

Shellybanks ETNS Bulletin 19.3.19

Item	Update	Support
St. Patrick's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge	We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Many thanks to Aileen, Laura and Michelle for organising a range of activities for all children last week. It was great to see Seachtain na Gaeilge enjoyed by all, culminating in a ceili mor on Friday after assembly!	
Walkout for Climate Change	Well done to all classes who marched for action against Climate Change on Friday. It was great fun and the children enjoyed chanting and waving their banners in the air. Thanks to the teachers who dedicated time last week for this to happen.	
Yard	The RDS have been working hard to sweep the puddles in the yard each morning but the build of water is excessive at times. We are working with them to improve this. We hope the sun will be out soon! Thanks for your patience.	
Lining up	Teachers collect their classes from the yard at 8.45 each morning. Please ensure your child is standing in their line with their school bag, lunch etc. by 8.45.	
Daffodil Day	<p>We are supporting the Irish Cancer Society this year by wearing something yellow this Friday. Children can donate 1 euro or more to support this charity.</p> <p>At Shellybanks we raise awareness about many days of awareness. Some of the upcoming days we will celebrate include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th - Autism Awareness on April 2nd <p>Your child will be learning about these days in school with age-appropriate discussion and activities.</p>	Website
Staff Meeting	All staff will be attending a staff meeting from 2.30 today, Tuesday. Please ensure children are picked up on time. Many thanks.	
Covanta Grant	We have made the final drawdown on the grant. With this funding, we have purchased lots of PE equipment such as yoga mats, footballs, gymnastic apparatus and basketball nets. To assist with the teaching of learn together, geography and history we have purchased artefacts boxes, posters and books. We now have a full set of PM readers which are graded readers for all classes to use and IT resources for our Special Education Team. We are looking forward to the arrival of these items!	PM Readers
Athletics	We are competing again in the cross country inter-schools	

	athletics competition. Trials were held on Friday in school and a number of students qualified to go forward to represent Shellybanks. Qualifying students from first, second and third classes will attend on Wednesday. Best of luck to all of the competitors! Teachers have contacted parents about this.	
GAA Blitz	Senior Infants and First class will be attending a GAA blitz on 11th April in Clanna Gael GAA club. The cost of this is 5 euro for the bus. Teachers will be in touch about volunteers and arrangements. A blitz for older classes will run later in the year.	
Well-being	We are focusing on well-being for the rest of the month of March and April. The children will have a calendar in their homework folder and we hope parents will join their child in completing as many well-being activities as possible throughout this time.	
Headlice	There has been a case of headlice in school. Please check the HSE guidelines for support with this.	HSE Advice
Creative Schools	Our creative schools' coordinator Blaitthin has been in to visit each class about the initiative. The children voted on their favourite topics of interest. We will look at these results to guide us to our next step.	
Updated Assembly schedule	Our assembly rota has been updated with rescheduled dates for classes unable to do assemblies due to bad weather etc.	Assembly rota can be found here
Drama in 2nd and 3rd	Drama for these classes starts this week. Second class have a packed scheduled on a Thursday!	More information about Drama in Primary School can be found here .
Teaching reading	Below is a clip that some parents might find useful. It shows different ways you can help your child when they are learning how to read: https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Media-Library/Balanced-Approach-to-Literacy-Development-in-the-Early-Years/ Also, this is a website that has great age-appropriate book recommendations: https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/great-books-guide/	
Student Teacher	Aileen's class will have a student teacher starting next Monday. There will be a student, starting in Fionnuala's 1st Class on Monday, April 1st.	

Student of the Week	This week the target is “We are aware of the needs of others”	Awards
Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine	<p>This week we are learning how to say:</p> <p>Maidin mhaith, a mhúinteoir.</p> <p>Good morning, teacher.</p> <p>Ma-jinn whyy a woon-chore</p> <p><u>Or</u></p> <p>Ma-jinn wah a woon-chore</p> <p>An bhfuil tú ceart go leor?</p> <p>Are you OK?</p> <p>On will too k-yart gu lore?</p>	Awards
Building Update	Thanks to parent Paul who is organising the parents to assist us with the move. As mentioned before we are still awaiting approval for our moving dates.	