

Ennis Educate Together

Agreed Report

September 21st 2021

The board of management are delighted that all our pupils are happy and settled back into a new school year. There are currently 66 pupils on roll. The school is actively seeking new enrolments for our ASD classes. A major new development is the provision of hot meals at lunchtime, which are proving very popular! David, the new HSCL is available for support with the App.

A new Covid response plan has been adopted by the board and the Covid grant for term 1 has been received. David Rundle is our new lead worker. Many thanks to our parents for their cooperation with our safety measures. There will be a focus on teaching children how to play different games during break times so everyone can enjoy being outdoors.

Our class organisation for '21/'22 is as follows:
Juniors and Seniors: Orla, Gemma/Máire, Bridgena
1st and 2nd: Frances, Tricia, Louise and Martina
2nd and 3rd: Jackie, Mairéad (shared), Mary
5th and 6th: Seán, Mary, Sarah Brohan
Hazel: Deirdre and Denise
Elm: Aoiffe, Nicola, Karen
Nurture: Amber and Sarah Bradley
EAL: David Q
HSCL: David R

Currently, staff are busy with Continuous Professional Development, with 5 staff partaking in workshops on the Nurture approach to education. Some staff members are taking part in a Middle Leadership Project throughout the year. All staff will partake in training provided by Epilepsy Ireland on Tuesday September 28th. Some school based initiatives for the coming year include:
The Classroom Dina Project

Routes of Empathy

Guided Reading (3rd-6th)

Literacy Lift Off (1st and 2nd)

Reading Buddy (3rd and 4th)

Creative Clusters Year 2

Phonological Awareness (infants)

Nurture Class (all classes will access the nurture room this year)

Art Therapy with Austin Craven

External Groups working with the school include School Completion, CLDC Homework Club and Clare GAA whose coach Ollie is generating great interest among our pupils.

David Quinn is the school's DLP and Aoiffe Lynch is the deputy DLP.

The staff will be working on the following curriculum plans; English, PE, SPHE and Science.

The July Provision went very well. Many thanks to Ennis Voices for Autism for a donation of €350 which helped fund fantastic day trips. Integration has commenced in the ASD classes. We are delighted to see this approach working so well.

With safety in mind, supervision rotas have been approved. We thank parents for following our one way traffic system and being mindful of children passing to and from their cars and the school gates.

Finally, we would like to thank the parents who have paid for their school costs.

Wishing everyone a fantastic year.