



Newsletter

SPRING INTO SUMMER



As the ELI team continues to grow, we thought you might like to see the faces behind all of our programmes! Please say hello if you see us out and about!

ELI has been very busy over the springtime with lots of events and programmes taking place before the school year ends. It is giving us the bounce we need to spring into our summer programming! Please keep an eye out for upcoming ELI events and programmes. There will be lots to do for children and families to make sure learning is fun over the summer and keep us all out and about.



For further information and sign-up details for these programmes and more, please see our Summer Flyer

- Discover University - June 2023 - College-taster programme for 2nd level students
- Groups Summer Out and Abouts - July and August 2023 - Play Events for ages 1-5 years
- STEM Play and Learn – July and August 2023 – Summer Home-visiting programme for ages 3.5 - 6 Years

To keep in touch with us and see suggested activities, videos and tips for all ages, and access to online groups please Follow, Like & Share us on:

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THANK YOU

Partnerships with Corporates, Government Bodies, Trusts, Foundations and committed individual support is fundamental to lasting change ELI is making in the Dublin Docklands Community. We wish to thank all of our socially minded supporters who are journeying with children, families and young people towards success. For more information on how you, your company or your network can support the Early Learning Initiative please contact Dublin Inner City Assistant Director, Catriona.Flood@ncirl.ie or National Assistant Director, Lana.Cummins@ncirl.ie

The Area Based Childhood Programme



ABC 0-2 HOME VISITING PROGRAMME

The ABC 0-2 Programme celebrated St. Patrick's Day with an event for families. There were lots of fun interactions with songs, stories, messy play, bubbles, and colouring. We hope to have more events throughout the summer, including our Teddy Bear's Picnic.



PARENTCHILD+ WORLD BOOK DAY SENSORY EVENT



On Thursday 2nd March, 11 of our ParentChild+ sites around Ireland celebrated World Book Day with a sensory event for families in their local communities. Themes included sand and water play, a sensory toy area, arts and crafts, and the exploration of different sounds, lights, and music. 240 families with 294 children attended the events with families from a wide variety of backgrounds and countries including Ireland, Ukraine, Syria, Somalia, Georgia, India, Brazil, Roma, and Irish Travellers. Thanks to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for funding this project through their International Protection Integration Fund and for making a huge difference to the children and families who enjoyed their day.

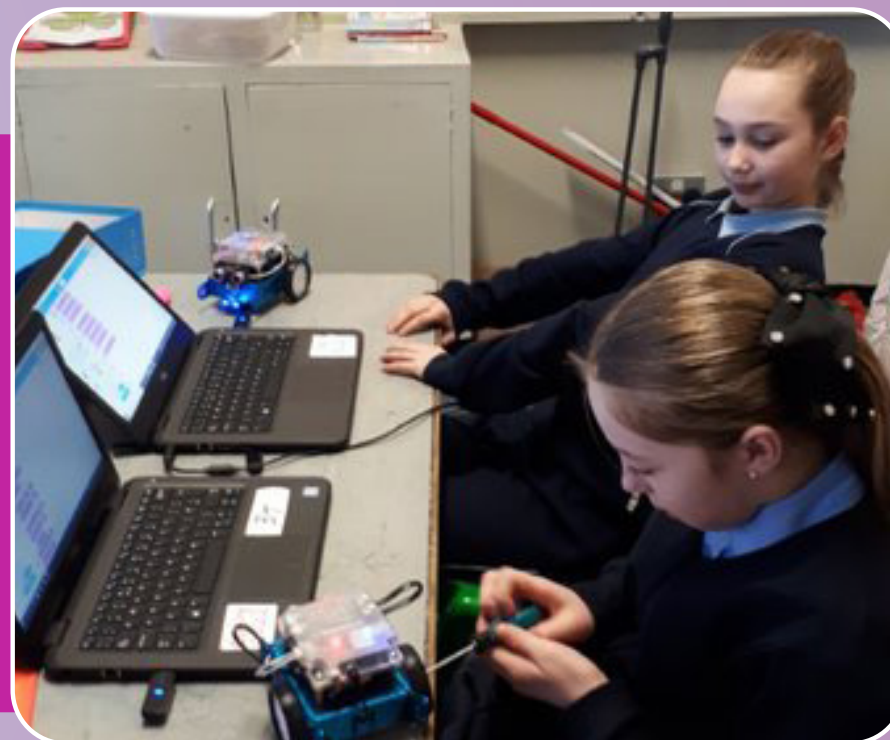
PARENTING 365



We want to wish our Parenting 365 team the very best of luck following their fantastic achievement of being nominated for the Education Awards in April 2023. The team have recently welcomed more families for this term with parents and children delighted to avail of 6 weeks of parenting support & play sessions based in National College of Ireland.

NCI CHALLENGES - QUIZ

Over 230 children from 4th class across Dublin's Inner City engaged in our table quiz class practices this Spring. Seven schools sent teams to compete at the NCI Quiz Challenge event at the college. We were very impressed by the students knowledge. Congratulations to all the children, teachers and parents involved!



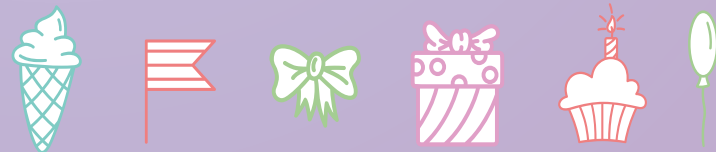
CODING CLUB PROGRAMME

Congratulations to the girls from St. Laurence O'Tooles NS, St. Vincent's GNS and St. Patrick's GNS who have just completed their 8-week all-girls Coding Club, funded by Science Foundation Ireland. A total of 54 girls were engaged across the three schools.



DOODLE DEN

Over the last few weeks, we have had the most wonderful corporate volunteers from KPMG across some of our Doodle Den Sites. These volunteers have engaged with the children in the sessions and supported them with a range of activities including phonics, writing skills, arts & crafts, and shared reading.



EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE

Congratulations to the 200+ students from primary and second level that took part in the Education Guidance school programme and exhibitions at NCI in March 2023. Volunteers from local companies judged the projects and visited schools to bring their feedback and talk about their career paths. Thanks also to the NEIC Initiative for funding this project at second level.

Students from St Vincent's Girls NS with their careers project.

