



**Swords Educate  
Together  
National School  
Roll Number 20145 O**

**SETNS Newsletter  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## PICKER PALS



Our Picker Pals initiative is still going on around the neighbourhoods of Swords. Well done to these two young ladies for keeping our community clean and tidy.

## Chinese New Year 2022

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February marks the start of Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the Tiger. The celebration lasts for 2 weeks culminating in the Lantern Festival on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Chinese New Year lasts 16 days and marks the transition between zodiac signs: 2022 is the year of the Tiger; 2021 the year of the Ox.

This is one of our many celebrations in Swords ETNS and for us, also marks the start of the nicer days of Spring time and the opportunity to look to brighter days ahead.

The children will learn about this topic as part of our Learn Together Curriculum and we always encourage parents/guardians to ask the children about what they learned each day. There are some fantastic additional resources on line for parents/guardians should your child want to learn more about this, or any other festival that is celebrated. Some of the links are below;

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/chinese-new-year.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RxKVAaXhMw>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/which-chinese-new-year-animal-are-you-like>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQzLfUv\\_2xk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQzLfUv_2xk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5D5afVVBjY4>

We would like to wish all our families celebrating Chinese New Year over the coming weeks the best for the New Year ahead.

新年快乐 (xīn nián kuài lè)



### Dublin Parks Tennis

SPRING 2022 COACHING CLASSES IN SWORDS TENNIS CLUB

- For girls and boys from 6 – 17 years
- For beginners and improvers in local public parks
- Fee €35 for eight weeks
- All equipment supplied
- Hourly classes divided by age.

Registration & payment online only [www.parkstennis.com](http://www.parkstennis.com)

Class times: 6-8 yrs 3.15pm - 9-17yrs at 4.30pm

Every Wednesday for 8 weeks starting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

This programme is supported by Fingal Co. Council

Inquiries to 8338711 or [parkstennisireland@gmail.com](mailto:parkstennisireland@gmail.com)



### Board of Management

As communicated to you last week, we look forward to welcoming Mairéad Farquharson as Chairperson to our Board of Management on 1st February. I know you will join me in wishing her all the best as she takes up the position.

### Have your Say on the Review of School Transport

Closing date is February 10



The Department of Education is in the process of conducting a review of the School Transport Scheme. The review encompasses the School Transport Scheme for Children with Special Educational Needs and the Primary and Post-Primary School Transport Schemes.

The review is being conducted with a view to examining the current scheme, its broader effectiveness and sustainability and to ensure that it serves students and their families adequately. The review will examine the potential for integration of different strands of the scheme and a more coordinated approach with other Government Departments that also use transport services. It will also consider issues such as climate action, rural development and promoting where possible initiatives that encourage walking and cycling to school.

Parents/guardians are being invited to complete a survey, which is accessible via the attached link. The closing date for completing these surveys is **Thursday 10th February 2022**.

<https://dessurveys.education.gov.ie/surveys/parent-and-guardian-school-transport-survey>

### Coronavirus COVID-19



As the recent wave of Covid-19 seems to be subsiding and as government restrictions are being loosened, we ask that parents/guardians are as vigilant as ever when it comes to identifying symptoms in children. As communicated throughout the week, we are still receiving notifications of positive cases in many of the classes in the school. We have also had to ask parents to pick up their children from school who appear unwell. We ask you to act responsibly. If your child is in any way unwell before school, do not assume that it is "just a cold". Our motto has always been if a child is unwell before coming to school, please do not send them. We ask you to be vigilant and to protect your child, other children and school staff. Children who are unwell must be 48 hours symptom free before coming back to school and if they have symptoms of Covid-19, that antigen tests are done according to HSE guidance. If class teachers suspect that your child is unwell, we ask you to trust their judgement and to collect them as soon as possible. For more information please visit;

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/symptoms/symptoms-child/>