

The Best Way to Thank Teacher

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With the end of the school year fast approaching, we're all thinking about how we can express our appreciation to our children's teacher or caregiver for the long hours and endless effort they have put into your child's education. Most schools now try to set an example by not allowing chocolate or alcohol into the school, so these easy choices for a 'Thank You Teacher' gift are immediately dismissed.

Faced with a gifting dilemma of not knowing what your child's teacher likes,

while being tight on time and on a small budget, should you resort to the cliché apple related gift? Special appreciation gifts don't have to be expensive or cliché.

One4all[®] asked some teachers what they would appreciate if parents wanted to show their thanks in the form of a gift. All the teachers interviewed said they never expect a gift, but if parents insisted, they felt something for the classroom or something that will improve the classroom environment would be greatly appreciated.

Often teachers that are very motivated to improve their classroom environment can find themselves dipping into their own pockets for classroom stationery, games, decorations, books, plants and educational magazines. These are all ideal end of year thank you gifts, but how do you decide what would be best and be sure he/she didn't receive 20 of the same items which will just clutter their classroom up? If a parent expressed their gratitude in the form of gift vouchers, this would allow the teacher to buy what they really need for their classroom, from book stores and toy shops to art and hobby shops, everything the teacher needs for improving your child's classroom environment.

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One teacher felt a multi-store gift voucher would be an ideal gift if a parent really wanted to buy a gift, as whether she wanted to get something for the classroom, herself or a mixture of both, she has the most choice possible.

Of course, with a multi-store gift voucher such as the **One4all**[®], your child's teacher also has the choice of treating themselves to something they wouldn't usually, such as a massage, something for their house or hobby, a meal at their favourite restaurant, some cosmetics or their favourite toiletries, the choice is theirs. With just a little thought you can show your appreciation for your child's teacher while also giving a practical and enjoyable gift to remind them of the impressive year.

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One4all[®] Gift Vouchers have over 750 of Ireland's shops and services with 4,500 outlets nationwide making them the leading provider of Gift Vouchers in Ireland. Leading stores such as Argos, Brown Thomas, Champion Sports, Debenhams, Easons, Great Southern Hotels, HMV and Byrnes World of Wonder benefit from the service's unique distribution system. The latest addition to the GVS product range are **One4all**[®] Gift Cards which can be spent in over 2,000 outlets nationwide.

Over 50% of GVS's business is now generated by its highly effective corporate sales division that provides a wide range of facilities and services to the corporate sector. These include staff incentives, HR support services, trade promotions and specialised software solutions for the management of the employee BIK allowances.

In July 2005, GVS launched their Online Corporate System (OCS) for Small Benefit Relief to the corporate market. The OCS is a special software development that provides a number of unique functionalities for the efficient management of the small benefit concession and has been approved by the Revenue Commissioners.

Following its success in Ireland, GVS have begun to develop internationally. The first of its markets was with Maltapost in November 2004. In October 2005 GVS and the Post Office Ltd launched in all of the 14,600 Post Office branches across the UK.