

October Newsletter



28th October 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Date for your diary:

- 1st Holy Communion Ceremony will take place on Saturday, 13th May, 2023 in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Coosan at 11.00am.
- Confirmation Ceremony for Coosan National School will take place on Friday, 26th May at 5pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Coosan.
- We are in the process of organising these meetings. Parent /Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday, November 23rd and Thursday, November 24th this year. Details to follow.
- Sixth Classes will attend the Athlone Community College's staging of 'Grease' in the Dean Crowe Hall; on Tuesday, November 15th

Parents' Association:

We are holding our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 8th November 2022 in the school at 9 pm and we welcome all parents & guardians of children in the school. 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. Our Halloween Disco took place on Thursday the 27th of October. Thank you to all the amazing Coosan school children and families for their spooky Halloween pumpkins and creations. Don't forget there is still time to put your Halloween pumpkin at our spooky display. A massive thanks to all parents & guardians who have helped out with our Halloween activities. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more updates.

Supervision of Pupils:

Please note that the children are supervised from 9.20am-3pm each school day. The school grounds are open to the pupils but we cannot accept responsibility for children arriving before the official opening of the school or remaining on the grounds after school.

Parking and Child Safety:

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation at drop-off times in the mornings. Please continue to use reverse parking in the car-park. However, a number of parents are not using the drop-off zone when they drop and go in the mornings. This is causing congestion at the front of the school. Please refrain from using the staff carpark.

Christmas Cards:

Thanks to all the parents/guardians who returned the template for the Christmas cards, designed by the pupils in our school. These will be processed during the Halloween break.

Sport:

- Swimming will begin for Sixth Classes after the Halloween Break (7 sessions)
- *Athletics: Congratulations to the children in 4th, 5th and 6th classes who participated in the Mini Olympics this term. Many medals were awarded on the day. Congratulations to all involved. Thanks to Ms. O' Carroll and Ms. McElvaney who looked after the athletics on the day.*



- *Gaelic: Congratulations to the Boys Gaelic Team who beat Moate in the Cumann na mBunscoil Competition and are through to the semi-final in the New Year.*
- *The Boy's Gaelic Team had a very successful day at The Primary Schools' Boys' Blitz in Athlone Community College*



- *Girls Gaelic Team: Our girls Gaelic Team took part in the recent Athlone Community College Blitz. The girls reached the semi final, losing out narrowly in the end.*
- *One of our players received a special mention Layla Sherriff who was named Player of the Tournament- well done Layla!*
- *The girls also played an away match in Rochfortbridge and played very well again. Well done to all involved and thanks to Mr. Keogh and Ms. Kelly*
- *Our academy footballers 4th class also took part in a blitz competition in Moate Secondary school yesterday, played some lovely football and had a great day. Thanks Ms Walsh and Mr. Ronaldson.*

Outstanding Fees:

Thank you to all who paid outstanding fees. It is very important that these fees are paid for the day to day running of our school.

School Uniform:

I would like to compliment you on the effort made to ensure your child(ren) come to school wearing full school uniform. However, a small number of students are not wearing the correct bottoms. It is important that **every** student adheres to the school uniform requirements. I hope to visit all classes after the Mid-Term Break to check uniforms etc. School bottoms should not have any logo or stripes.

Birthdays:

We would appreciate if birthday invitations were distributed outside of school hours to prevent upset. We have children with a variety of allergies in our school. In the interest of child safety, we ask that you refrain from sending in treats for the whole class as a birthday celebration. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mid Term Break:

Our school closed today at 3pm for Mid-Term Break.

We will re-open on Monday, 7th November at 9.20am.

Thank you for your support since September.

The staff wish everybody a restful and enjoyable Mid-Term Break.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Cunningham

Principal
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