

## AWARD WINNING PROJECTS

**2015 Winner** - The Parents' Association of Gurraneasig National School, Kilbritten, Co. Cork with their project

'What Parents know that Kids would love to learn'

### Purpose of the project:

To open children's worlds and minds to different interests and professions. For children to learn extracurricular skills and have access to a big group of parents who can and want to teach children fun stuff.

Parents get the opportunity to connect with a group of children who are genuinely interested in learning from them.

Workshops were organised to take place during the last week before the school summer holidays.

### Who needs to be involved?

Children, parents and teachers.

### How to implement in your school?

**Step 1:** The Student Council or if there isn't a Student Council, children in the school invite parents to submit workshop ideas, based on their individual expertise, passions and physical resources.

Gurraneasig National School Student Council did this by sending out a **Flier**



Attention all mums and dads!

We're on a mission: to have even more fun at school during the last week before our summer break.

That week, we want to learn from you!

There are lots of things that you (hopefully) know that we would love to learn.

If you want to teach us: great! You can fill in the form and pass it back to one of us. We will then organise a programme with lots of fun activities that all of us can choose from.

To the right is our wish list. They're not the only things we like, so if you have any ideas that are not on the list: we're interested!

The eventual activities will need to be approved by the school and parents for safety. We may ask some parents to help with transport and supervising some activities. We hope that's ok.

Thanks for reading, and hopefully we'll hear from you by Friday May 25.

Best wishes, team Phoenix

Class 1: Harry, Thomas and Arlen

Class 4: Ryan and Olivia

Class 5: Calum and Abi

Class 6: Nico and Jasmine


### Our wish list

Making a video	Science/experiments
Drama	Orienteering/map reading
Music	Dress design
Photography	Archeology/digging/exploring
Drawing skills	How (race) horses are trained
Wood work	Computer skills
Soccer	Baking
Hair styling	How planes work
How boats are built	How electronics work
How to save a life	Make up skills
Recording music	Making a nice picnic
How an engine works	

This flier stated the children’s mission: **To have even more fun at school during the last week before our summer break.** ‘That week, we want to learn from you! There are lots of things that you (hopefully) know that we would love to learn’.

The flier included a wish list of the things the children would like to learn, but they also wanted the parents to come up with other ideas.

**Step 2:** Parents are given an **Activities Form** with which to volunteer their skills and knowledge and describe the activity they would be willing to teach to children.



**Activities form**

Name:	
Mum/dad of:	
Contact number	
Short description of activity:	
Preferred days between June 20 and 28:	
Where would the activity take place?	
How long will it take?	
Maximum number of kids	
Anything else we need to know?	

Please return by Friday May 25.

**Thank you!!!!**

Team Phoenix

**Step 3:** Children chose the subjects they were most interested in for workshops.

**Step 4:** The activities agreed upon for the workshops must be approved by the school and parents for safety.

**Workshops which were offered by the parents of children in Gurraneasig National School included:**

- How to make a curragh
- Carpentry skills

- Screen printing T-shirts
- How to make a movie from scratch
- Petrol heads i.e. how engines work

**Step 5:** The workshops need to be scheduled, in Gurraneasig National School the schedule was drawn up by the Student Council with the help of a parent, these workshops took place both on and off the school site and lasted for from 1 to 4 hours.

**Step 6:** Written consent must be given by parents for their children to take part in a workshop.

A teacher must always be present at the workshops.