

Attendance Project

Catherine McAuley Junior School, New Ross, Co. Wexford

Attendance Awareness Month- Twice a year (usually Nov. and Feb.)

- Display large posters in prominent positions – Posters available as part of this initiative.
- Distribute posters to class teachers for discussion and display either in class or on the corridor.
- Related Art Competition for children – winning pictures mounted, laminated and presentation made at Month End Assembly

Attendance Challenge for targeted children

- 3 week block (at least twice a year, more if necessary. Usually after Att. Awareness Month)
- Aim is to be in 5 days each week
- Designated Teacher or HSCL contacts parents to inform them of the programme & get consent to partake
- Class teachers discreetly mark the child's card
- Designated Teacher or HSCL checks attendance on Fridays, meets with the whole group of children and awards a small prize (pencil/topper etc) to those who were in 5 days in for the week
- Designated Teacher or HSCL texts parent to say “well done in every day this week, keep up the good work”; in school 4 days this week, aim for 5 days next week etc.
- At the end of the 3 weeks a special prize is given to those who have had full attendance and texts are sent home as before
- Possibility of inviting parents in to little presentation ceremony to finalise the project
- A record of the programme is kept in the attendance file.