

Shellybanks ETNS Bulletin 11/2/2019

Item	Update	Support
Mid-Term Break	A reminder that the school will be closed for Mid-Term Break on February 20th, 21st and 22nd. We will reopen on Monday, February 25th.	School calendar available here
Second Class Assessments	Standardised assessments will take place for 2nd Class on Tuesday 14th May and Thursday 16th May. These are mandatory in all schools. There is no need to prepare your child for these assessments. Please ensure that your child is in school on these days.	Please find more information about standardised assessments here
Literacy Week	We are celebrating Literacy Week this week in our school! There is a homework challenge for children and parents and there will be two workshops running during the week. The cost of each workshop is two euro. Class teachers will collect this. Please click the link for details on activities.	Literacy Week
Drop off	The staff car park gate was blocked one morning last week as staff were trying to drive in. Please be mindful when parking during drop off times. Many thanks.	
Student Council Update	Aileen and the student council have been working hard to create a theme for our class names and they have chosen the theme of trees. We will update the children with their new class names in the coming weeks!	
Hot Choc Day	If any child is allergic to chocolate or marshmallows please let the class teacher know. If they do they do not wish to have hot chocolate we will have an alternative available. Thanks for PTA for the efforts in organising this. More information below.	
Pizza Making!	Ciara's class are attending a cooking lesson tomorrow in Milano's! Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to come along.	
Assembly	This week Ciara's 3rd Class will be sharing their learning at assembly.	Assembly rota here
Water Quality Talk	Dublin City Council gave a talk to Second Class on Friday about water quality. The session was very informative and enjoyed by all.	

IT Update	We have developed an Acceptable Use Policy for Shellybanks. We welcome on feedback on this policy before Friday Feb. 15th. Feedback can be sent to info@shellybanksetns.ie . This document will be reviewed and updated annually.	Draft AUP can be viewed here
RTE Picture	One of our parents is producing a documentary that will be broadcast on RTÉ next month. As part of the publicity for the show, they will be taking a stills photograph of our yard with the children playing in the background. The photo will be the presenter in the foreground and blurred images of children behind her. None of the children will be identifiable. The documentary is called 'Fertility Shock' and it's about falling birth rates in Ireland. If you would rather that your child was not in the background please email your class teacher. This will happen on the 18th of Feb.	
Student of the Week	This week the target is "We forgive others."	Awards
Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine	This week we are learning how to say: <u>Infants:</u> <i>Ní thuigim.</i> I don't understand. Nee hig-umm. <u>1st/2nd/3rd:</u> <i>Ní thuigim fós.</i> I don't understand yet/still. Nee hig-umm fose.	Awards
<u>PTA:</u> Hot Chocolate Day	To raise money for the Educate Together national organisation, our Student Council will hold a Hot Chocolate Day on 19 February, the last day before the half-term break. Children are invited to bring €1 to support the fundraiser. Any parents interested in volunteering to help make/distribute/clean up after hot chocolate on the day, please email the PTA to let us know.	pta@shellybanksetns.ie

<u>PTA:</u> Creative Schools Coffee Morning	Please join us after drop-off 26 February for a coffee morning featuring special guest Blaithin Quinn of the Creative Schools initiative. Blaithin will discuss the work she's doing with Shellybanks ETNS, and the ways in which parents can get involved or otherwise support the programme. We look forward to seeing you there!	
Building Update	The school may have to close to students at the end of June to facilitate the move. We are aware that families are booking summer holidays and we are working hard with the Department to get a handover date.	