



**SETNS Newsletter
27th January 2023**



Happy Chinese New Year to all our families celebrating at this time. This year is the year of the Rabbit and celebrations began on Sunday 22nd of January. This week the children will be learning about the traditions and celebrations associated with Chinese New Year. We invite any children celebrating to wear a traditional costume, if they wish.



If there are any carpenters/cabinet makers within the parent body who would like to assist on a couple of small projects within the school, could you please send an email to the office and Karl will contact you.



Thank you to Gillian who has been leading us in our daily mindfulness practice. The children have been learning and practising a variety of mindfulness techniques such as 5-5-10 breathing and Grounding Techniques using our senses (5,4,3,2,1). This term, 2nd & 5th Classes are looking forward to taking part in weekly mindfulness sessions with Ann-Margaret.

SETNS Board of Management

We are bidding a fond farewell to one of our Board Members, Greg MacHale who has served almost 2 terms on our Board of Management. Greg was instrumental in the transition into our permanent building in 2011 as well as being an integral link between our PTA and Board of Management. Greg's position is available with immediate effect. The male Parent Nominee on the Board of Management must attend both PTA and BOM Meetings. We are seeking a male nominee who has skills in, amongst others, Health and Safety, ICT, Human Resources and who may have experience in building maintenance or engineering. Please see more details on the next page of this newsletter.



We are delighted to announce the return of our (postponed) School Musical Extravaganza "A Night at the Musicals". Back in 2020, Covid-19 prevented us from holding this event. However, now that the new normal has returned, we are delighted to pick up where we left off.

We are very much in the planning stage with dates and format still to be decided. For now, you can pencil in the performance to take place on the week leading up to the Easter Holidays. The PTA will be in touch with ticket details so stay tuned to our Facebook Page for updates over the coming weeks.

I would like to thank our amazing staff in advance for their commitment to this project. We would also like to thank the parents/guardians and children who make these events so special and worthwhile. We are very proud of our school and look forward to showcasing our talents. Monies raised will be used to develop our ICT infrastructure with our ICT Team looking at investing in Chromebooks and iPads for the children. We would also like to re-engage with our running track idea that was started pre-pandemic.

We cannot wait for you to join us in March and look forward to the children sharing all the news with you in the weeks leading up to the event.



Libraries Events

Fingal Libraries are offering an extensive selection of Spring events and workshops over the coming months. Some of the many workshops include Manga Art Lessons, Confidence Club workshop for children, Lego Workshops and Cyber Safety workshops. For more information, just click on the link below.

<https://www.fingal.ie/libraries-events>

Sympathies

On behalf of the entire school community, we would like to extend our sincerest sympathies and condolences to our former Board of Management chairperson, Yvonne Coakley on the recent passing of her mother Marjorie. We are thinking of her, her son Harry and extended family at this difficult time.



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Due to the departure of Greg MacHale, we now have a male parent nominee vacancy on our Board of Management. The parent/guardian must be a current parent/guardian of a child/children enrolled in our school.

In order to obtain nominations, we are asking prospective male parent nominees to submit the following information;

- An email to info@swordseducatetogether.ie, for the attention of Mairead Farquarson (Chairperson, Board of Management) outlining their willingness to stand for nomination.
- Their willingness to stand for election should there be more than one application.
- Their consent for the circulation of their name and the classes attended by their child(ren) to all other parents/guardians, if they are willing to stand for nomination and election.

Depending on the number of applications, there may be further correspondence required in order for an election to take place. The Principal/Chairperson of the Board of Management will contact the relevant parties in this instance.

Please submit your email (as above) no later than **2p.m on Friday 3rd of February 2023.**

Role of Parent Nominee:

When considering whether or not you would like to put yourself forward for the role of parent nominee, please familiarise yourself with this position. While Parent Nominees are elected by parents, they are not representatives, nor do they represent the parent body. Parent Nominees are elected by the parent body to bring “a parent’s view” to Board of Management deliberations. To this end, their contribution to the Board of Management is a very important one, but they are not required to consult with the wider parent population, take instruction from them or report back to them. As detailed in this week’s newsletter the ideal nominee for the role would have experience in Health and Safety, SEAI Monitoring and Reporting experience, Building Maintenance experience and an interest/experience in School Policy, Data Protection and ICT.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing parent nominee, Greg MacHale for his contribution and dedication to the Board of Management and the development of our school over the last number of years.

Many thanks,

Mairéad Farquarson.
Chairperson, Board of Management