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# Pelletstown ETNS Newsletter

June 2025

## Term 3

Welcome to our Term 3 newsletter. We've had another really busy term with lots of lovely weather and end-of-year activities! We hope you enjoy some highlights from each class below, as well as some whole-school activities and events!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support for our school throughout the 2024-2025 school year. It is a real pleasure leading such a warm, positive, enthusiastic and happy school community.

On Tuesday 24th June we will have our 6th Class Graduation. It has been so enjoyable seeing these pupils grow up into such independent and kind young people, and I would like to wish them all well as they finish up primary school and begin their journey into second level school. While the graduation ceremony is only for the families of those graduating pupils, the school community are all invited to applaud 6th class along the road outside the school as they leave Pelletstown ETNS for the last time on Wednesday 25th June at 11:30am.

Wishing all of our families a safe and enjoyable break over the summer and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on August 28th!

Best wishes,  
Caitríona

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## Marathon R smore Share Accessibility 94 4th June

Marathon Relay Day will take place on Tuesday 24th June for all classes. **All families are invited to come to the green to watch children participating in this - see timetable below!** The children did a wonderful job fundraising for this event, raising a total of €5,110. This will be matched by the Keith Duffy foundation, bringing the total amount to an amazing €10,220. We are so grateful to the PTA for organising this, and we look forward to using the money raised to purchase a sensory pod for the school!

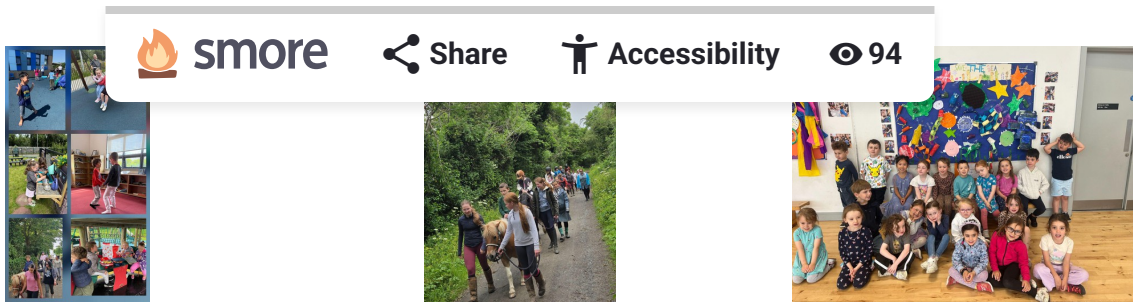
We are also looking forward to our annual visit from the Ice-Cream Van - thanks also to the PTA for always organising such a special treat!

### Pelletstown ETNS - Parents Timetable

Class	Estimated Start Time
Third Class - Puffin	8.45am
Third Class - Puifin	8:50 am
Junior Infants - Wren	9 am
Junior Infants - Dreoilín	9 am
Senior Infants - Robin	9:05 am
Senior Infants - Spideog	9:10 am
First Class - Goldfinch	9:15 am
First Class - Lasair Choille	9:25 am
Fourth Class - Swallow	9:35 am
Fourth Class - Fáinleog	9:50 am
Second Class - Quail	10:15 am
Second Class - Gearg	10:25 am
Fifth Class - Cuckoo	10:35 am
Fifth Class - Cuach	10:45 am
Sixth Class - Blackbird	10.55 am
Sixth Class - Lon Dubh	11:10 am

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### Our class highlights



### **Cruideín - Junior Class**

Cruideín had such a wonderful and very busy Term 3 at school! We enjoyed Horse Riding lessons out in Corballis Farm, trips out to Maynooth and Newbridge House as well as trips out in the local area. We had a wonderful time at Sports Day and had lots of fun getting our teachers and ANA's wet during our water play! We did lots of amazing work in class as well this term, and have been learning all about biodiversity and minibeasts. Our class were also lucky to be one of the first classes to visit our newly opened Sensory Garden, there were so many new things to explore in there! We have all worked so hard this term and all year, and are all ready to enjoy the Summer break!

### **Kingfisher - Senior Class**

We really enjoyed our recent class trips to Maynooth playground and Newbridge House and Farm, as well as our weekly horse riding lessons in Corballis Farm. Our class really enjoyed the lessons this term!

### **Junior Infants - Wren**

Junior Infants Wren have had a fun-filled final term! For the Art Exhibition, we got to work closely with 3rd class to create an under the sea themed art piece using recycled materials. This tied in nicely with World Ocean Day and our very first assembly called 'Be a Friend to the Ocean'. Wren blew everyone away with informative presentation on how to protect the ocean. Finally, for our school tour, we had an absolute ball at Newgrange Farm. It's been a great year in Wren and we wish everyone a lovely summer break.



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### Junior Infants - Dreoiín

Dreoiín had an exciting and action-packed Term 3! One of the highlights was our fantastic school trip to the farm, where we met lots of different animals, enjoyed a fun tractor ride, and even had the chance to feed some adorable baby lambs. We also teamed up with 3rd class to create an incredible Art Exhibition. Inspired by The Rainbow Fish, we brought the story to life with our colourful and creative artwork. To top it all off, we proudly performed our very first assembly, celebrating World Ocean Day and sharing what we had learned with the whole school.

### Senior Infants - Robin

Robin had a really enjoyable Term 3. We had so much fun on our school tour to Explorium. We also really enjoyed working with 4th class to create some brilliant art for the Art Exhibition. We learnt a lot about bees while doing so! We have also been making the most of the warmer weather by completing some of our lessons in the school's outdoor classroom. We were really proud of ourselves for hosting a whole school assembly based on 'Different families, Same love'

### Senior Infants - Spideog

Senior Infants Spideog had an amazing term 3 filled with lots of fun, learning and creativity. We worked so hard with our buddy class for the art exhibition and we decided we wanted to do art based on diversity. We painted rocks and then made people of different cultures. It was a lovely way to learn about and represent different cultures in Ireland!





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## 1st Class - Goldfinch

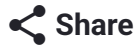
1st class Goldfinch had a wonderful time at Rockfield House for their time travelling experience. They dressed up as maids and butlers and experienced what it was like to do laundry with a washboard and also dressed up as Lords and Ladies and learned some traditional dances. The children met some cute farm animals, raced on go carts and made giant bubbles. It was a lovely day to wrap up a very successful year in 1st class.

## 1st Class - Lasair Choille

1st Class Lasair Choille had a busy term 3. We went on trips, had celebrations, showed off our art in exhibitions, and of course, took part in Sports Day. Out of everything we did, Sports Day was definitely our favourite! There were loads of fun activities, and we loved getting to work with kids from other classes too. It was such a great day — full of energy, laughter, and teamwork. We made some great memories! It was the perfect way to finish first class.

## 2nd Class - Quail

This term 2nd class were learning all about space and the solar systems. We learned lots about astronauts and the International Space station. We made rockets using recycled materials and craft materials. We also created our own galaxies using black paper and chalk. We loved learning about space and we learned so many new interesting facts from our friends in class.



## 2nd Class - Gearg

Gearg 2nd Class have had a very busy term. We have been practicing a lot of Creative Writing and we enjoyed visiting 'Fighting Words', a creative writing workshop recently. We learned all about how to write interesting stories and good characters. We co-authored a book called 'Kate and the Magical Forest'. We also had a great time this week at our School Tour to Navan Adventure Centre and our Sports Day!

## 3rd Class - Puffin

We had a busy Term 3 in 3rd Class Puffin! We were so lucky to meet Eimear Lambe at our Sports Assembly in June. Eimear won a bronze medal for Ireland at the Tokyo Olympics in Rowing. She spoke to us about her experience at the Olympics, her training and what motivated her to begin rowing. We even got to hold her medal!

## 3rd Class - Puifín

3rd Class Puifín had an amazing time attending the Lidl Farm to Fork experience in Newbridge where we learned about how our food gets from the farm to our supermarkets. We also got to take a train ride through the warehouse and see how the food is packaged and transported. We even went through a giant freezer where all the cold food is kept before it goes on the truck to the supermarket!



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### 4th Class - Swallow

Rang Swallow had an exciting term 3. We had a great time on our school tour to Emerald park. We got to go on lots of rollercoasters and even won some of the carnival games! We got to enjoy lots of different activities during sports day. We went to visit the new playground with Rang Fáinleog. We also enjoyed getting to make some lovely art work with senior infants which was displayed in the hall!



### 4th Class - Fáinleog

Fáinleog had a very enjoyable term 3, with our newest member Nacho visiting the class every Friday. We created a brilliant piece of art for the Art Exhibition with senior infants, that's now hanging up in front of Maeve's office and we had the most enjoyable day on our school tour to Emerald Park. Some of us were screaming on the rollercoaster louder than others! We also took a trip to Tolka park and visited the new playground beside the school.



### 5th Class - Cuckoo

Cuckoo had a very busy term to end the school year. We worked hard on our Teach the Teacher presentations, and we collaborated with Goldfinch for our Art exhibition. We had a sports-filled term, with rugby coaching, a visit from Olympian bronze medalist Eimear Lambe, and sports day. We took a trip to Amazon where we got tours of their offices and did some STEM activities. We also had a great time sailing on our class trip to the INSS



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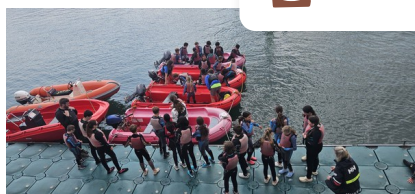


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## 5th Class - Cuach

Our school tour to the Irish National Sailing School in Dún Laoghaire was a big hit—we loved being out on the water, learning new skills, and of course, when we pushed Sinéad in (don't worry, she forgave us....eventually!). We also teamed up with 1st Class for our collaborative art project, building robots out of recyclable materials that were (almost!) as lively as us.

## 6th Class - Blackbird

Blackbird completed their primary school experience with a term full of active learning, educational trips and fun. We attended three art workshops in the Cabra Library. We visited Teagasc to learn about plant and fungi growth and experiments and food production. After that, we learned even more about plant life in the National Botanic Gardens. Lastly, we all enjoyed ourselves hugely at our last school tour - to Clara Lara in Wicklow.

## 6th Class - Lon Dubh

Lon Dubh's Junior Entrepreneur Project Keychain Kingdom was a huge success. We made €964 profit! We decided that we would donate the extra money to our chosen charities The Irish Cancer Society and DSPCA. Thank you to everyone who purchased a keychain, especially those who had to wait a few weeks for their custom order. We had a great last term visiting Teagasc Food Research centre, the new playground and our school Tour to Clara Lara.

# Student Voice - Our Student Committees



## Student Council

The Student Council has been busy this term. They sold refreshments at the school's Art Exhibition to fundraise for yard and calm corner supplies. They raised enough money to get some new supplies and donate money to the Keith Duffy Foundation and the Community Garden. The Student Council also helped to develop our new Bí Cineálta poster which will be displayed around the school.



## Gaelbhratach

The Gaelbhratach committee celebrated their success this year with a gathering in the staff room. We have achieved 3 of our goals so far and with continued success next year, we should receive our





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### Amber Flag

The Amber Flag Committee have been working hard all year to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in our school. Their efforts were recognised and our school was awarded an Amber Flag!

## Events and Activities



### Sports Day

Unfortunately, our first attempt at Senior Sports Day had to be cancelled due to weather. It eventually took place on Monday the 16th on a beautiful sunny day in Martin Savage Park. Great fun was had by all! Junior sports day (pictured) went ahead on Thursday the 19th and was a hugely enjoyable day for everyone. The 6th class did a great job helping out on the day! The 6th class will take on the teachers in a game of Dodgeball on Monday the 23rd to finish off the sporting year at PETNS.



### Athletics

Our senior classes had a busy term with lots of athletics events. 3rd-6th class students took part in a Cross Country event in Ringsend Park and lots of students came back with silverware!

Santry Sports took place at the end of May and students represented PETNS proudly in track running events and shot putt. Well done to everyone involved!



### School Garden

Lots of classes throughout the school planted potatoes, peas, beans, strawberries, and onions this year. Most were started in the classroom and then planted in the school vegetable garden. Some classes have started harvesting and eating their produce and Garden Gang celebrated their growing season with a feast! To support biodiversity we planted native wildflower seeds and left some grass areas to grow wild. We planted some native



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Some classes  
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and spotting wildlife for artistic inspiration. We watched  
frogspawn grow into froglets and kept a close eye on some  
blackbird's nesting. Our hard work was recognised in achieving a  
Bronze Badger Nature Hero Award for supporting biodiversity.



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On Thursday 19th June we were delighted to welcome local Irish Olympic medallist Eimear Lambe to the school for our senior sports assembly. Eimear won a bronze medal in the 2020 Olympic in Tokyo for rowing. She spoke to the children about her Olympic experience and answered questions from the student council all about her training schedule and healthy eating. Eimear also told the children that she didn't take up rowing until she was 12, and that it was the first sport she really enjoyed! She spoke about the importance of perseverance and trying your best! We were delighted to have her present sports awards to children in the school who always represent the school with pride and show respect and good sportsmanship in all activities!



### Sensory garden, Outdoor Classroom and Playground

We were delighted to have the opening of our sensory garden and outdoor classroom on 9th May. We will be forever grateful to Lynn and Joanna from the PTA, along with the Plunkett's Men's Shed (who have given so generously of their time) who worked tirelessly on the development of our school's sensory garden and outdoor classroom. We were thrilled to welcome back our original school manager, Gerry Mc Kevitt, who officially opened the 2 spaces. Both the sensory garden and the outdoor are getting so much use by the pupils in our school. Thanks also to Lynn and Joanna for their work in organising the installation of a swing and slide in our Autism class yard, which the children are really enjoying!



### Different Families Same Love

In May the school celebrated Different Families Same Love. Classes engaged in different activities throughout the week and on the Friday the whole school came together to sing 'Union of Different Kinds' and go on our annual Rainbow Walk. Celebrating Different Families Same Love is a special and important part of our school year to demonstrate inclusion and respect, in line with the ethos of our school.

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## School Policies

Many thanks for the engagement and feedback from parents/carers in relation to our recent policy reviews. Following this, the Board of Management ratified the following 4 policies at the

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## Dates for your Diary:

**Please note the below dates carefully:**

**June 24th:** Marathon relay race day

**June 25th:** Last day of school for all pupils

**June 30th:** Start of Summer Programme for those eligible pupils

**July 11th:** Last day of Summer Programme and school office closes for summer holidays

**August 25th:** School office re-opens

**August 28th:** School re-opens for all pupils (*Junior Infants at 9am, all other classes at 8:30am*)

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