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December Newsletter 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Christmas Activities:

- Fourth Classes travelled to Golden Island shopping centre on Thursday 19th of December for Carol Singing.
- Our raffle also took place . All the prize winners and ticket sellers received their prizes. Thanks to the Parents Association for organising both events, Please see the list of winners below.
- On Friday 13th December, we had a Non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day in aid of "Barnardos". An amazing €750.27 was raised on the day for this worthy charity



- We will have a second Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper Day tomorrow (December 20th as it is the day of the holidays. No fee.
- Santa and his elves visited our classes on Monday .They had a treat for all pupils as they have worked very hard since September!Thanks to the Parents Association for this very enjoyable event and a special thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us in Coosan N.S!

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RTE Visits Coosan National School:

RTE News Today visited Ms. Kennedy's First Class to highlight an inspiring wellbeing project in collaboration with Barnardos. We were immensely proud to watch some of our students share on television how the skills they're learning are positively impacting them. Ms. Crowley's Junior Infants are also participating in this initiative, which focuses on building resilience and relieving stress through breathwork techniques. The program is designed to empower young learners with essential coping strategies. We're excited to announce that more classes will join the wellbeing project in 2025, and we eagerly look forward to seeing its continued positive impact.

Christmas Performances:

Last week, all classes in the school performed for their parents/guardians in the GP Hall. The children and staff are most thankful for your support. The performances will be shared by the class teachers on Google Classroom. You can also enjoy a slideshow of our Christmas events on our website. www.coosannationalschool.ie



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Visit to the Civic Office:

Our Junior Mayors Eoghan Silke & James McLoughlin along with our sixth class Student Council members, Luke Kolencheril & Leo Galvin were invited to attend the Athlone Civic Chamber on the 11th of December. It was an opportunity for the Junior Mayors to meet one another and to highlight any concerns with Mr. Keena or any council officials that were present on the day.

The Arcadia Retail Park was also in attendance and will be rolling out the Climate Awards as part of the Junior Mayor Initiative. The children have been given the task of preparing a Climate action project based on Biodiversity along with their peers. This project will then be presented in the TUS in April of next year.



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LEGO Spike Inspires STEAM Learning:

Students from some classes (2nd - 6th Class) have been exploring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) through exciting LEGO Spike activities. These hands-on sessions encourage creativity, problem-solving and teamwork as students design, build, and program their own projects.

By blending play and learning, LEGO Spike helps develop coding, critical thinking, and collaboration skills. It's been fantastic to see our students tackle challenges, share ideas, and grow in confidence. Well done to all our young innovators!



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Exciting News: Tennis Equipment for Our School!

We are delighted to share that Tennis Ireland has generously provided our school with a free set of tennis rackets, nets, and tennis balls. This fantastic donation will allow our students to enjoy and develop their tennis skills as part of our PE activities.

We look forward to introducing tennis to classes in the new school year and can't wait to see our budding tennis stars in action! A big thank you to Tennis Ireland for their support.

Swimming:

Third classes will attend swimming lessons for the months of January and February starting on Tuesday 7th January-February 25th 2025.

School Fees:

Swimming: Pupils from Coosan NS will attend swimming lessons similar to last year. The charge per pupil will be €50.

- Art & Craft: We would like to thank all who have paid the fee of €50 per pupil and remind any family who has not done so to please do so at your earliest convenience.
- Basketball: We would like to thank all who have paid the fee of €20 per pupil and remind any family who has not done so to please do so at your earliest convenience.
- Voluntary Contribution: In Coosan NS, we are very privileged to have such a wonderful new school building and fantastic grounds. The challenge the school faces both now and into the future will be in maintaining these wonderful facilities as well as running the school in the normal manner each school year. For this reason, the school is asking for a voluntary contribution from each child of €50 capped at €100 per family. This is not compulsory and any contribution will be very much appreciated-thank you!

Payment for all of the above can be made on the Aladdin Connect App or to the office.

PA Association Report:

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Santa and his Elves had a wonderful time visiting Coosan School as always. His sleigh was weighed down with Jellytots (and he may have snuck a few in for Rudolf, as long as he brushed his teeth after!).

The children, with the help of the teachers, staff and parents, created beautiful, painted stone artwork to add to the PA Christmas display. The PA would like to thank 'Midland Stone Company' for donating the stones.

The Christmas raffle was a great success again this year with many wonderful prizes donated by local businesses.

The Parents' Association looks forward to a busy 2025 and thanks the parents/guardians and staff for all their help throughout the year.

Please contact Olivia on 0862679441 if you have any questions about the PA or want to join the volunteer list.

Our next PA meeting will be on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

We wish everyone a merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Best Wishes:

Best wishes to Ms. McDonagh and her husband-to-be, as they are celebrating their Wedding Day this Christmas. Have a wonderful day! We wish you both every good wish in your future together.

We also wish Ms. McCormack and Ms. O'Flynn all the best as they begin their maternity leaves.

Holidays:

Our school closes on Friday December 20th, at 12 noon for Christmas and we will reopen on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

A Word of thanks:

On behalf of the Board of Management and all staff at Coosan National School, I wish to thank you for your support and cooperation in all school activities since September.



Nollaig faoi mhaise agus Bliain Nua faoi shéan diabh go léir

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Le gach dea-ghuí

Ms. S. Cunningham

Principal

Coosan National School

Results of Parents Association Raffle