

# Castaheany ETNS Newsletter

Term 3 - June 2022



## Message from the Board of Management

The Board of Management like to thank all the pupils, staff, parents and guardians for all your hard work and support this year.

We wish you all a well-deserved restful and happy break and every success for the new school year.

Ann, Sheila, Pat, Marilyn, Graeme,  
David, Celine and Barry

## Summer Holidays

Our final day of school will be Friday, 30 June. The children will have a half day. The same collection times as previous half days will apply. Please make sure you are on time to collect your child. We wish you all a happy and fun summer break and we will see you when school reopens on Thursday, 1 September!



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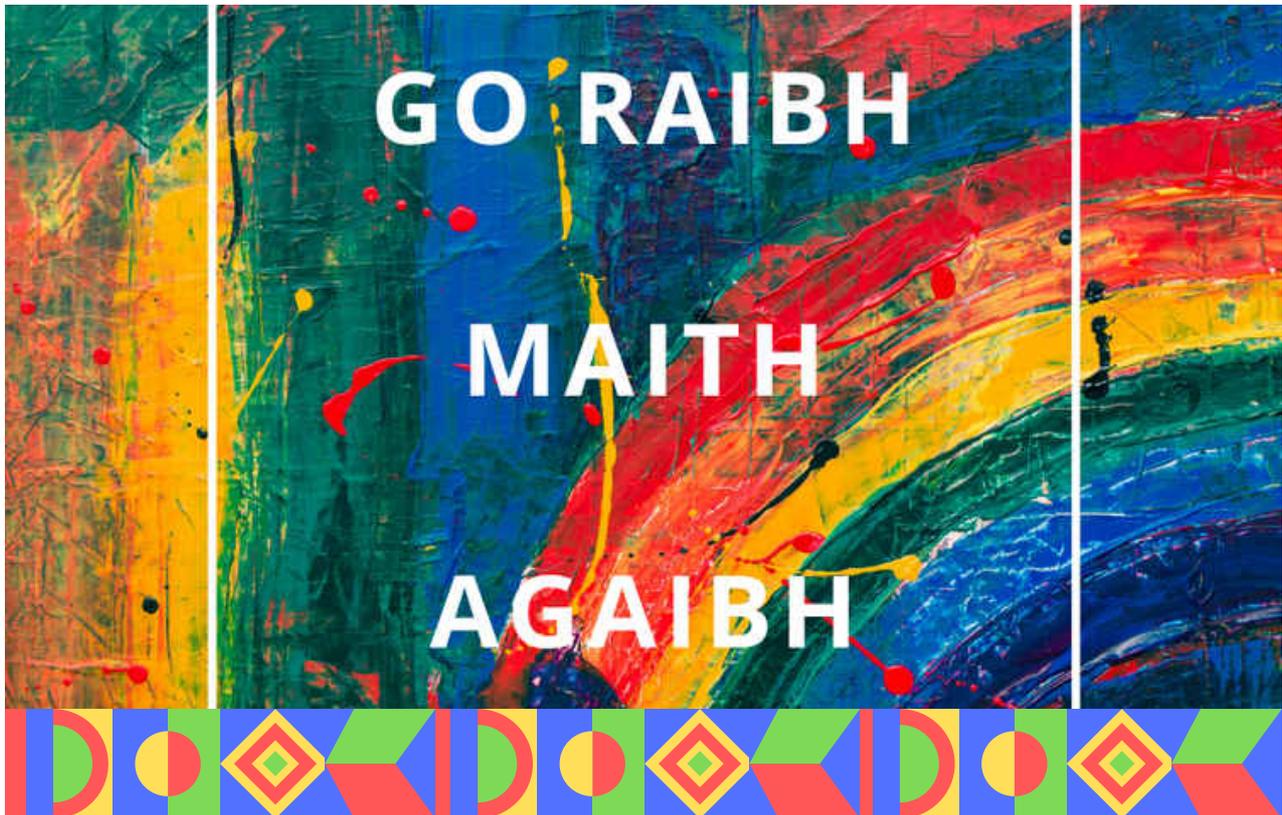
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**Castaheany ETNS**

# **A MESSAGE FROM SHEILA**



I would like to sincerely thank everyone in our school community for all your hard work and support this year. It was a very busy year! We began last September still very much under the Covid-19 restrictions and then had to navigate the return to 'how things used to be' once again from February to now! Our school staff have been amazing, doing everything they could to bring the children's learning back to the previous high standards and creating a very happy place for all our pupils. Thank you to all our parents, our PTA, Board of Management and all the agencies who work with us for all the amazing support this year.

Finally, thank you to all our wonderful pupils. The kind, respectful, hard-working, fun-loving children in our school make Castaheany ETNS a great place to be!

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful break. The very best of luck to our Sixth Class pupils as they start their new chapter. I look forward to seeing everyone else back on September 1st for another great year.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh Samhradh iontach agaibh go léir!

*Sheila*

# Diversity Committee

## UPDATE

On our Open Night, members of the Diversity Committee shared the goals of the Yellow Flag Programme with parents. We invited parents to come in and teach us playground games from around the world. We are very appreciative of our parents for taking the time to share their games with us. So far it has been great fun. We want to continue this in 2022/23 so please get in contact with the office if you would like to be involved.



The Yellow Flag Programme

## OUR NEW DIVERSITY CODE

In Term 3, the Diversity Committee reviewed our Diversity Code. Each made meaningful contributions. The response showed how much the children value the diversity of our school community. We picked one line from each class and created a new Diversity Code. The code belongs to the children in CETNS and reflects their thoughts and attitudes. You can see it on the next page. It will be displayed on the wall in the school foyer. The Diversity Committee will share it with all classes at assemblies on June 24th.

The Diversity Committee discussed racism and our role in promoting the message of anti-racism in our school community. We have promoted the message during our anti-racism week in school. Racism is not tolerated. We looked at our anti-bullying policy. **We want to remind everyone that our anti-bullying policy clearly states that racism will not be tolerated in our school. If you see or hear racism, tell any adult in our school. A bullying incident that is racist will be recorded as racism.**

Our Diversity Committee came up with the following phrase to endorse the message that racism is not tolerated in CETNS *'Black or white - we have equal rights!'*

# yellow Flag News

## Our New Diversity Code

We are different but the same (J1)

We love being unique (SI)

Life is more colourful when everyone is different (1st)

We stand together hand in hand (2nd)

To learn about the religions and cultures of all in our yard (3rd)

We are kind every day to everyone of every race (3rd)

Respect is key and we all see (4th)

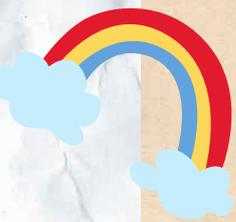
So many ways for each other to greet (4th)

Our difference is our strength (5th)

Nationalities are our speciality (5th)

All races, cultures, religious and non deserve respect (6th)

Kindness to all colours is what we expect (6th)



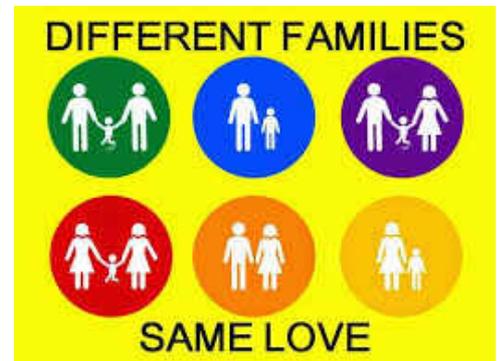
## New Yellow Flag - Congratulations!

The Diversity Committee are very happy to report that we have successfully retained our Yellow Flag for the next three years. Our Yellow Flag report included the following comments; 'Yellow Flag would like to wish all the young people, parents and staff involved in the Yellow Flag programme a warmth of congratulations on the achievement of a renewal flag for your school. For the next 3 years, you can once again fly the flag with pride. Well done on creating such a positive, welcoming space for all your students. It was incredible to witness such pride and connection to learning and education at Castaheany ETNS.'



# DIFFERENT FAMILIES

Same Love



## WHAT IS PRIDE MONTH?

June is Pride month. We celebrate people of all different genders and sexualities. Everyone is welcome in our school, no matter how they identify. Homophobia and transphobia are not tolerated in Castaheany ETNS.



## COMPETITION

We missed the deadline for the national Different Families, Same Love competition this year, so we decided to hold our own. All classes were invited to take part by sharing what they learned. Keep an eye out on the school website for winners, and well done to everyone who took part!

## Want to learn more?

Have a look at the INTO LGBT group's list of educational resources for use in Irish primary schools [here](#). There are lots of lovely LGBT+ books on [GetEpic](#) which you can access using your child's Castaheany account.



## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION UPDATE

On May 5th, at the Open Night all our pupils and their families had the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones during our 2 hour long informal gathering.

The stalls provided an opportunity for parents to ask questions and gain more knowledge about the school and the various activities it offers. At the PTA stall, Almas (PTA Chair) and Anca (PTA Secretary) were happy to talk to the parents, answer questions about the PTA's role within the school, translate for some parents and invite any parent willing to share a little bit of their busy schedule to volunteer in the committee.

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The Parent Teacher Association had its own stall along with all the various clubs and organisations within the school, including the soccer club, athletic club, STEM club, reading club, and the Board of Management.

In our Outdoor Classroom, the fruit of the joint fundraising effort between all the parents and the school, Lesley (PTA Treasurer), Pauline (PTA Assistant treasurer) and Eimear (PTA Committee member) offered tea, coffee, treats and smiles. Bernie (PTA Class representative) had set up some tables and chairs where people could relax and chat.

What a great night we had, there was a lovely atmosphere with a large turnout, with children excitedly showing off their school and classroom to their parents/guardians many of whom may not have been in the school due to Covid.

It was a huge success and we look forward to meeting up again at the next open evening.

**Thank you for joining us!**

# Garden update



## A relaxing spot

The school garden is in full bloom at the moment and full of colour and plenty of insect visitors.

A big go raibh maith agat to Colm for all his work on the school garden throughout the year.

## Reaping what we've sown

We have also started to harvest some delicious strawberries with potatoes, beans and lots more to come...

BY JAMES,  
FIFTH CLASS

# SPORTS

## NEWS



### Our Victorious Boys' Soccer Squad 2022



For the Football club <sup>2022</sup> we played some  
GAA Games and Football matches. We had stations  
for the games.  
The Football club started in Feb 2022 → June 2022  
we give a big thank you to Jaione, Sheila, Tara,  
Eoghan, Connor and Martin (the gaa coach) For helping  
The Football Club

# CETNS

## SOCCER SEASON TO REMEMBER!

BY AARAV  
AND ARJIN,  
FIFTH CLASS



Castaheany ET are going to their first match against Castleknock E.T for their first game of the season in Porterstown Park. Castaheany ET leaves their school and are on their way to Castleknock. They reached Castleknock E.T and won the kick off. The game gets kicked off and they eventually break through with an attack. Eventually, Castaheany scores with a lovely kick by Aarav, with a beautiful through ball by Damian into Aarav, and is now a 1v1 against the keeper.

Half time comes just after 45 minutes in, and Castaheany ET boys take a break. 2 minutes after, they are back on the pitch, ready for the fight!

After a couple of intimidating minutes, our center-half, Rhys Jones, scored a fantastic goal against the goalkeeper, now the score is 2-0. Unfortunately, we all have our slip-ups. Castleknock E.T scored a fine goal against our goalkeeper, Michael Williams. We kept fighting and battling head on against our tough opponents, until we reached full time. We have won ourselves the game, and the next match awaits...

It's our second match of the season, on our astro pitch, playing Scoil Mhuire. It was quite a gloomy day, but our spirit wasn't! It was a 7-a-side, but managed to make use of it. The boys spread across the field, and the match began! It went extremely well for Castaheany in the first half. In the middle of the first half, centre forward Arjin Kaçmaz shaved the crossbar with an incredible right-footed drive. It was an unfortunate miss for him, but he ignored it, and kept fighting for the team! After 5 goals from the opposing side, Castaheany E.T wins the game once again, with an incredible score result of 12-5. Which brings us to the next match, away...

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We are now in our final match. All of us hoped for our next match to go well, since we rematched the same team that played the last match. The team went into formation, and we got the advantage. Unfortunately, Scoil Mhuire scored two goals, I must say, were pretty good goals. Some of us were starting to lose hope, but, out of nowhere, Andrei Ghios scored a bullet-header, starting our comeback! Followed by Damian Fechner, Aarav, and Rhys Jones, helped our team win, with a final score of 4-2.

We want to thank the coach, Connor, and everyone else for your support along the journey. We are so grateful for our coach and supporters. All of us have fought really hard, and did our best to win our matches!

# — Updates from the — **STUDENT COUNCIL**

WITH THANKS TO LORRAINE AND SINÉAD FOR  
ALL THEIR HELP THIS YEAR!

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The Student Council have done many things for our school this year. We had lots of suggestions from all classes that we are thankful for. We were able to use these suggestions at our meetings and talk to Sheila about them. Some suggestions we got were: put mirrors in bathrooms and bring the balls to yard.

This year we also set up a new Diversity Committee to continue the work of our Yellow Flag programme.

The Student Council thanks everyone for giving us ideas to make the school a better place for our students, teachers and parents.

**BY SHAMITA**  
**6TH CLASS REPRESENTATIVE**



# JUNIOR INFANTS

R U T H   A N D   L O R R A I N E

## GARDA STATION

Both Junior Infants were learning all about the Garda Station through our Aistear Playtime. We were so excited to welcome Garda Mary & Garda Dave from the Dog Unit & Blanchardstown Community Guards. We had an opportunity to ask lots of questions, try on some uniforms, sit in the Garda car and rub the Garda dogs too. It was so exciting!

## BAKERY

Junior Infants were learning all about the bakery and the job the baker does. We were very excited to make our own cookies at the end and welcome Kurt's Grandad Christopher to help us on the day. The aroma from the kitchen when they were baking was delicious and we were so ravenous, we couldn't wait to eat them!



# SENIOR INFANTS

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SHARON

## SCHOOL TOUR

### NEWGRANGE FARM

Senior Infants had a great time on their school tour to Newbridge Farm. We loved seeing all the animals and playing together in the playground. The bus was so much fun too!





# FIRST CLASS

## SWIMMING LESSONS

### COOLMINE POOL

For the last six weeks, First Class have gone to Coolmine Swimming Pool every Tuesday for lessons.

Many of us had never been to the pool before, because they were closed for such a long time during Covid.

We have been gaining confidence in the water, and practising our kicking and breathing skills.

The hot showers are our favourite part!

Here's Jana's Class on the bus. Can you sense the excitement?!



## SCHOOL TOUR

### NEWGRANGE FARM

Both First Classes went to Newgrange Farm for our first ever school tour. We saw Newgrange monument when we were on the bus there. We learned about this in Ethical Ed, so it was really exciting! We got to hold chicks, and pet lots of farm animals like goats, horses, and chickens. We even got to feed the lambs!

We had great fun in the hay maze and playing with the diggers and the sand too.

Here's a photo of Niamh's class after they held the chicks.



# SECOND CLASS

Colm and Aoife

## Newgrange Farm

Both classes had a great time at Newgrange Farm. It was great that the whole class made it and we learned so much from Farmer Tom.



### Different homes

Aoife's Second Class have been learning all about Homes Around the World. We discussed what materials were used to build these homes and what countries they would be found in. We then designed and created some of these homes.



### Sun Safety

Colm's Class were learning about the 5 S's of Sun Safety and made great Play-Doh people with the various protections in place.



# SECOND CLASS (CONTINUED)

## Colm and Aoife

### Reading and doodling

★ The amazing readers in Colm's Class have found a new place to enjoy their books.



The improved weather allowed Colm's Class to get outside for some chalk art. Unfortunately a shower quickly followed and it disappeared fairly quickly.



# THIRD CLASS

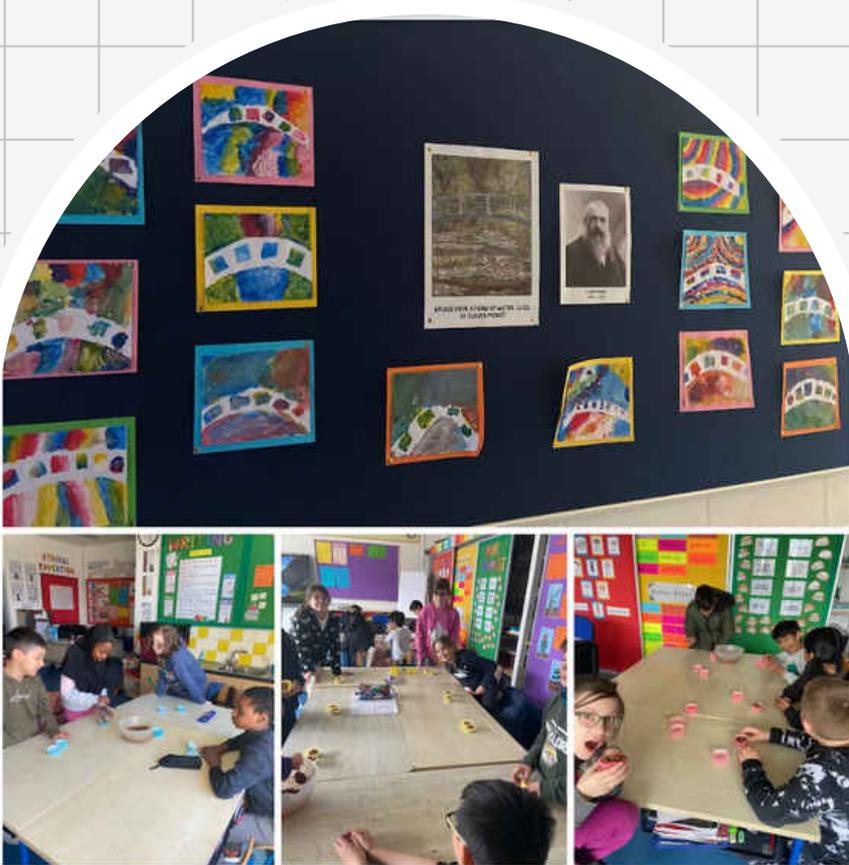


SINÉAD AND  
**KELLY**

## KELLY'S CLASS

KELLY'S THIRD CLASS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE ARTIST MONET AND MAKING OUR OWN VERSIONS OF 'BRIDGE OVER A POND'.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN WORKING HARD ON OUR PROCEDURE WRITING. WE FOLLOWED AND WROTE A RECIPE ON HOW TO MAKE RICE KRISPIE BUNS!



## SINEAD'S CLASS

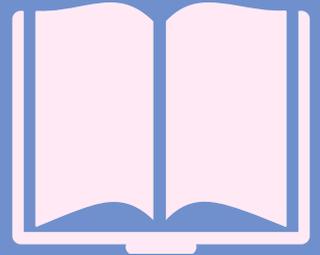


### BEES AND BIODIVERSITY

SINÉAD'S THIRD CLASS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT WHY BEES ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE PLANET AND PEOPLE. BEES ARE PART OF THE BIODIVERSITY ON WHICH WE ALL DEPEND FOR OUR SURVIVAL. THEY PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY FOOD—HONEY, ROYAL JELLY AND POLLEN. BUT SADLY, BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS, SUCH AS BUTTERFLIES, BATS AND HUMMINGBIRDS, ARE INCREASINGLY UNDER THREAT FROM HUMAN ACTIVITIES. ON WORLD BEE DAY WE LEARNT ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP THE BEES. SEE A PICTURE OF OUR BEES AND HONEYCOMB WHICH WE HAVE PROUDLY ON DISPLAY.

# FOURTH CLASS

ANDREA AND GEORGE



## SCHOOL TOUR

### TO DUBLIN ZOO

George and Andrea's 4th class had a fabulous day at Dublin Zoo on their school tour this year. We learned all about dinosaurs – from their evolution to their diets and extinction. We even became dinosaur detectives!



# FIFTH CLASS

## MARILYN AND HAZEL

### RENAISSANCE ART

5th Class have been learning all about the Renaissance. Hazel's class were artists editing the Mona Lisa. We examined and created name art with one vanishing point and perspective as well as carried out our own research on Renaissance Pioneers. Marilyn's class were particularly interested in Leonardo Da Vinci's inventions and art. We produced alternative Mona Lisa pictures for one of our art lessons. Take a look at our amazing work!



### FIGHTING WORDS MARILYN'S CLASS

**Pavel and Peace**  
Illustrations by Helen Hoey

St. Itaheaney Educate Together National School  
Ongar Village, Dublin 15  
5th Class  
Teacher : Marilyn O'Brien

**Ben and Pablo's adventure**

An exciting story by Marilyn O'Brien

Chapter One

Ben and Pablo were sitting on a bench when they saw a man in a red coat and a black hat walking towards them. Ben and Pablo were talking about the man when they saw a man in a red coat and a black hat walking towards them. Ben and Pablo were talking about the man when they saw a man in a red coat and a black hat walking towards them.

Marilyn's class recently took part in the Fighting Words Programme in conjunction with the Irish Times and Blanchardstown Garda Station. They wrote the first chapter of a story called Pavel and Peace, which was published in the Irish Times Fighting Words Supplement. They were also given a copy of the Story Seeds book each, which contains their amazing work. Everyone is very proud!

AILBHE AND EOGHAN

# SIXTH CLASS



## Tour to Collins Barracks

Both 6th Classes have been working hard this term. We have enjoyed some excellent PIE activities but the best all year had to be our trip into Dublin city to go to Collins Barracks. We have been studying 1916 and the War of Independence in History, so it was an excellent opportunity to see how Ireland's fight for independence was fought over the years, and how Ireland now helps in different countries through the UN.

## Jiving in Ailbhe's Class

In Ailbhe's 6th Class, we were very lucky to have Desi come in and teach us some dance moves. She spent an hour teaching us how to do a jive and was really impressed with our moves! It was great fun!



Congratulations Graduates!

