

### Shellybanks ETNS Bulletin 11.3.19

Item	Update	Support
<b>Seachtain na Gaeilge</b>	This week at Shellybanks we will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge. The children will enjoy a variety of activities including visiting storytellers, music and ceilis. Please wear anything green on Friday. Thanks to Aileen, Laura and Michelle for coordinating this.	
<b>Climate Change March</b>	This Friday we will be supporting the March for Climate Change by downing our pencils and marching around the yard after break time. If parents want to withdraw children for the march we fully support you and wish you the best of luck! Remember there is no Planet B!	<a href="#">More info</a>
<b>Drop Off</b>	Please do not park across the entrance when dropping off your children. As children are entering the school you may not see them when reversing and parking.	
<b>Staff Meeting</b>	We have a staff meeting on 19th March. Please collect children promptly on this day.	
<b>Book Fair</b>	Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the book fair it was a great success. We have raised funds for our classroom libraries and are looking forward to purchasing some new books. Big thanks to Maura, Jen Wilkie and the PTA for such super organisation. We raised over 4,000 euro. Any books that were ordered at the book fair, will be delivered to children in their classrooms on Wednesday 13th March.	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	We are closed on Monday 18th of March.	
<b>Plastic Baby Dolls</b>	Infants are beginning their theme of Families for Aistear. We are looking for plastic baby dolls to use for washing, dressing etc. If you have any of these to donate we will have a box in the Junior Infant prefab from today. Thank you!	Any queries please contact <a href="mailto:aisling@shellybanks-etns.ie">aisling@shellybanks-etns.ie</a>
<b>Second Class Swimming</b>	2nd class enjoyed their first swimming lesson last week. Thanks to the class teachers, SNAs and parent volunteers.	
<b>Drama for 2nd and 3rd Class</b>	2nd and 3rd class will begin Drama lessons next week with Aoife, who has been working with Junior Infants over the past 6 weeks.	
<b>IT Update</b>	Senior Infants have been using the ipads in small groups during English stations to reinforce phonic knowledge and tricky words.	
<b>Creative Schools</b>	Blaithin from Creative Schools will be in school on Thursday to speak to the children about what direction they would like to take	

	our Creative Schools initiative. This is following a survey that was completed by all children over the past few weeks about the creative activities they enjoy and those they would like to further develop.	
<b>Shoe Box appeal update</b>	<p>Thank you to all who participated even in the smallest way for our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Your 138 boxes gave many children around the world a Christmas to remember forever.</p> <p><i>James (Swaziland) - James has never had socks. Now he has three pairs! They will keep his feet warm because even in Africa, it gets cold at night!</i></p> <p><i>Olga (Belarus) - "Miracles do happen! Dreams really do come true!"</i></p> <p>To find out where the shoeboxes went, check out the TEAMHOPE website.</p> <p>Thanks to Mark for coordinating this.</p>	
<b>Anti-Bullying Workshop</b>	Thanks to those who attended on Thursday night.	
<b>Student of the Week</b>	This week the target is "We always aim to do our best"	<a href="#">Awards</a>
<b>Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine</b>	<p>This week we are again learning how to say:</p> <p>Lá fhéile Pádraig sona duit.</p> <p>Happy Saint Patrick's Day to you.</p> <p>Law ay-la Paw-drig sun-na ditch.</p>	<a href="#">Awards</a>
<b>Creative Schools Initiative</b>	Shellybanks ETNS has been selected in 2018 by the Arts Council of Ireland to participate in their new Creative Schools Initiative. Please take the survey at the link to let us know about any creative skills (in ANY field) you'd like to contribute to this effort. Many thanks to those parents who have already responded!	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8BMSNB3">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8BMSNB3</a>
<b>Building Update</b>	Site works have started! We are awaiting a date for handover from the Department of Education and we will update when we know more.	