



Whitegate National School

Scoil Cholmáin



Enrolments 23/24

We are still accepting enrolments for this year.
Please be sure to pass on this
information to those with preschool aged
children.
For any queries email: office@whitegatens.ie

Hall for Hire

The school Hall is available for hire at an
extremely affordable rate.

For further information email:
office@whitegatens.ie
or call us on (021)4661622

Welcome back to school

Welcome back to another exciting school year. I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As we embark on this new school year I want to assure you that our dedicated team of teachers, special needs assistants and school secretary have been working tirelessly to create a safe and nurturing environment for your children. We have implemented various measures to ensure the wellbeing of our students which is our first priority at all times. For the year ahead, I encourage you to actively participate in your child's education by maintaining open lines of communication with their teachers and staying involved in school activities.

Let's remember to be kind, compassionate and understanding to one another. Let us embrace the opportunity to learn and grow together, celebrating our achievements and supporting one another through any setbacks.

Once again, welcome back to our school community. Together let us make this school year a memorable experience for our students, your children.

Kindest Regards
Helena O' Neill

Wellbeing

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we have decided to concentrate on Wellbeing. Wellbeing is defined in the Oxford dictionary as “the state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy”. It is our aim to improve the wellbeing of all pupils and staff in the school by implementing different strategies into our daily lives. One such strategy that is under way is our Wellbeing Wednesday. Each Wednesday we will be going on a wellness walk through the village or surrounds. Each class is also implementing a wellbeing programme and undergoing meditation sessions and yoga.





Student voices: Life in Whitegate N.S

Junior & Senior Infants

It is nice being back in school.
I like playing with all my friends.
I like going to afterschool.
It is fun being back at school.
I like school.
I like doing my homework.
I like walks on Wednesday

1st & 2nd Class

My teacher plays lots of fun games with us.
It is great fun to do run around Ireland every day.
Our classroom is very warm and welcoming.
I like doing all my subjects.

3rd & 4th Class

I enjoy meeting my friends every day.
I like Wellbeing Wednesdays, it is nice to walk in nature.
I enjoy discussing topics in Maths and English during Team Teaching.
I love Bun go Barr and learning new Irish words.

5th & 6th Class

We have been so busy this September with Sciath na Scol, Athletics and Pitch and Putt. It has been so much fun!!
Project work is my favourite, we are making a project on WW2 at the moment, it is very interesting.
We have been learning about multiplying decimals in Maths, not as scary as I thought!!!



Pitch & Putt

On the 14th, 21st & 28th of September, 5th & 6th Class were invited to take part in pitch & putt lessons. These lessons were excellently overseen by Stephen Enneguess from Pitch and Putt Ireland and many helpers from the Corkbeg Pitch & Putt Club.

The children learned how to Putt on week one and quickly showed such promise, they were on to pitching. The children had a great time and we finished on week three with a small tournament!

Well done to everyone involved.



Sciath na Scol

On September 22nd 2023, Whitegate footballers travelled to Cobh GAA to take part in two matches.

Lining out against Walterstown NS first, we put on a brave and dedicated performance however we unlucky to lose by 2 points.

In our second game, we played GS Uí Eigertaigh, we played as a team and came through on top with some super scores and big match performances.

We now head to Killeagh on October 13th to take on Scoil Clíodhna & Park NS. Come on WHITEGATE!!!!

Hopefully the footballers won't need these two to play any time soon!!!





East Cork Primary Sports Cross Country

On Friday September 29th, 19 pupils went to Fr O'Neill's Sports field to take part in the Cross-Country running competition.

Every pupil tried their best and put in massive performances!! Ms Hyde, Ms Ladden and Ann were so proud of each and every one of the children and were thrilled with their dedication and overall behaviour. We came away with two medals! Well done to Saoirse & Hannah!!

We had a great day out and look forward to more athletics throughout the year.

