

# Carlow Educate Together NS News

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Dear parents

It's hard to believe there are only 5 weeks left of our first school year. Looking back over the last month, it's been great to see so many parents in the school. Coffee mornings are up and running again every Friday morning. We had three parents helping us out at our Scholastic book fair, which raised almost €250 for us to buy library books. We also had one of our parents, Mags, taking drama classes after school. A big thank you to all of you - your continued support makes our school the happy place it is.

We also had some very exciting news on the 23rd May. Lauren Nolan-Culleton became the first pupil from our school to make her First Holy Communion. We had great weather and it was a lovely day.

June will hopefully give us some much needed sun, which will be perfect for our sports day, which will be held in the local GAA club. We also hope that our school trip to Lullymore will be rain-free!

As a school we're always learning and we try to listen to all requests from parents. So far, as a result of this, next September we will be opening the other side gate to allow children access in the mornings. We also have set up a Twitter account, a Google Calendar and, in September, a Facebook page. We're also going to provide Internet access to parents in our parents/staff room soon too. If you wish to come in to chat to me after school about anything, please remember that my door is always open.

Kindest regards

Simon



## School Tour.

This year's school tour will take place on Wednesday 03<sup>rd</sup> June.

We leave school at 8.45 going to **Lullymore Heritage & Discovery Park.**

We will return to school at approx 3.30 but we will have the school mobile phone with us in case of any delays.



## Studio III Training

On the 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June all staff will participate in Studio III training.

Studio III provide high quality evidence based training in the specialist field of managing aggressive and challenging behaviour. Studio 3 is renowned for the development of Low Arousal Approaches to managing behaviour throughout the UK and Europe.



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 01<sup>st</sup> June:  
Bank Holiday  
Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> June:  
School Closure

The school is being used as a Polling Station on Friday 05<sup>th</sup> June so there will be no Classes that day.

**As our school tour will take place on Wednesday 03<sup>rd</sup> June school will finish at 12.00 on Thursday 04<sup>th</sup> June for Staff Meeting.**

School will finish at 12.00 on 8<sup>th</sup> June – In service training PE.

An Academic Calendar for 2009 – 2010 is now available. If you have not received one please contact Siobhan for a copy and there will also be one available for download.

School will close on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June for Summer Holidays.

## Vaccinations.

School vaccinations will take place next September 2009 – dates will be confirmed in advance.

## Help Us Make Paul Rowe Jump

Paul Rowe, CEO of Educate Together is due to jump on the 30th of May 2009. All sponsorship money will go towards Educate Together helping them to continue providing professional school support, to work with start-up groups in facilitating the opening of their schools & to continue lobbying and campaigning in this time of education budget cuts!

More broadly your support can help them provide more schools which will guarantee equality for children of all cultures, religions and social backgrounds, fostering interaction and understanding, and ensuring that Ireland's future generations are best prepared for the 21st Century.

**Sponsor Paul Rowe - Support Educate Together!**

You can sponsor Paul by logging on to [www.educatetogether.ie/4\\_help\\_us\\_with\\_our\\_work/Sky\\_Dive](http://www.educatetogether.ie/4_help_us_with_our_work/Sky_Dive)



### Sponsor Paul Rowe Today

Yes! Let's ensure all parents have a choice! (but make sure that Paul doesn't)

Paul is risking life and limb to raise money for Educate Together. Give him the push he needs. No matter how small your sponsorship, it all adds up!

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Paul is scheduled to do the skydive on the 30th of May 2009



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ing an account at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) soon.

**Congratulations to Lauren on celebrating her First Holy**

## Standardized Testing.

The standardized testing went ahead and you are welcome to come in and discuss the results with your child's teacher.

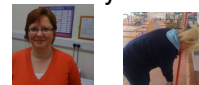
## Quick News.



### Welcome.

We would like to welcome Jasmine and Andy who have joined Simon's class.

Also welcome to Susan our new Caretaker/Cleaner and to Siobhan our new school Secretary.



### Work Experience

We would like to welcome Heather and Bea who join us on Work Experience.



### Sports Day.

The School Sports Day will take place in June (date to be confirmed) at GAA Grounds in Graiguecullen. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

## Communion.

We were thrilled to celebrate her ceremony with her and we wish her and her family hearty congratulations of this important event in their lives.

It's also a first for our school. Lauren is the first child in our school to make her Holy Communion so she will go down in our school's history books!

We'd also like to thank Graiguecullen/Killeshin parish for accommodating our school in our first year and look forward to many more years of partnership and co-operation. We also want to thank St. Fiacc's National School for allowing us to share their important day with us. Finally, we want to say a big thank you to Lauren's teachers for helping her to prepare for her Communion.

## Simon's Class (1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class)



Simon's class have been learning all about Japan over the last couple of weeks. As part of their Peace Education (in our Learn Together programme), they studied the A-Bomb that was set off in Hiroshima. They learned that the Japanese, instead of retaliating, decided to rebuild the city and dedicate it to peace.

Every week, the mayor of Hiroshima writes a letter to every country who develop nuclear weapons and perform nuclear bomb tests to ask them to stop.

As a class, they wrote a letter to 5 embassies asking them to stop nuclear bomb testing. The children wrote their own letters, addressed the envelopes and walked to the post box to deliver them. They await responses!

## Aisling's Class (Jnr and Snr Infants)



Aisling's class had some fun making smoothies! With lots of yummy fruits like strawberries and bananas, all the school enjoyed a sample.

## A FINAL THOUGHT

In Ireland, the first month of summer is May but in England, it's June. Why is this? In Irish, May is translated as Bealtaine. For the Celts, Bealtaine (or Beltane) marked the beginning of the pastoral summer season when the herds of livestock were driven out to the summer pastures and mountain grazing lands. In modern Scottish Gaelic, Latha Buidhe Bealtuinn ('the yellow day of Bealltain') is used to describe the first day of May. This term Lá Buidhe Bealtaine is also used in Irish and is translated as 'Bright May Day'. In Ireland it is referred to in a common folk tale as Luan Lae Bealtaine; the first day of the week (Monday/Luan) is added to emphasise the first day of summer. So that's why we start our summer months in May, whereas in the UK, June is the first month of summer.

## Drama Classes

Mags has asked us to remind you that Drama classes have now ended. Mags will be running evening classes for adults. Posters are on noticeboards in school. Art classes for children are being organised too.

## BOM

Class allocations will be decided at next BOM meeting and you will be informed by letter which teacher your child has next year.

## Head Lice

## Lice Outbreak

There has been another outbreak of lice in school. Please make sure you check your child's hair and treat it if necessary. Your local pharmacy will have a variety of solutions to suit your needs.