



### New School Crest

We brainstormed with the children ideas for our school crest. Croagh Patrick & rainbows were the dominant themes. Sophia took their ideas and created our wonderful new crest. The children voted for this final version.

Thank you so much Sophia. You can see a portfolio of Sophia's work at [www.sophiawestwick.com](http://www.sophiawestwick.com)

### Inside the Issue

#### BOOK READING

Westport Library at 3pm  
Tuesdays

#### RECENT RECAP

Core Value: Love  
Aistear: Animals  
Numeracy: Length

#### COMING UP

Core Value: Freedom  
Aistear: Homes  
Numeracy: Weight  
World Book Day  
Seachtain na Gaeilge

### MESSAGE FROM NIALL

Despite the leap year, February is still the shortest month of the year. The mid-term break makes it even shorter. However, the children have packed in a lot of learning already this month. We have started Literacy station teaching with our wonderful support teachers Genevieve and Angela. We have learned about all sorts of animals through our work in Aistear. We have had some really interesting visitors to the school; Margaret Flaherty of Ballycroy National Park & Vet Mary of WestVets. We have also continued our Roots of Empathy programme with Baby Joe. Our recent lessons focused on the themes of 'Crying' and 'Outings'. We look forward to Engineer's week and some fun activities that go with it when we return from our break. We also hope to start swimming in Westport Leisure centre for an 8 week block after the Easter break. More information on this to follow. We have lots to look forward to in March with Seachtain na Gaeilge, St. Patrick's Day, World Book Day and lots lots more. I hope that you all have a lovely mid-term break, whatever you decide to get up to! See you all next week.



Yoga with Angela



## Enrolment

Enrolment is still open for Junior Infants 2020. A maximum of 8 junior infants will be enrolled. The enrolment window will close on 28th February.



WESTPORT ETNS

ENROLMENT  
NOW OPEN

Call into us at Sharkey Hill  
Community Centre  
8.30 - 1.10

[www.westportetns.ie/enrol](http://www.westportetns.ie/enrol)  
Open until 28th Feb 2020

## Thank You

Thank you to our Chairperson Linda McNulty for the amazing photoshoot last week. These will soon be shown on our website & social media.

## 'Our Policies'

Please see this section on our website. Draft policies will also be available from next week. This is your opportunity as parents to formulate policy and direction of Westport ETNS.

<https://westportetns.ie/our-policies/>

Please email [info@westportetns.ie](mailto:info@westportetns.ie) with feedback

## ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

As you may be aware, our planning for development of the building on Prospect Avenue as our 4 class building, was refused by Mayo Co Council at the end of the year. We appealed this decision to An Bord Pleanála, and have just recently received their decision to uphold the Mayo Co. Council decision, and refuse planning. We are now working closely with Educate Together and the Department of Education & Skills to determine the next steps. In relation to the schools interim requirements, we have already been granted permission by Mayo Co. Council to remain in our current location at Sharkey Hill for the 2020/21 school year.



**Margaret Flaherty**  
Ballycroy National Park



**Sharon Cameron**  
Mayo Co. Council



**Vet Mary**  
Westvets



**Ruth Kelly**  
Road Safety Authority



**Baby Joe - Roots of Empathy**

Mid term break 20th & 21st Feb

Enjoy the break ☺