday 1st April**. The outgoing PTA will be in touch with more details next week.



Highlights

Lá Fhéile Pádraig
Sona Daoibh!



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