



Castaheany Educate Together School Newsletter



Winter Fair 2018



When? Tomorrow, Tuesday 18th,
8.30am — 3pm

Where? School Hall

Who? Colm's and Billy's Classes

Please come along and support our
Winter Fair 2018

Thank You!



Thank you to everybody for your very generous donations towards the #FillaLuas Christmas Appeal. This has been a huge success and we are delighted to see all donations going towards "Inner City Helping Homeless" .

School will close at 12 noon on Friday 22nd December and re-open for all classes on Monday 7th January, 8.30 am.

December
2018



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Science Fair

On 25th October, 6th Class held a Science Fair in the School Hall. The projects were varied, creative and very informative. Judges from Intel visited and chose winners and runners up (pictured below) The winning team (Haris, Wiktor, Rachel and Aadishesh) represented CETNS in the final at ITB on Wednesday 5th December. Well done to all involved. Maith sibh!



BOM Report

Our Board of Management has had a very busy Term 1. As you know, we recruited a new secretary, Tina. She's well-settled into the office now and we're delighted to have her on our CETNS staff. We said a sad farewell to Willy last month and wish him the very best of luck in his future endeavours. The BOM has recruited a new caretaker, Bernie, who will start in January. Laura has moved to Holywell ETNS. After eleven years at CETNS we'll miss her a lot, but we wish her well in her new teaching post and will keep in touch. We congratulate Fiona on the birth of her beautiful daughter, Fiadh, and welcome Paula to our teaching staff.

Maintenance and repairs are on-going at Castaheany ETNS. Our heating system has been serviced and improved. Some fire doors and emergency lighting units have been repaired. We continue to experience issues with water pressure in some areas of the building. Independent surveys are now underway to determine the problem and solution.

Fundraising for the Astro-Pitch continues. We hope to complete construction during this school year. All support and donations welcome.

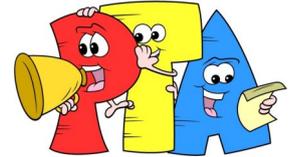
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Calendar Girl

Congratulations to Sarah from Dónal's Class. Her winning entry for the Dublin Bus Art Competition is featured in their 2019 calendar. Sarah is pictured here at the recent awards ceremony at the Hugh Lane Gallery. Maith thú, Sarah!



Quiz Masters



On 21st November, a senior quiz team took part in the Europe Quiz in Blanchardstown Library. Jake, Andrew, Dara and Mark were fantastic, leading the way for most of the quiz. Unfortunately they were pipped at the post but did Castaheany proud on the day. Maith sibh, a bhuachaillí! Well done!

No PTA meeting
this month
Next meeting:
21st January

2nd Class
Breakfast
morning:

17th January

Baking for 3rd
Class:

18th January



Pedal Power!



Dónal will be organising a Sponsored Cycle in the Spring Term (March/April) to raise money for the pitch. All adults from our school community are very welcome to join in. There will be two different routes, one shorter and one a little longer. Please email your interest to Tina in the office, or chat with Dónal, if you would like to come along. We need lots more money for the pitch. Míle buíochas!





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Bike Security

*Reminder to all
CETNS cyclists:
Always lock your
bicycles on the school
grounds.*



Teacher Availability/Sub Crisis

As I'm sure you have noticed, classes are being split on a very regular basis this school year. This is due to an unprecedented shortage of qualified teachers. This term, there have been 48 days when we couldn't find anyone to cover substitutable leave for our teaching staff. Schools are very concerned about this teacher shortage, which is also affecting post-primary schools. All unions, management bodies and school patrons are lobbying the government regarding this emergency situation. We ask parents to take every available opportunity to lobby public representatives and highlight the issue on behalf of our pupils. An Action Plan has been devised by the Department of Education but schools continue to struggle, while teaching and learning is affected on an ongoing basis.

<https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Education-Reports/teacher-supply-action-plan.pdf>

