

# Castleplunkett NS Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

September 2023

The first month of the school year 2023/2024 is complete! Welcome back to everyone, another first day of school is under the belt! A special welcome to our four new Junior Infants and their families, who had their most important First Day of School on August 31<sup>st</sup>, while our four sixth class pupils have had their last first day at Castleplunkett NS. Hopefully this will be a good school year for all.

The Senior Room pupils have been very busy getting back into routine. The children are stuck into an enjoyable novel, with Kensuke's Kingdom providing plenty of food for thought and discussion. Senior Room pupils were also excited to start their Artist in Schools work with Nollaig Molloy, who is working with the children every Friday for ten weeks. Still life pictures have been completed and some weaving work is in progress, with other nice projects planned also. Michael Bell enthralled everyone with his nature knowledge and interesting pieces that accompanied him on his visit on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>.



In the Junior Room, the children have been working on the town theme with a focus on the hair dresser and the clothes shop. There has been great fun in the salon and shop getting styled up in every respect for our big occasions! Aisling Satchwell paid us a visit to answer lots of questions about being a hairdresser and did some demonstrations also. We also learned about how our hair grows and the function of hair all over our bodies as well as working on a lovely story called Tangle Knot. The Junior room pupils put their creativity to the test with some crazy hair designs and we have also learned lots about school, school routines and our school long ago throughout the month.



Our new After School service is up and running well and will hopefully continue this way. Ann and Lisa are a welcome addition to the school community and the children who are attending regularly are enjoying the fun and activities in the afternoon. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation and patience with getting the procedures and routines in place. This will hopefully be a positive addition to the school long term. Occasional attendance can be facilitated by contacting the school via Aladdin, up to about 1:30pm on the day attendance is required. A well-attended PA AGM was held in the school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. All officers were re-elected and many plans are already underway for fundraising events, including the Halloween Disco and Christmas Gathering. Cash for Clobber bags can be left at the school this Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

October is going to be a busy month again work on School Self Evaluation, formation of a new Board, Maths Week and commencing swimming on the agenda already. Thank you all for your continued support of the school and our work.

