

# Newsletter



## A Word from Niall

As we bring this term to a close, it is lovely to look back on the work and achievements of our little learners since the start of September. They have managed the transition to a new building remarkably well. Our new Junior Infants have managed the step up to 'Big School' with great energy and enthusiasm. We welcomed 10 children from Ukraine and their families in November. These new and smiling faces have brought so much to our school. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the parents and children from Ukraine for their positivity and adaptability. I cannot even imagine the difficult and traumatic journeys and decisions you have undertaken in the past number of months. If there is any way we can help, please do not hesitate to let us know. Wishing the whole Educate Together Westport community a peaceful Christmas/Winter holiday period and here's to an exciting and learning adventure filled 2023!



## Слово Niall

Підходячи до кінця семестру, приємно згадати роботу та досягнення наших маленьких учнів з початку вересня. Вони чудово впоралися з переходом до нової будівлі. Наші нові молодші немовлята зробили крок до «Великої школи» з великою енергією та ентузіазмом. У листопаді ми прийняли 10 дітей з України та їхні родини. Ці нові та усміхнені обличчя принесли так багато нашій школі. Користуючись нагодою, я хочу привітати батьків і дітей з України за їх позитив і адаптивність. Я навіть не можу уявити, які важкі та травматичні подорожі та рішення ви прийняли за останні кілька місяців. Якщо ми можемо якось допомогти, будь ласка, не соромтеся повідомити нас. Бажаємо всій спільноті Educate Together Westport спокійних різдвяних/зимових канікул і 2023 року, наповненого захоплюючими та навчальними пригодами!



## Winter Show Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 11am

As is now tradition, we will record our Winter show (this year as a live performance for the first time since 2019!) and send it to local nursing homes. We have done this since 2020 and have always received a great response from the staff and residents of The Mac Bride Community Nursing Home and Pilgrims Rest Nursing Home.

The recording will not be shared on social media.

We look forward to seeing you then, thank you.



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## Report From BOM Meeting 09.12.22

A massive thank you to John Reilly for his Dip-a-Day fundraiser for the month of October. John raised over €2000 for the school. We are currently awaiting delivery of some playground equipment.

Winter Fair raised €3,200 approx. It was a fantastic day and we hope that will become a regular fixture in our school calendar. The board would like to thank all our generous local business donors, our organising committee, parents, staff and of course children that made it such a special day

Have a wonderful Winter Break everyone and wishing you all the best in 2023

Niall

## Thank You

Thank you to all our staff - Grace, Elisa, Anna, Sarah, Marian and Frank for their tremendous commitment, hard work and dedication during the last 4 months and our transition to our current premises. We also take this opportunity to wish Sarah, our EAL teacher, well as she moves onto pastures new. Thank you Sarah for your hard work and high standards and we wish you well in your future career.



## Accommodation Update

Site on the Westport Woods Hotel

Negotiations are ongoing between both Educate Together and the management of Westport Woods Hotel in regard to extending our current lease that is due to finish in August 2023. We will keep you updated.

See you all on the morning of Thursday the 5th January 2023 @ 8.30!

