



Nuacht Litrí Mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2024



October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

The school will be closed for mid-term break next week from 28th of October-1st of November (inclusive). We reopen on Monday 4th of November at 9:20. We hope all wish all families a lovely Hallowe'en break. Thank you for your continued support, it is as always greatly appreciated.

Congratulations:

Everyone in Coosan NS would like to congratulate three of our teaching staff team Eoghan Kelly, Liam Creavin and Simon Thomas on their Graduations this autumn. Well done to each of you!

Garda Visit:





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Thank you to Garda Sergeant Paul Kelly and his team who came to visit the children. The children were very happy to see the Garda car and experience what it is like to be in the back seat!

Dates for your diary:

Hallowe'en Disco: Thursday 24th of October, 2024

Science Week: Sunday 10th November - Sunday 17th November, 2024

Parent Teacher Meetings: Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November, 2024

Class Christmas Performances: Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th December, 2024

****Confirmation:** Saturday 10th of May, 2025 @11am in Coosan Church

****First Holy Communion:** Saturday 24th of May, 2025 @11am in Coosan Church

Standardised Tests: Revised dates: 12th-23rd of May 2025



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Junior Mayors:



Congratulations to our newly elected Junior Mayors ***Eoghan Silke*** and ***James McLoughlin!!***

Friendship Week 2024:

Friendship Week 2024 at Coosan National School was held from October 14th to 18th. This year, we centred our activities around the "Mind Me, Mind You" program, which emphasises friendship-building, resilience, fair play, and respect. Classes paired up for various activities, including paired reading, bracelet making, and nature walks. We aim for every child to feel a strong sense of belonging at our school, and we hope that Friendship Week has contributed to that feeling.



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Music in Coosan NS:



This month in Coosan NS our Junior Infants, Senior Infants and pupils from Ms. McCormack's and Ms. Whyte's classes enjoyed some special visitors and learned lots of new fun music with DD!

New Schoolyard Equipment:



This month in Coosan NS lots of our pupils have been playing with our new Mud kitchens! We also like our new Buddy Benches and our new soccer goals!

Appreciation Days in Coosan NS:

This year in Coosan NS we celebrated all of our staff here in Coosan NS on special SNA, Teacher and Secretary/Caretaker Appreciation Days. Our wonderful teachers, SNAs, our secretary, Pauline and our caretaker Derek. As a school community, we are so lucky to have such talented, committed professionals supporting all our pupils each and every day in our school-thank you all!



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Derek our caretaker and Pauline our secretary!

Diocesan Visit:

Coosan NS recently had a Diocesan Visit from Colm Harte and Margaret Kelly. They were very pleased with the wonderful welcome they received. They spoke to, saw and listened to all of our pupils speak about what they are learning in religion in school. Colm and Margaret were full of praise for all the great work being done by the teachers and SNAs at school and by the parents/guardians at home-well done everyone!

Assemblies:

School assemblies continued this month in our school. Our new assembly format which places more emphasis on pupils' participation and inclusion for all is going really well.

We have introduced class rewards based on whole school targets. This month Ms. Curran's Senior Infants and Ms. G. Kelly's 1st Class won the trophies at Junior assemblies for being the best Infant and Junior classes respectively-Well done everyone!

We continue to practice our school rules and have learned new lámh signs such as "thank you" and "friend" this month.

Our new junior mayors, Eoghan Silke and James McLoughlin also introduced themselves and spoke at the Senior assembly-well done to our junior mayors!

Our new Student Council will also be introduced at assemblies after midterm.

6th class visit to Our Lady's Bower:



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Our Sixth Class girls had the opportunity to visit Our Lady's Bower on Wednesday, 16th of October. The girls had the chance to explore the school, as well as experience some of the classes that are on offer. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and we would like to thank Ms. Beades, the staff and students for their hospitality and kindness shown.

School Self-Evaluation:

Our school's focus for SSE this year is Wellbeing. We are currently in the process of identifying a focus based on all the surveys that have been completed. Wellbeing activities and events will be organised again this school year similar to last year. More information will be provided by the school in due course. A special thanks to Ms. Beirne and the Wellbeing committee.

After School Activities:

After School activities will recommence again after Mid-Term thanks to the generosity of some of our wonderful teachers and coaches.

Tuesdays 3-4pm: Hurling for boys and girls from 4th-6th classes

Wednesdays 3-4:30pm: Gymnastics for pupils in 3rd classes

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm: Irish dancing for pupils from JI-2nd

Thursdays 3-4pm: Gaelic Football for boys and girls from 5th-6th classes

Swimming:

Swimming returns on Tuesdays after Hallowe'en. A fee of €50 per pupil will apply.

November 5th - December 17th 7 weeks 6th Classes

January 7th - February 25th 8 weeks 3rd Classes

March 4th - April 17th 7 weeks 4th Classes

April 29th - June 24th 8 weeks 5th Classes

Please ensure your child brings the necessary gear.

Sporting Achievements:

Gaelic Football Boys: Well done to our boy's Gaelic Football Teams who played two Cumann na mBunscol games recently against St. Colman's, Mullingar and Holy Family Mullingar. A sincere thanks to Mr. Ronaldson and Mr. Creavin for their support and coaching.



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Gaelic Football Girls: Well done to our girl's Gaelic Football Teams who played two Cumann na mBunscol games recently against Moate and Ard na Grath.....A sincere thanks to Mr. Keogh, Mr. Kenny and Mr. Creavin for their support and coaching.

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.

Health & Safety:

In the interests of all pupils health and safety we kindly ask everyone to remember:

If pupils are unwell, please do not send them to school, consult your GP, follow public health advice and inform the school so that we can support your child in the case of a long period of absence and when they return to school.

We have children with a variety of allergies attending our school. The school kindly asks that treats are not sent in for the whole class as a birthday celebration and wish to remind everyone that foods with trace elements of nuts are not allowed due to severe nut allergies in our school.

Chewing gum is not permitted in Coosan N.S.. The school would appreciate the support of parents/guardians in ensuring that it does not come into school-Go raibh maith agaibh.



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Morning Supervision:

- There are staff on the yard from 9.10 am every morning to allow parents/guardians to leave promptly after dropping their children to the yard. We would appreciate your full support and cooperation in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, to provide the children with ample space to walk to their lines in the mornings and continue to develop their sense of independence.
- On very wet mornings, pupils are admitted at 9.10am.

Aladdin:

It is most important that addresses/emails and phone numbers of all our students are up to date. If your address/phone number/email has changed, please update details on Aladdin Connect or inform Pauline, our secretary, as they are required for correspondence purposes. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Aladdin Connect, if you haven't please contact the office and we can resend access codes.

Absences/Appointments:

Please document all of your child's absences using the Aladdin Connect app or inform the office, to avoid any unexplained absences.

Christmas Cards:

Christmas Card Templates for your child/children were returned to the printers and we are awaiting the order cards/forms after the Mid-term.

Healthy Eating:

We ask all parents/guardians to be mindful of our Healthy Eating Policy when preparing lunches for your child/ren each school day. Please note that Friday is the only designated 'treat day' in our school.



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**BEST OF LUCK TO ALL PAST PUPILS IN
WESTMEATH INTERMEDIATE HURLING
COUNTY FINAL 2024**

Southern Gaels
1973
Gaeil an Deiscirt

Congratulations to our past pupils Evan Farrell, Conn O'Hara, Diarmaid Murtagh, Luke O'Connell, Eoin Hardiman and Luke Whelan, who will play in the Westmeath Intermediate Hurling County Final 2024, this Saturday, October 26th.

**Go n-éirí libh a bhuachaillí-táimid an-bhródúil
asaibh!**

Parents Association:

The Parents Association are busy organising the Halloween disco for the Junior and Senior classes which will take place this Thursday evening. The children have put in so much effort dressing up and getting into the "spirit" of things! Many thanks to all the parents and guardians who are volunteering on the night.

Also HUGE thanks to those who have helped with the Halloween/Pumpkin & Skeleton display!! They have definitely outdone themselves AGAIN this year!!

Our next meeting will take place on the 6th November at 8.30pm and we encourage parents to come along to a meeting for a cup of tea to see what's involved.

We always love to see new faces. If anyone wishes to join the Parents Association Whatsapp group please email coosanschoolpa@gmail.com and we will happily add you.



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We also encourage parents and guardians to join our volunteer list, to be up to date on how you can support the Parents Association. Please text Olivia on: 0862679441 if you would like to be added to the group.

Happy Halloween everyone and have a great Mid-Term.

Mid-Term Break:

Our school will close today at 3pm for our Mid-Term Break.

We will reopen on Monday, 4th November at 9.20am.

Thank you for your continued support, the school sincerely appreciates it- *Ní heart go cur le chéile.*

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Hallowe'en Break

Gach Beannacht

Ms. S. Cunningham

Principal

Coosan National School