

Shellybanks ETNS Weekly Bulletin 24/4/17

	Item	Update	Action/Support
1	Welcome back!	Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a restful and relaxing break. We are into our last term of the school year and I'm sure it will be one of great fun as we have different events and trips planned for the coming weeks.	
2	Road Signs update	I am happy to announce that after much persistence from the school and parents, Dublin City Council have agreed to erect two 'School Ahead' signs on both sides of Simmonscourt Road on approach to the school. They also explained how the footpath width is insufficient to erect barriers and would not comply with DCC regulations. We have not yet received a timescale for these signs, but I will keep you informed.	
3	Garda Vetting	As many of you will know, any adult working with children in schools needs to be Garda vetted, as part of Child Protection Legislation. This includes all staff of the school and outside coaches etc who work with the children on an individual basis. The regulations around Garda vetting have changed significantly over the past number of months. Garda vetting is now mandatory for any adult who will have unsupervised	Please contact info@shellybanksetns.ie for further information.

		<p>access to children or who work as a volunteer on a regular basis. It is likely that in the near future, any parent who wishes to volunteer or come to visit or help in the school building will need to be Garda vetted. As a school we have decided to be proactive and get this process started by requesting that all Board of Management and PTA members to put themselves forward to be vetted. The process takes approximately two weeks and is organised through Educate Together. We are now inviting any parent who thinks they are likely to be involved in parent initiatives such as cake sales, paired reading, fun days etc to put themselves forward to be vetted and we can get this process started, before it is inevitably mandatory.</p>	
4	Commercialism Policy	The Board of Management have ratified a Commercialism Policy which will be available to view online in the coming days.	
5	Student of the Week	This week the children will be working on ‘We have good manners and we use kind words.’	
6.	Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine	We are delighted to announce a new award that we will be introduced to our weekly assembly. Following on from our very successful Seachtain na Gaeilge, we will now be awarding a special award to one child from	

		<p>each class who is making a big effort to use Gaeilge throughout the week. Each week we will have a ‘frása na seachtaine’ (phrase of the week) which the children will be taught and encouraged to use throughout the week. This will be sent home on the bulletin also. This week the phrase is how we say ‘hello’</p> <p>Person 1: ‘Dia duit’ (<i>JEE-uh ggwitch</i>) Person 2: ‘Dia is Muire duit’ (<i>JEE-uh iss MWIR-eh ggwitch</i>)</p> <p>If you would like to practice your own Irish or help your child improve their vocabulary, try out the www.duolingo.com website!</p>	
7	Learn Together Assemblies	<p>We are trying to make our weekly assemblies more ‘child led’ and with this in mind, children from each class will be picked to share some of the learning that happened in their Learn Together lessons each week. This week the children from Fionnuala and Maura’s class will be presenting this at assembly. We are excited to hear what they have been learning about!</p>	<p>We are still working on our new whole school song, Waving flag. If you would like to listen or play it at home, check out the video here</p>
8	Book Payment	<p>This week you will receive a request for your book payment, to cover the cost of books and materials for next year. This will include a</p>	

		<p>breakdown of what books, resources, subscriptions etc are being covered.</p> <p>The total for each child is €150. There will be a timeframe of two weeks to make this payment. This will allow us time to order and secure all materials, before the end of term.</p>	
9	Congratulations to Elias!	<p>Huge congratulations to Elias in first class who attended the Doodle for Google awards with his Mum and teacher, Fionnuala, before the break. His entry secured him a place in the final and he was awarded a framed print of his work, along with a cool t-shirt. Congratulations to Elias on his great achievement, for two years in a row!</p>	
10	Don't forget!	<p>Monday May 1st- Bank Holiday-school closed</p> <p>Wednesday May 24th- Staff Language Curriculum Training Day-school closed</p>	
	A Note from the PTA	<p>PLAY IT FORWARD IS ALMOST HERE!:</p> <p>Our annual <i>PLAY IT FORWARD</i> is happening THIS SATURDAY the 29th of April from 12PM to 4PM in Mt. Tabor/ChristChurch Sandymount Village. Make sure you've done your spring clear out and bring donations by the hall from 5PM-7PM on Friday evening the 28th. Any prizes for the raffle can be</p>	

		<p>dropped into Ciara in the office by Thursday.</p> <p>Come along, bring friends and help us reach our target of €5000 for school readers!</p> <p>Any questions please email us at pta@shellybanksetns.ie</p>	
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