



Nurture Tree project



Developing Entrepreneurship Skills in Primary School Children

Dear Teacher

We are trying to develop further the **Nurture Tree Project** and I would like to re-activate your interest and support with this innovative project.

A number of Mayo Schools have already engaged with this project and have found it beneficial, engaging, practical, developmental and a useful assessment format for any age group of Primary School children.

I would **encourage** you to participate in the project indicating the points outlined below.

**An Entrepreneur is a person
who changes (or tries to change) their reality and that of others.
(N.B. - page 3 of the *Practical Guide*)**

1. Projects should last for perhaps **3 weeks** but for a maximum of 1 month
2. The projects are for developing **Behaviours** and not for generating results
3. The skills we are endeavouring to develop are inherent in the **present curricular objectives** but not bundled in such a way as with this project.
4. Page 5 of the **Practical Guide** is useful in the development of such a project.
5. PPAI refers to the **Personal Project Activity** of the group/individual
6. An Entrepreneur is a **social or economic** entrepreneur
7. There are 3 Steps to a Project (Page 6-11 of Practical Guide)
– **Preparation, Execution & Conclusion.**
8. The **six skills** assessed in the development of any Nurture Tree project are:
 - a. *Self-confidence*
 - b. *Initiative*
 - c. *Organisation*
 - d. *Resilience*
 - e. *Creativity*
 - f. *Cooperative Relationship (Teamwork)*
9. A template is supplied (electronically) for **pre and post assessment** of these skills.
10. There are 3 manuals supplied – Practical Guide, Skills Assessment Tool & Support Manual – these are the necessary tools of the project.

These can be requested from the Mayo Education Centre and are also available on our website at www.MayoEducationCentre.ie

**If you or any teacher in your school is interested in developing such a project we
have an introduction evening with Art Ó Súilleabháin on
Wednesday 7th March from 4:30pm – 6:00pm**

Míle buíochas: **Art Ó Súilleabháin** (Director Mayo Education Centre)