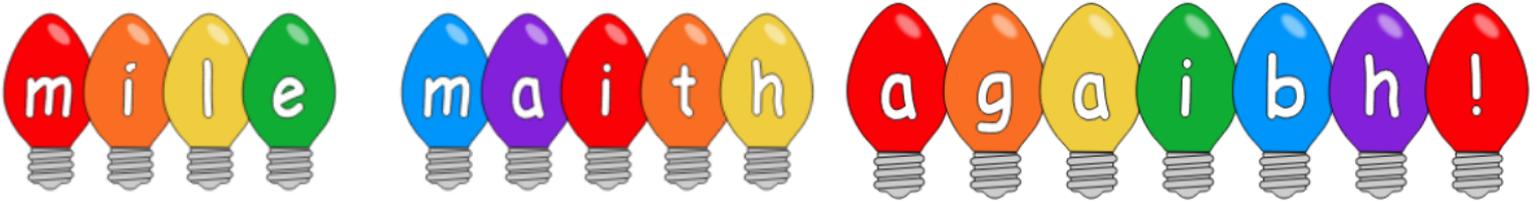




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I would like to thank everyone in our school community for all your efforts during the term:

- To all our hard-working staff who continue to find innovative ways to keep the children engaged despite the continuous restrictions
- To all our parents and guardians for all your support and dedication
- To all our amazing pupils for all your hard work, co-operation and good humour – never complaining about what we *can't do* but always enjoying what we *can do*! I want to give a special mention to all the pupils in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Class who have adapted to wearing their masks so well and I want to thank you all for protecting yourselves and each other!

I wish you all a very peaceful and restful break!

Sheila



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### HSCL NEWS



Unfortunately my time in the role of Home School Community Liaison Coordinator has come to an end. **Karen will be resuming her role** as Home School Teacher when she returns from her maternity leave in January and I know she will be very much looking forward to meeting our new families and seeing some familiar faces. I am delighted to be moving back to the classroom and working with the fabulous Junior Infants in Room 1.



I have enjoyed every minute of getting to know our families better and feel very privileged to have been welcomed into so many of your homes. Thank you all so much for making me feel so welcome.

There have been many highlights over the last year from Covid lockdowns and online learning, to tree planting, virtual graduations and welcome meetings and our fantastic Walk on Wednesday walking group, but seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they come through the gate every morning has to be top of my list! It's so lovely to see how excited your children are coming to school every day and thank you for all that you do to get them here. Thank you to each and every one of our wonderful parents and guardians who do so much for the children in our school, we are so lucky to have such a fantastic school community!

*Ruth*



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**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Our Student Council worked with our classes to share positive messages. We posted happy messages on the corridor walls to remind us why our school is great.



We will focus on promoting our amazing diversity in 2022 to hopefully renew our Yellow Flag.



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Celebrating Diversity, Promoting Inclusion, Challenging Racism

This year we are working towards renewing our **Yellow Flag**. The Yellow Flag is something that we are very proud of at CETNS. We greatly value the cultural diversity of our school community.

The Yellow Flag enables children, staff and the whole school community to learn more about their own and other's culture, to value and celebrate the diversity that is in the school and to learn more about treating people fairly.

We are currently setting up a new **Diversity Committee**. The committee is made up of students, teachers, parents and community leaders who will help guide our school towards renewing our Yellow Flag. **If you would like to join the Diversity Committee, please get in contact with the school through the office.** We would love to hear from parents who would enjoy sharing their culture, heritage and history with our school community.



# Languages of our school



It is so important for the children to see their home languages being reflected in school. Thank you to the parents who helped Tina with the new notice boards outside the office.

If you find English difficult, remember that you can use the **Google Translate app** (or browser extension) to change **Google Classroom** or **Aladdin** messages to your **own language**.

Here are the languages we have in our school community according to Aladdin. Is yours missing? Ask Tina to add your language to your Aladdin profile.



- Number of children who speak the following languages at home:**
- English 67 Polish 26 Romanian 98 Russian 20 Telugu 21 Urdu 31
  - Moldovian 2 Turkish 2 Kurdish 3 Malayalam 12 Yoruba 8 Croatian 5
  - Lithuanian 15 Hindi 14 Spanish 8 Portuguese 2 Hungarian 2
  - French 11 Tamil 5 Swahili 4 Ukranian 1 Catalan 1 Somali 14 Chinese 3
  - Italian 4 Bangla 1 Gujarati 2 Arabic 5 Cantonese 2 Punjabi 2
  - Mungolian 1 Filipino/Tagalog 3 Irish 1 Marathi 2 Albanian 3
  - Igbo 1 Mandarin 1 Bosnian 1 Kannada 3 Swedish 2 Slovak 3
  - Bulgarian 2 Creol 2 Mali 2 Lingala 8 German 2 Japanese 1 Konkani 1
  - Danish 2 Estonian 1 Pashto 2 Latvian 2 Czech 1



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### The Five Pillars of Wellness



Balanced Nutrition



Regular Exercise



Good Quality Sleep



Relaxation



Stay Connected

Michael Ryan - School Mentor

**THIS TERM HAZEL'S 5TH CLASS LEARNED ALL ABOUT ANCIENT GREECE. CHECK OUT OUR GREEK VASES AND SANDALS WE CREATED.**

**WE FINISHED OFF WITH A GREEK FEAST WITH OLIVES, GREEK HONEY YOGURT, FETA CHEESE, HUMMUS AND BREADSTICKS. IT WAS DELICIOUS!**





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6th Class have been incredibly busy the last month making lots of lovely bits and pieces for their Winter Fair. There were bookmarks, decorations, homemade slime and playdough, lots of yummy treats and many more lovely items for sale at the fair on Thursday. Alongside this we had a fabulous raffle with lots of prizes kindly donated by parents and teachers!

It was so wonderful to be able to hold the fair in person this year and meet the other classes and teachers! Both 6th classes worked so hard on the day setting up the fair beforehand and selling all of their wares to the classes! They have raised around 800 euro for their school tour!! Thank you so much to everyone who came and bought something! We are so grateful! 6th Class!

### SENIOR INFANTS - Sharon - Room 4

We have been learning all about Space in Aistear. We created a solar system with Jaione, it's very cool and it even has bright shining stars. We learned lots of words like, asteroid, gravity, satellite, planet, and we learned how astronauts live in space.

We also made chalk galaxies and did balloon printing to make our planet pictures.



### Magnets

We also explored with magnets around the classroom, finding things they attract to. It was lots of fun!





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*In Sinéad's 3rd Class, we have been busy learning lots of new facts across all curriculum areas, reading lots of new books through the introduction of Accelerated Reading, learning songs for Peace Proms, as well as creating some beautiful art. We have included some pictures of our art. We are very proud of our efforts!*



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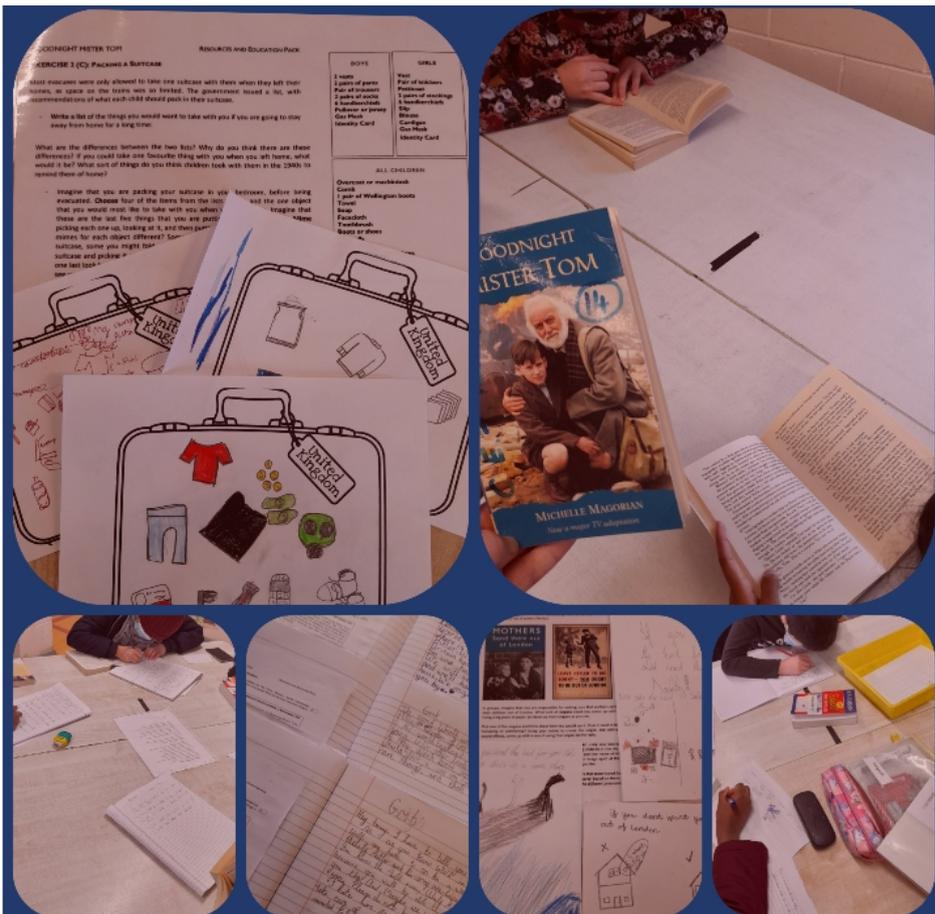
Both Junior Infant Classes have had a wonderful first term in CETNS. We have made new friends and learned so many new things already. We love our themes and have learned all about going to the supermarket and going to the doctors.

We are having lots of fun learning about Winter right now. During our Ethical Education lesson, we listened to the story of Hanukkah. This is the Jewish winter 'festival of lights' celebrated over 8 days. We made menorahs. There are 9 candles. The tall candle in the centre is called a shamash. There are 8 other candles. 1 candle is lit each day during the Hanukkah celebration.

Happy Winter Holidays everyone, stay safe and enjoy the rest.



From all of the CETNS Junior Infants, Lorraine, Connor, Elisha, Baisat, Charlene and Caitriona



Marilyn's class have really enjoyed learning about World War 2. We learned about the events leading up to, and during the war, and about Hitler and Anne Frank. In English stations, we have started working on 'Goodnight Mr Tom' - a novel about a young boy evacuated from London during The Blitz.



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During November, Andrea's 4th Class learned all about Ancient Egypt. We had a lot of fun making Egyptian death masks using paper mache (Papier-mâché) and lots of gold paint. We are all very proud of how they turned out and we hope you like them too.



### Upcoming learning topics for Ethical Ed in Term Two:

**Moral & Spiritual:** Values and Self-Reflection

**Equality & Justice:** Human Rights (inspirational 'agents of change'), Internet Safety Week, local issues, children's issues

**Ethics & the Environment:** Global Goals

**Belief Systems:** Chinese New Year, Darwin Day, Holi, festival artwork, name ceremonies, rites of passage, religious leaders



Ethical Ed



## School Newsletter



*Last week in Kelly's Third Class, we were learning about the Northern Lights. We watched videos and saw amazing pictures of these spectacular lights. We decided to make our own Northern Lights for our corridor. We used chalk pastels to create the ombré effect. Here is a picture of our artwork. We think they are fantastic. We love that everyone in our school community can now see and enjoy the Northern Lights too.*



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Aoife's 2nd Class have enjoyed learning all about Space this month. We learned all about Chris Hadfield's journey to space and how he completed everyday tasks while in space, like how did he brush his teeth? For Aistear, the children made their own space shuttles, created aliens from clay, and took part in many other fun activities.

All parents of pupils at CETNS are members of the PTA and are invited to attend the monthly meetings. The **Parent Teacher Association** elects a committee who manage the responsibilities of the parent association on behalf of all the parents.

The following are some of the activities in which our PTA have been involved with:

- Organising information/social events for parents
- Providing support/organisational input to major school events
- Channelling parents' views on school policy issues and initiatives to the Principal/Board of Management
- Contributing to school newsletter
- Helping to organise extra curricular activities for the children in our school
- Organising fundraising events for the school

If you would like to contact the PTA at Castaheany ETNS please email [parentsassociation@castaheanyetns.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@castaheanyetns.ie). **The PTA will be electing a new committee in January 2022. We are looking for new members to fill a variety of roles. If you are interested in being involved please fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/KGLtGL9bCoKx22Y97>**





Jana's First Class have been very busy this term, learning about the themes of the Hospital, the Café, and the Birthday Party in Aistear. Have a look at our incredible café designs below.

We have been celebrating the 19 different languages in our classroom. The children answer the rolla every morning in their home language and they teach Jana lots of words from each of our learning themes too.

Everyone has been working hard as our Maths becomes more challenging, and doing our best writing about what we have learned in Ethical Ed, and History, Geography, and Science.



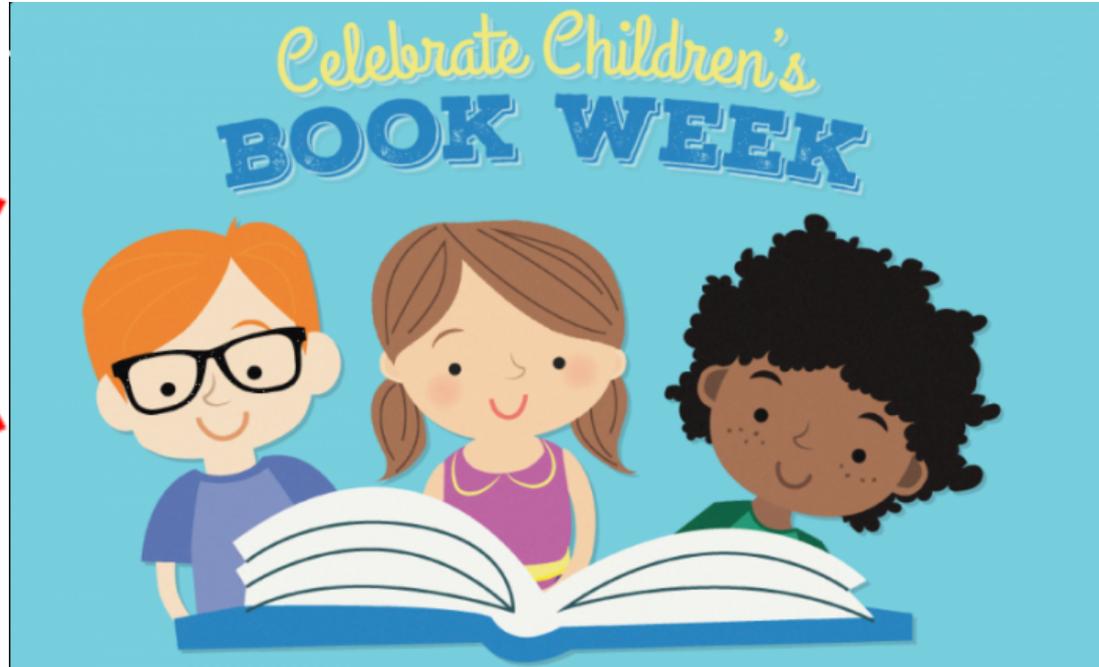


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Last but not least, prepare to be amazed by all of the incredible Design A Door competition entries for Book Week. Congratulations to Fiona's Senior Infants for coming in first place!



Sinéad's Third Class



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Sylvia's Junior Infants



Lorraine's Junior Infants



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Fiona's Senior Infants



Sharon's Senior Infants



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Colm / Edward's Second Class



Aoife's Second Class





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Ailbhe's Sixth Class



Eoghan's Sixth Class