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# THE WESTPORT CHRONICLE

Newsletter of Westport ETNS

## A WORD FROM NIALL

Seven weeks have passed since we opened our doors in our new home on the grounds of the Westport Woods Hotel. I must admit, I for one am delighted with our new school building and environs. Educate Together are currently liaising with the department in an effort to confirm our accommodation for the next school year as soon as possible. Our preferred option is to extend our current lease but we will have to see how things play out in the months ahead. Suffice it to say, without the children this place is only a building. I am delighted to bear witness to a blooming of our *school spirit* over the last few weeks and I have no doubt that no matter what the future holds, our children will continue to nourish our wonderful school community with their creativity and enthusiasm. I wish you all a wonderful mid-term break. Stay safe from bonfires and fireworks and go easy on the treats!



**DIP A DAY**  
OCTOBER 2022

Massive thank you to John Reilly and his Dip-A-Day challenge for October. At time of going to press John has raised €1520!. All are welcome down at the Point on 31st October for the final dip at 9.30am.

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### IMPORTANT INFO

## We are a Peanut Free School

A reminder not to send in any food with peanuts, due to allergies, thank you.







DATE FOR DIARY

## COUNTY PHOTOS

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2023



- This Friday 28th October we celebrate **"One Day Together"** - a day when all Educate Together schools raise money for our patron. This year as we are also raising money for playground equipment, through John Reilly's dip-a-day, we are asking families to bring in €5 per family (€2 for Educate Together and €3 for our playground)
- Welcome to Kailee - who is on a student work placement from Miami University, Ohio
- **Winter Fair 3rd December** - We are looking for some creative parent volunteers to help plan and action our Winter Fair. You will be required to attend one or two planning meetings in November and attend on the day of the fair. However, if you can not attend on the day of the fair but would still like to help plan the event please contact Niall by whatsapp.
- **Winter Fair Raffle** - we are looking for some grade A prizes for our Winter Raffle - so call in any favours from local businesses where possible. Smaller gifts e.g. bottle of spirits/vouchers etc. can be used to make up winter hampers.
- Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming Ukrainian families and pupils to our wonderful community. We look forward to getting to know our new families and friends over the coming weeks and months.



## SCHOOL CLOSURES

**TUES 7TH FEB  
TUES 2ND MAY**

There will be 2 school closures to facilitate staff training for the new Primary Language Curriculum. The school calendar on the website has been updated.

## ✦ School Bell ✦



To help with the transition from our previous premises, we continued our staggered start time. However, as this is no longer a requirement from a Covid guidelines point of view, the bell will ring @ 8.30am sharp every morning upon return to school in November. We can accept/supervise children from 8.20am, 10 mins prior to the start of the school day.



Healthy eating programme will start after midterm. Children will sample a variety of fresh fruit and veg daily. See info letter sent this week.