

## February Newsletter

### **Dates for Your Diary:**

- The Confirmation Ceremony for our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will take place Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 5.00pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Coosan.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Confession Ceremony for 2<sup>nd</sup> class will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 at 5.30pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Coosan.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Ceremony for 2<sup>nd</sup> class will take place Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2022 at 11.00am in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Coosan.
- County Photos will visit the school on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 to photograph all families in the school.

### **Enrolments for September 2022:**

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at 3.00pm is the closing date for enrolments for Coosan National School for September 2022.

### **Sixth Class Trip:**

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> classes will go on a trip to the critically acclaimed production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" based on the book by CS Lewis. 6<sup>th</sup> classes are reading this novel at present. They will also visit Kilmainham Jail.

### **Internet Safety Week:**

Coosan National School had a very successful Internet Safety Week from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. All classes in the school participated in Internet Safety activities.

Jeremy Pagden spoke to the pupils in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes by zoom.

The staff had in-service by zoom with Jeremy on Monday afternoon.

Jeremy spoke to parents/guardians by zoom on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

### **Book Week:**

There are a number of activities taking place to celebrate Book Week 2022 in our school this year

- First Classes will visit Athlone Library on Thursday March 3<sup>th</sup>, for 'Storytelling and Art activities.
- Lucinda Jacob (poet, illustrator and children's author visited our school on Monday and the children in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes engaged in a workshop and had some enjoyable readings.
- Parents from Junior and Senior Infants have been busy recording stories for the children to watch on Google Classroom.
- 1<sup>st</sup> classes are engaging in a Design a Book Mark competition.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> classes are going to busy designing an alternative cover for their favourite book
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes are looking forward to a cosy pyjama/storytime afternoon activity in their classrooms
- On Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have our 'Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character/Non-Uniform Day'. Children and staff are encouraged to dress up as their favourite of characters on Thursday so all the children can see each other-this will be an outdoor activity (weather dependent)
- D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) time every day in all classes so children are encouraged to bring in a book to read each day.
- We are having a Book Fair this year to celebrate Book Week and to build up our book supply for the school and class libraries. We are very excited about this Book Fair. Every class will get the opportunity to browse and to purchase the books in our Fair.
- We also have a padlet on our website for a fun activity for all the school community to engage in and be part of so go onto our website and check it out on February 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **Parents Association:**

The next PA meeting will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and all parents and guardians are welcome to participate. Details will be circulated to the PA WhatsApp group and to Class Liaison groups.

#### **Junior Mayor Climate Initiative:**

Sixth Class are taking part in the Junior Mayor Climate Initiative sponsored by Arcadia Business Park. As part of this initiative, they will be raising awareness of environmental issues.

#### **Fundamentals:**

On Thursday & Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February, we commenced a six-week programme for Junior & Senior Infants. This involves the infant classes travelling to TUS for six weeks.

#### **School Closures:**

- Coosan National School will be closed tomorrow and Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> as per year calendar.
- Coosan National School will be closed Thursday & Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> as per school calendar.

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Principal.