



“The Budget and Your Child” Information Evening - Dolmen Hotel

On Thursday, 27th November, at 8pm, an information evening will be held in the Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow Town to discuss how the budget cuts will affect ALL of Carlow's schoolchildren. The event has been organised by a group of parents and principals to make you aware of what is going on in our local schools. Every school in Carlow is affected by the budget, including ours. We need commitment from at least five parents to come to this evening from our school so please let Simon know if you can make it. This year's cuts seem to be the tip of the iceberg and we have been warned there's worse news to come. Unless we act now, we are leaving our children open to possibly higher class sizes, less support for special education and less funding for essentials such as heat and electricity.

Winter Wonderland

Parents are organising a Winter Wonderland for

Art in Aisling's Room

The Junior and Senior Infants have been busy creating their own musical instruments! Using only paper, cardboard and other bric-a-brac, all the children created a masterpiece fit for any orchestra!



Your Child's PPS Number

We need your child's PPS Number. Please send it in to the class teacher ASAP! This is to ensure that your child is on the Department's books.

the end of term. They would appreciate any help. If you have a few minutes spare on a Friday morning, please drop into the staff/parents' room for a coffee.

We would like to make this a community-wide event and invite the people of Carlow and Graiguecullen into the school so there's lots to be done. These events sometimes earn a school up to €10,000!

Outreach Class

A teacher will be hired for this class in the next two weeks. Equipment has been bought and we have had some very kind offers of help, which we appreciate.

Teacher and Parent Workshops

The next talk in our series of workshops to parents is to explain our behaviour system. It's based on a set of six rules, which are prominently placed in our foyer called the Golden

New Mural

Thanks to John for painting our cool new mural in our foyer! Our school's vision is that everyone in the school has the right to be happy, safe and able to learn—so John painted the three important words as well as our logo!

Dates for your Diary

Don't forget the following dates for your diary:

Rules. All children have agreed to these rules. This talk will happen in early December.

The next talk will be about the ethos of the school and we also aim to involve parents in developing our mission statement.

100-square project

Thanks to parents who have sold another 3 squares on our 100-square project. If you know of anyone who would be able to sponsor a square, let Simon know. We need to sell all 100 squares before February!



One of our entries for the Doodle 4 Google competition. This entry is from Kaylynn in 3rd class.

3rd December—Staff Meeting

All children leave school at 12pm. Please ensure your child is picked up on time.

8th December—normal school day

As our school is not under Catholic patronage, we have normal classes on this day. Children who wish to go to mass can be picked up. Please let your class teacher know.

In the classroom

Following on from our last piece about what goes on in your child's classroom, here's a taste of what goes on after little break!

All curriculum subjects are covered by our teachers—so your child will learn English, Irish, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Drama, Music, Art, Social, Personal and Health Education, P.E. and Ethics Education.

Ethics Education is unique to Educate Together Schools. Every school in Ireland is required to give 2 1/2 hours of their patron body's curriculum. Thus Catholic schools follow the “Alive O” programme, Church of Ireland schools run the “Follow Me” programme and we follow the “Learn Together” programme.

In this programme, children learn about their own rights as children, how to care for the environment, how to look after their moral and spiritual needs, about different religions and their beliefs and about equality (or lack of it!) in the world.

A Project About Guinea

2nd and 3rd class are learning all about Guinea for a project organised by the Department of Foreign Affairs. Guinea is celebrating its 50th year of independence but it is still a very poor country where not everybody lives in an equal society.

We have already learned loads of stuff about Guinea including the colours of its flag, the vast amount of languages spoken there and the type of food that's eaten there.

We were surprised to learn that Ireland imports from Guinea too!

