



# SPRING NEWSLETTER



## Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club service will continue to run from 8:15am – 8:50am daily. The fee is €3 per morning per child. Thank you to the staff for volunteering their time to run this wonderful service.

## Message from our Acting Principal Tracey Jones

Thank you to all the families in Newtownwhite ETNS for their continued support this school year. We are very proud of our school and our school community. Wishing you all a lovely Spring Break.



## Enrolments Now Open

We are still accepting enrolments for the 26/27 school year. You can contact the school for more information or download an enrolment form from our school website.

## It's a Boy! Congratulations

Congratulations to Caroline on the birth of her Baby Boy Iarlaith Erraught in February. We wish Caroline and all the Erraught Family good wishes and lots of happiness.



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## Lá na bPancóg - Pancake Tuesday

We celebrated Pancake Tuesday on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Many thanks to the Senior Room Pupils along with help from Martina for overseeing this wonderful celebration in our school. They all made really tasty pancakes.



## Spring Has Sprung – Lamb visits Newtownwhite ETNS

There was great excitement in Newtownwhite ETNS on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February when our past pupils Alastair and Lily Carson paid us a visit, but they weren't alone! They brought their newly born lamb with them. Thank you to Alastair & Lily for taking time out of their busy farming schedule to visit us all and for continuing with this yearly tradition.



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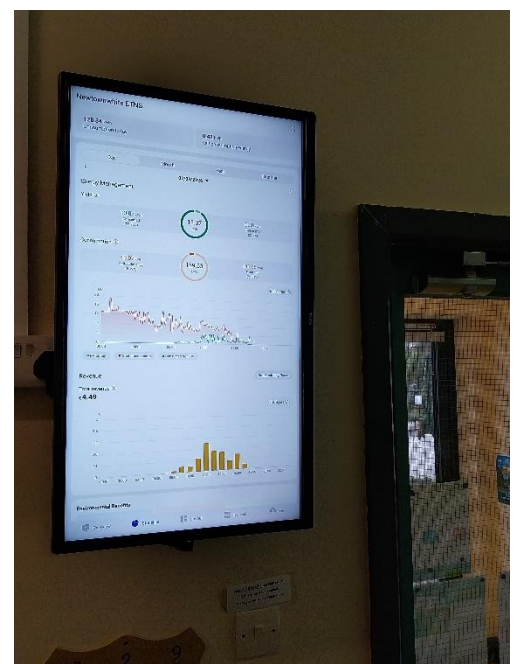
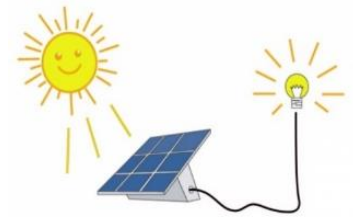
## Our New Front & Back Doors

We were granted approval for a new front & back door for our school by the Department of Education. Thank you to the staff of "Carrabine Joinery" for making & fitting our new front & back doors.



## Solar Panels

As many of you may know, Primary Schools in Ireland have been given the opportunity to avail of Solar Panels which are fully funded by the Department of Education. The scheme funds up to 6 kWp of roof-mounted solar PV and includes connection to the grid and a monitoring system and display screen. We were delighted to get our solar panels installed in Newtownwhite ETNS on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Our display screen is located in the hallway of our school and children are regularly looking at it to see how much energy our solar panels are generating daily. Hopefully the sun will keep shining in the months and years to come!



# WORLD BOOK DAY

## World Book Day

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March children celebrated World Book Day in Newtownwhite ETNS. Teachers and pupils all dressed up as a character from their favourite book. It was lovely to see the effort and creativity that went into so many costumes. It's safe to say that Harry Potter was a popular choice!



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## GAA Training with James Harrison

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 we began our GAA Training at Newtownwhite ETNS with James Harrison. James will be coaching our pupils every Wednesday. He spends 20 minutes with each classroom & they really enjoy learning new football skills and drills with James. A special thank you to Mayo GAA and in particular Michael Fitzmaurice & Billy Mc Nicholas for overseeing this wonderful service.

## Swimming Lessons – 1st – 6th Class

Our swimming lessons commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 with pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class taking part in this 6 week course.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge in Newtownwhite ETNS from 9<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Newtownwhite ETNS.

*We had a range of activities ongoing throughout Seachtain na Gaeilge including Yoga óige le Siobhán, Eadaí Relay Races, Ceilí Mór and Lá Glas*

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## Lá Glas & Grandparents Day

On 12<sup>th</sup> March we welcomed Grandparents & important people to our school. All of our guests visited our classrooms, viewing our pupils work & engaging in activities with them. Pupils from each room performed poems, songs & dances. We finished the day with a Céilí Mór outside. A special thanks to the PA for providing a lovely spread of cakes, tea & coffee. And thank you also to Derek our Caretaker for setting up the history display in each room.



Happy Grandparents Day



## Chess Tournament

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 our school participated in the Féile Fíchile North Mayo Chess Tournament. Well done to our team members: Ava, Sebi, Aaron, Lorcan, Fiachra, Tomas, Gabriella, Oscar & Tadhg on a wonderful performance. We were very proud to hear how well you all represented our school.



### TED arrived in January and he's having a great time!

Each week, one child in the Junior Room has / will be chosen to take home the class teddy, Ted. The child can write a little bit about what they did with Ted, draw pictures or include photos to share with their class. This is a lovely way for the children to build confidence and share their experiences. It really supports what we do in class and helps them feel confident with their learning.

## Oweninny Windfarm Funding

We are thrilled to announce that our application for funding to the Oweninny Windfarm Funding Scheme was successful. We have been awarded €2,500 which is to be spent on upgrading IT throughout the school in the form of tablets and kindles. These devices will be of great benefit to pupils and staff and we are very grateful to Mayo County Council and all the team for approving our application.



### Killala Community Trust Funding

We are honoured to be awarded €1,900 from the Killala Community Windfarm Trust this year. This funding will be spent on much needed STEM related items for our school. We really appreciate the financial support from this community trust.

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## Parents Association of Newtownwhite ETNS



### Fundraising:

We must begin by saying a very special thank you to our Parents Association who have been working extremely hard to help us raise vital funds to help with the running of our school.

So far this year, our Parents Association along with the support of Sarah our School Secretary have run the following fundraising event:

- Spooky Walk
- Winter Greeting Cards
- Table Quiz
- Bingo Loco
- Winter Market Stall in Killala
- Winter Raffle on iDonate

We really appreciate the time and effort given to organising these very successful fundraising events & we would also like to thank everyone who supported these events. All monies raised go towards our school.

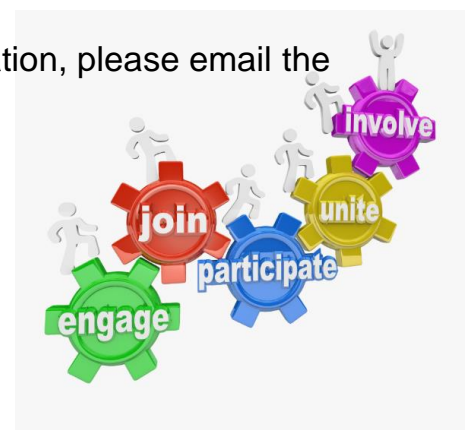


### Bake Sale:

Our Annual Bake Sale will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in The Jackie Clarke Museum, Ballina (Eircode: F26A368). If you would like to donate some baked goodies to our fundraising event, please drop them into the Jackie Clarke Museum that morning from 9:15am.

### New Members:

If any parent(s) would like to join our Parents Association, please email the Secretary of the Parents Association on: [newtownwhiteparentsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:newtownwhiteparentsassoc@gmail.com)  
Any help, support and ideas are always welcome.





### Re-Turn Bins:

Just a reminder that our re-turn bin helps us help the environment. Thank you for your continued support.

### Clothes Bank:

Thank you to everyone who continues to recycle old, new and damaged clothing in our clothes bank. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 we have raised €570 from our clothes bank fundraiser. A special thank you to many local public houses and hotels for donation their “loss and found” clothes to our clothes bank. If you know of any company that has unwanted clothing, please let them know about our school clothes bank.



### Tennis Lessons – For all Pupils

Every school year Newtownwhite ETNS organised for Tennis Lessons for all pupils in our school. These lessons take place on Ballina Tennis Court and our groups are coached by professional Tennis Instructor Artur! Our tennis lessons are available to all pupils in our school to take part in and they will be commencing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and will run every Friday finishing on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
**(Note: no tennis on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May due to School Tour)**

### Sports Day

Our Annual Newtownwhite ETNS Sports Day will take place in Ballina Town park on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow shortly on Aladdin.





## Graduation Day

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation day takes place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026. We look forward to welcoming the families of our 6<sup>th</sup> class to celebrate this very important day.

## School Tour to Enniscrone

This year our school tour will run over 2 days.

It will take place on Enniscrone Beach with Tonnta Adventruues.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May:** Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Class – 6<sup>th</sup> Class

More details to follow on aladdin shortly.



**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A  
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