

Shellybanks ETNS Bulletin 15/10/18

Item	Update	Support
Maths week	This week the children will be taking part in additional fun maths activities to celebrate Maths week!	
Midterm break	Mid Term break will take place from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November. School will re-open on Monday 5th November.	
2nd class trip	Thanks to the parent volunteers who accompanied the 2nd classes to the park this week. The children really enjoyed the trip.	
Shoebox Appeal	This year we have decided to take part in the Hope Shoebox Appeal. This is a fundraising initiative whereby families fill and decorate a shoebox for a child from across Eastern Europe or Africa who may not get to celebrate Christmas due to poverty. All families are invited to take part, but of course, this is not compulsory. See the link attached for more information on what items can be added to the boxes. We will begin to accept the boxes from next Monday, October 22nd. Shoebboxes which are filled and labelled appropriately can be dropped to the office from this date. The closing date is November 9th.	here
3rd class Dental Visits	We have contacted the HSE to see how many children have been called for their dental visits. We became aware that some families had not been contacted. They said that they have attempted to contact all children but either did not get through or left voicemails. Their advice is to contact them on 012924531 if you have not yet been called for the checkup.	
Cold and Flus	As we head into cold and flu season we would like to remind parents that we all must work together to keep the school germ free! Teachers will be reminding children to wash hands thoroughly especially after sneezes and coughs. If your child is too sick for school please keep them at home.	
Substitute Teachers	When a teacher is certified sick or is on training we are eligible from the Department of Education to get substitute cover for that class. However, there is a substitute teacher crisis in Dublin and in the case where a sub cannot be sourced a class will be split. Children will have work packs to complete in the visiting class.	

Morning lining up	Please do not block the entrance to the infant yard in the morning. Three classes line up in this yard making it very busy. If your child is in the main yard please remain there to avoid a bottle neck!	
Trick or treat for Temple Street	A date for your diary! October 26th- we will be hosting a Halloween themed dress-up day in aid of Temple Street hospital on Friday 26th October. Children are invited to dress up in a Halloween costume or any costume of their choice on that day and bring a donation for the Temple Street Fundraiser. Children have really enjoyed this day in the past. There may even be some spot prizes for very impressive costumes!	
Assembly	Mark's Class are leading assembly this week. It has been great to have so many parents/guardians attending our weekly assemblies. Just a gentle reminder that we ask parents to refrain from photographing or recording children or staff at school events. It is no problem to photograph your own child, but not the entire assembly. Many parents have asked that their children not be recorded in any way and it is important that we are respectful of this. Thank you for your cooperation.	
Student Council	The Student Council have been elected. Well done to the following children who were voted in by their classmates. Let's hope they can keep their election promises! Gemma: Levi Aisling: Norah Aiveen: Bo Fiona: Penny Fionnuala: Davor Eoin: Jack O'C Aileen: Hana Mark: Faye Ciara: Joe Rachel: Alva	
School Life	We are working on a video project this year which will aim to encapsulate life in Shellybanks ETNS in 2018/2019. We will be working on this over the coming months. You will receive a consent form over the coming weeks for your child's participation and this will need to be returned to the school. Imagine, the school is 5	

	years old this year!	
Student of the Week	This week the target is 'We make good choices.'	Awards
Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine	This week we are learning how to say 'I am finished' <i>'tá mé críochnaithe'</i> <i>thaw may crichna</i>	Awards
PTA AGM	As you learned from the 9 Oct email from the current PTA committee, the 2018-2019 PTA committee will officially form at the Annual General Meeting to be held at school on 24 October. The meeting will open with coffee from 6:30 p.m. From 7 p.m. we will address the formal business, and the meeting will close with a talk on <i>Building Resilience and Managing Emotions</i> from certified life coach and NLP practitioner Dawn Nolan. If you have any questions about the PTA or the AGM please contact Cynthia Abraham	cynthiaabraham@hotmail.com
PTA Parents' Survey	As we prepare for the AGM, the PTA would like to get parents' opinions on a few subjects, including: where we should focus our efforts this year, giving gifts (presents) to teachers and staff, children walking from school on their own, and breakfast or drop-off club. To make your voice heard on these issues, please take a few minutes to fill out the linked survey by Sunday 21 October. Thank you very much for your help.	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJ59RRY