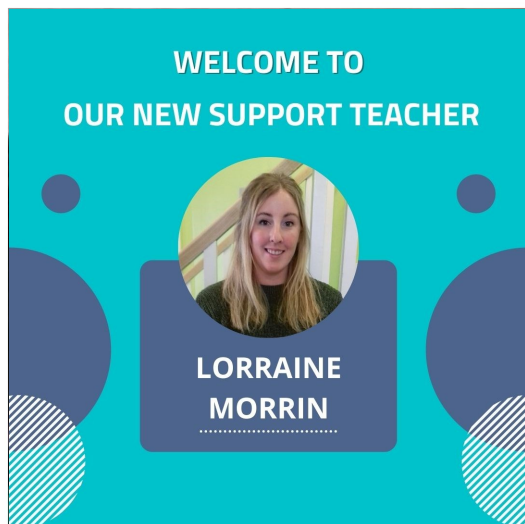




WESTPORT ETNS CHRONICLE



A WORD FROM NIALL

What a busy term we have had so far. And it's not over yet. We have had a brilliant engineer's week. A big thanks to Clem, Chris and Adam from Foróige in Castlebar. They were fantastic and inspired us all to be engineers with their wonderful scribble bots. We also had two great trips - to the library, on world book day and the Town Hall Theatre for the MacLúí production of Whale Tales. Next week we have Seachtain na Gaeilge and all the fun activities that will bring. And of course, our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine at this time. Please see details of our charitable appeal and the schools response to the war on the back page of our newsletter.

"Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine" - Under the shelter of each other, people survive.



*** **Westport ETNS**
2021/2022 Updated School Calendar



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School Open

School Closed

*Due to the extra national holiday on 18th March, the school will now close a day early on the 29th June 2022.

We think of the people of Ukraine at this time and particularly the children experiencing the trauma of war. We stand with Ukrainian members of our community, bothy currently living here and the many thousands due to arrive. As a school, Westport Educate Together will accommodate and help these children and families as best we can.

Candle of Grace: Candle of Grace is a local charity (Castlebar) that regularly send aid (clothes, toiletries, nappies, food etc.) to a number of orphanages and nursing homes in Ukraine. Currently they are sending aid to the hardest impacted areas of the war.

Food Appeal Monday 14th (Morning at drop-off): Our parents, in association with Candle of Grace, have organised a food appeal. Laura has kindly offered to load up the van and drop off on Monday morning. A truck will be departing Mayo direct to Ukraine on Tuesday. Non-perishable foods (tins, pasta, rice, porridge - nothing that will spoil or spoil other goods if package is damaged). Please be mindful of packaging and goods that will make packing easier for transportation, thank you. (www.candleofgrace.ie/donate)

Wednesday 16th March Fundraiser: We will be asking the pupils to go green, blue and yellow in aid of the people of Ukraine. Again, the money raised will go directly to the Candle of Grace charity which will in turn go directly to the victims of the war.

Supporting Children and Young People in a time of War Advice for Parents/Guardians:

War and the exposure to the atrocities of war can be difficult for our children to process and it can be challenging for us as parents and school staff to navigate conversations about war in an age-appropriate way. Please read the document "Supporting Children and Young People in a time of War Advice for Parents/Guardians" that we have emailed today. It is a document written by education psychologists from the school NEPS service.

