

# 2022/2023 NEWSLETTER

# EDNIP

Embracing Diversity,  
Nurturing Integration Project

Welcome to the EDNIP 2022/2023 newsletter. It has been a busy, enjoyable year with a huge variety of activities and events happening across the five EDNIP partner primary schools. We hope you enjoy this review of the year and we look forward to what this new academic year will bring.





## In School Activities

### Bualadh Bos Children's Festival

347 children from across the 5 EDNIP schools attended performances as part of the Bualadh Bos Children's Festival curated by Liam McCarthy, Artist in Residence at the Lime Tree Theatre. Classes also enjoyed follow up workshops in school where they could take part in drama and dance.

### Cooking Lesson

Rita, a parent from Our Lady of Lourdes school delivered a cookery demonstration to parents on how to make Jollof rice.

### Diwali lesson

Children in 1st class decorated rangolis using rice to celebrate Diwali.



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## Treasure Hunt

Wednesday, November 2nd  
Free Event for Families!  
Wear your Halloween Costumes

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Country of Origin \_\_\_\_\_

\*PLEASE SUBMIT THE FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL\*  
All children must be accompanied and supervised by at least one parent/guardian  
Parents are responsible for their own children at all times

**RETHINK IRELAND** Our Social Inclusion Fund  
**MIC** MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE  
An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Micheimais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige  
Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

## Mid term activity

A Family Fun day was held in CBS Primary school. Families were invited to take part in Halloween Art and Craft activities, have spooky face painting and go on a treasure hunt.

## EDNIP Parent Toddler Group

EDNIP runs a weekly Parent Toddler Group on Wednesday mornings. Parents have a chance to get know each other and the children enjoy messy play, story time and rhymes.





## School Activities



### Camogie/Hurling coaching

Children enjoyed camogie and hurling lessons for ten weeks across all five schools.

### Narrative 4

Fifth class in St. John Girls and Infant Boys school took part in a story exchange

### Whole school staff CPD

School staff from four schools attended a training session on *From Trauma Reactive to Trauma Responsive* with Aideen Flynn.

**The Hunt Museum-The Three Muses:** Classes from four schools attended a workshop in the museum on clay through the ages.



## Partnerships within MIC

### School Placements

MIC students on the Bachelor of Education programme visited schools on placement from two different elective subjects:

- Drama Elective on B.Ed. Programme with Margaret O'Keefe – 27 drama lessons were delivered over a three week period in two schools focusing on the junior classes.
- Global Education on B.Ed. Programme with Dr. Brigid Golden – 28 lessons were delivered by the students over a two week period across five schools delivering lessons on diversity and inclusion.

### Guest Speaking

The EDNIP team were invited to deliver a session about EDNIP to students on the B.Ed programme on the DEIS, Global Education and Drama electives.

### Equality, Diversity, Inclusion & Interculturalism Project Awards

EDNIP was awarded funding from the MIC EDII Awards to run an Intercultural World Café in partnership with Dr. Brigid Golden, Lecturer in Global Education, DICE (Development and Intercultural Education) Project. In March EDNIP hosted 13 parents and 20 children on campus in MIC to lead an intergenerational, intercultural world café event. The audience at the World café was B.Ed students so that they had a practical opportunity to learn from families prior to their teaching placements in EDNIP schools. Parents and children acted as hosts as groups of students rotated from table to table to engage in discussions. The focus of each of the tables was decided by the parents and children, examples included food, language, religion, customs and traditions.

### STEAM After School Club

24 children attended a weekly STEAM after school club on campus over two terms. This was delivered in partnership with the Department of Enterprise and Community Engagement in the Craftmaker Space with Dr. Eleanor Walsh with the support of Limerick City and County Council. The children worked on experiments and designed a city of the future.





## English Language Conversation Club

EDNIP runs a weekly English Language Conversation club in CBS Primary School for parents who wish to practise speaking English in a friendly, relaxed environment. 25 people come each week to drink coffee together and chat with the EDNIP team and our wonderful volunteers.

## Whole School Events

**Parents' Morning** at St Michael's Infant School

**World Book Day** - Children in Our Lady of Lourdes school spent time reading books with a focus on diversity.

**Intercultural Day** at St Michaels Infant School. EDNIP supported the events with goodie bags and face painting. MIC Students from the Drama Society provided mini workshops for the children.



## Mid Term Break and Easter Holidays

### Scavenger Hunt

EDNIP organised a scavenger hunt starting from St Johns Girls and Infant boys school where families solved clues around the area and won a prize.

### King John's Castle

37 people traveled by bus to the castle where we played medieval games and enjoyed views of the city.

### Easter Family Fun day

160 people came to CBS Primary school to enjoy egg painting, Easter crafts, and games on an EDNIP Family Fun day.

### Curraghchase Forest Park

36 people enjoyed walking, playing games and an Easter egg hunt in the forest.





## In School Activities

The children from the STEAM After School Club had the opportunity to share what they learned in Teach it Forward sessions in their schools. The students led the younger classes in station teaching with STEM activities.

## Whole School Activities

### Eid celebration

Children were welcomed to school with sweets and banners to celebrate the holiday.

### Mobile Farm

Children and parents at St Michaels Infant School held and fed the visiting animals.

### Intercultural days

St Johns Girls and Infant Boys school and CBS Primary School held a World café where students and their family could celebrate and share aspects of their culture.



## End of Term Excursions

### Parent Toddler Group

The Parent Toddler Group visited Lough Gur. We played, planted sunflower seeds and went pond dipping.

### EAL Conversation Group

The parents enjoyed a morning of pottery making at the Hunt Museum.

### STEAM After School Club

The group had a tour of the Medical Manufacturing company plant Becton Dickinson and learned about careers in STEM.



# 2023 Summer Programme

## Family Trips



There was great demand for Family Trips this year. 139 families from EDNIP schools registered for an EDNIP trip.

This summer, EDNIP ran five family summer trips. We organised coach trips to visit the beach in Lahinch, and Kilkee, We also went to Curraghchase Forest Park and visited Moher Hill Farm in Liscannor. Families enjoyed having time together outside of the city.



## Summer Camp

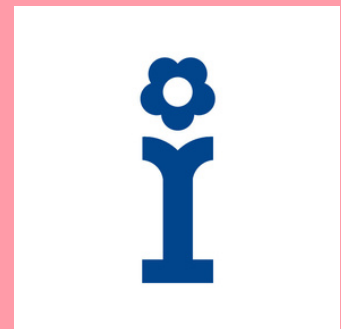
With the support of Limerick Sports Partnership, EDNIP took a group of 12 children to a two day summer camp in UL, where the children enjoyed games, swimming and bouncy castles.

## About EDNIP

EDNIP (Embracing Diversity, Nurturing Integration Project) works with 5 DEIS Band 1 primary schools in Limerick City to deliver a strategic and systemic programme to foster inclusion. The five schools have a combined enrolment of approx. 1020 children from 46 countries, speaking 36 languages and practicing 17 religions.

The schools involved are:

- Our Lady of Lourdes National School, Rosbrien
- Presentation Primary, Sexton Street
- Scoil Iosagáin CBS, Sexton Street
- St. John's Girls' and Infant Boys' School, Cathedral Place
- St. Michael's Infant School, Sexton Street



EDNIP is nested within the work of the Transforming Education through Dialogue (TED) Project in the Curriculum Development Unit (CDU) of MIC. EDNIP works within TEDs mission to 'to improve and enhance educational outcomes for children by working in partnership with families, schools and communities'. Our work is a practical application of the mission of MIC, which 'strives to promote equity in society and to provide an environment where all have freedom and opportunity to achieve their full potential' (MIC Mission Statement).

# The EDNIP Team



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## Project Management Group

EDNIP is a partnership initiative, which aims to promote and support the integration of migrant children and families into school and community life. The core of the project is an intensive relationship with five schools in Limerick City. This is underpinned by research and managed by individual School Integration Committees and an overarching Project Management Committee.

### Members of Project Management Committee:

- Mary Immaculate College
- Limerick Education Centre
- Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board
- Tusla Education Support Service Limerick City and County Council.
- Five Partner Primary Schools



Peter Jennings – Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes School, Aoibheann Ruane – Principal of St Johns Girls and Infant Boys school, Eileen Cusack – Education Officer, MIC, Denis Barry – Principal CBS Primary School, Lisa Martin – EDNIP Project Leader, Ume Salma – Parent Representative, Marie Meskell – Principal, Presentation Primary School, Olivia O'Brien – Healthy Ireland, Limerick Coordinator,

Plans are already underway for an exciting new term starting in September 2024, below are some of the events and activities coming up:

- A partnership with the Bualadh Bos Children's Festival in the Lime Tree. More details about the festival can be found at [www.limetreetheatre.ie](http://www.limetreetheatre.ie)



- Parent Toddler Group
- English Conversation Club for parents
- A new parent Peer Support course
- A collaboration with the Limerick City Gallery of Art to deliver workshops and gallery visits
- STEAM After school club with the Craftmaker Space in MIC



If you have any ideas or suggestions for EDNIP activities or events or would like more information about the project please email:



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