



Our visit to Westport House to see the Granuaile statue

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A Word from Niall

What a year 2020 has been! The children have been through their first experience of formal schooling, with a global pandemic and a lockdown thrown in! This has been a very challenging time for everyone but the children of Educate Together Westport have been truly remarkable. We even managed to have some great fun along the way. We look forward to the new year with Conor, our student teacher, and our engagement with the local artist Breda Burns. We will also commence the Nurture schools programme that will benefit all children in the school. Finally, we hope to move into our new (temporary, but more long term accommodation) in late 2021. So a busy year ahead for our growing school. I wish our whole school community a happy, peaceful and healthy Christmas holiday period. See you all in 2021! *Niall*

MEETINGS

Please note Niall's availability for meetings:

- ♦ Face to face meeting in the lobby of Sharkey Hill Community Centre @1.30 on a date that is suitable for both parties.
- ♦ A zoom or phone call between 2 and 4, again on a date that suits both parties

As a teaching principal Niall is unavailable during 8.30 – 1.10 + 20 minutes for cleaning duties. Priority on teaching during school hours is required. Should you wish to meet with Niall to discuss any issue please call the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.



COVID 19 SYMPTOMS REMINDER

Do not send your child to school if any of the following is true.

Your child has:

- a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- a new cough
- loss or changed sense of taste or smell
- shortness of breath

If your child has symptoms such as headaches or a sore throat, please keep them at home for at least 48 hours.

End of Term Show

We filmed our show today, editing will take place over the weekend, keep an eye out early next week for it. We are excited for you to see it :)

We will share with Pilgrims Rest and MacBride Nursing Home to show to residents, spreading a little Christmas Cheer.

BOARD MEETING ITEMS - 15th DEC

- We are continuing to liaise with the department about our new temporary accommodation. Despite reports in the media we still have not received any official word/sanction from the department.
- Enrolment window for next September is closing at the end of February. Only a few places left!
- Breda Burns will be taking part in the TAP artists programme in the new year with the school.
- The school has also been accepted on the Nurture Schools training programme. More on this to follow.
- Despite the current situation with Covid-19, our attendance so far this year is up to 91% (89% over the same period last year). The board would like to acknowledge the great effort of the children, families and staff in order to reopen and keep the school open in as safe a way as possible.
- Please see the Parental Complaints Procedure adopted by the board on the school website. We accept that grievances and complaints are a natural and normal part of the school workplace and we wish to promptly, fairly and effectively deal with the issues as they arise.
- The board would like to wish everyone connected with Educate Together Westport a safe and restful holiday period.

Christmas break

School Closes at **11.30am** on **Tues 22nd Dec.** We return on **Wed 6th January** at 8.30am.
See you then