



April Newsletter

Junior Infants Credit Union Knook Book Presentation

Athlone Credit Union came to visit our Infants classes and gathered some information about all the wonderful pupils and teachers. They spoke about their partnership with **Knook**, a unique initiative bringing personalised storybooks to primary school children.

Athlone Credit Union is helping children see themselves, their classmates and their teachers come alive in magical, personalised stories. This initiative sparks imagination, encourages creativity and fosters a lifelong love of reading – all while celebrating community and belonging.



Junior Infants Firestation visit

Ms. Walshe and Ms. Brophy's class visited Athlone Fire-station on Friday 17th April and it's safe to say there were smiles all around! The children (and teachers/SNA's) got to climb into a real fire engine and go for a spin, try on the firefighters' gear and even have a turn spraying the hose—future firefighters in the making! We also learned lots about fire safety and what to do in an emergency. A highlight of the day was when some very brave (or slightly nervous!) teachers were given a special lift in the hoist—much to everyone's amusement. Everyone had great fun... especially the teachers, who may now be considering a career change!





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Garda Visit - Special Classes, JI and SI

On Monday 20th April, An Garda Síochána visited our school. Our Junior Infants, Senior Infants and pupils from Our Special Classes were delighted to welcome them. It was an exciting visit. The children had great fun exploring the Garda car and van, trying on parts of the uniform and even testing out the siren—there were lots of surprised faces when it went off! A big highlight of the day was getting their fingerprints taken and using the handcuffs which made everyone feel like real detectives. The classes also learned lots about staying safe, who to go to if they need help, and the important work the Gardaí do in our community. It was a fun and memorable experience for all!



TUS Climate Action Exhibition

Our 6th Class made projects on food waste. We really enjoyed making them. We hope that we made an impact on food waste in our school. It was great fun presenting our projects at the TUS. Junior Mayors - Neil Boyle and Bláthnaid Macken.





Student Council

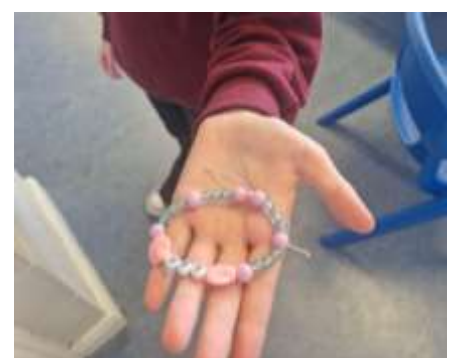
Currently the student council is running an in-school poetry competition for 2nd - 3rd classes based on food waste. This follows on from the excellent projects delivered by sixth class pupils. The winning poetry entries will be judged by the student council and read aloud over the school intercom.

Friendship Week

This week we celebrated Friendship week.

It was an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate our friendships here in Coosan National School. We made friendship bracelets, left some positive notes about each other on our friendship wall and 3rd-6th classes also buddied up with Junior and Senior Infants for their playtimes.

They also had an opportunity to use our new resources together. The school has recently purchased Plus-Plus construction sets. These sets are similar to lego except it is one simple shape with endless possibilities. In groups, in the classroom, pupils can let their imaginations run wild as they create colourful mosaics or more complex 3D structures.





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New Chess Equipment

Below is the fabulous photograph that has won Coosan N.S 300euro worth of new chess equipment with Féile Fichille. The photo was titled ' The game brings all pupils together teaching pupils to have patience and kindness to each other.



School Garden

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who supported pupils with planting the garden over the past two weeks. The sunshine arrived just in time for us! This has been a fantastic learning opportunity for the children and we look forward to working together to care for and maintain our garden as we watch it grow. We will also be installing a new wooden shed to store all garden equipment, which will be easily accessible for pupils. Once again, a sincere thank you to all parents, teachers and SNAs for their continued support with this project.





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Hurling

Hurling training has changed to Tuesday at lunchtime in school. Coosan played Gaelscoil Mullingar in their first Cumann na Mbunscol match. Coosan put in a super performance against a very strong Gaelscoil team. The final score was 3-7 to 2-2.

Camogie

Camogie training has started. Training will take place every Friday at lunchtime for 5th and 6th class girls.



Boys Gaelic Football.

Congrats to the boys Gaelic football team that defeated Kinnegad in a recent Cumann na mBunscol game. The team have now qualified undefeated from their group and will play their semi-final against St. Coleman's, Mullingar on Friday next May 7th at 11:15am in Páirc Chiarán. Well done to all.

Girls Gaelic Football

Congratulations to our girls' Gaelic football team on their victory over Gainstown NS in a hard-fought final group game last week. This excellent result means they have topped their group and secured a place in the Division One final of the Cumann na mBunscol, which will take place in late May.

Well done to all involved—we wish them the very best in the final!

Tennis

Tennis with Clem Higginbotham started on Friday 20th March with 2nd class and will continue until Friday 1st May. Clem will then start lessons with 3rd class on Friday 15th May for five more weeks. Thank you so much to Tennis Ireland and Clem for sharing his expertise and knowledge with us.

Girls Soccer

Congratulations to our Spar 5s girls' soccer team on their fantastic success in the North Leinster Finals last week. The team delivered an outstanding performance, winning all three of their games and finishing top of their group. This achievement means they have qualified for the Leinster Finals, which will take place on May 5th. Well done to all the girls for their excellent style of play and teamwork. We wish them every success in the upcoming Leinster Finals!





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Boys soccer

Well done to the boys Spar 5s soccer team who represented the county in the North Leinster Finals in Navan on April 29th. Unfortunately things didn't go our way on the day but the boys represented the school with pride and were very competitive in each of their three games. It was a fantastic achievement to reach this stage and the lads should be very proud of themselves.



For you information:

As the weather begins to get warmer, we kindly ask that you apply sunscreen to your child before school and ensure they bring and wear a hat for sun protection.

Children may also wear plain black shorts (with no logos) as part of the school uniform, along with their grey polo shirt. Please ensure that shorts are of an appropriate length and not too short.

We also kindly ask that you remain vigilant when collecting and dropping your child to and from school. This is a particularly busy time, with many children and vehicles in the area. For everyone's safety, please avoid using mobile phones while collecting your child and ensure that you collect them promptly and move on as quickly as possible. It is vital your child crosses the road at the safety crossing only.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep all children safe.

Dates for your diary:

- **16th May: Saturday @11am, 1st Holy Communion Ceremony** for 2nd class pupils will take place in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Coosan at 11am.
- **18th May:** Monday, County Photos will be here to take photos of our 1st Holy Communion pupils
- **May 5th - 5th Classes** commence Swimming Lessons for seven weeks (5.5.26-23.06.26)
- **4th-15th of May inclusive-** As per school calendar issued at the start of the year Standardised testing will take place throughout the school. It is school policy that children will not be re-tested if they are away on holidays.
- **Tuesday 26th May** - School closed due to staff in-service (Primary Curriculum)
- **27th & 28th May:** Sports/Fun Days
- **29th May:** Friday, school closed for June Bank Holiday weekend
- **2nd June:** Tuesday, school re-opens after June Bank Holiday weekend
- **4th June:** Thursday, PA Table Quiz, more information to follow
- **22nd June:** Monday, 6th class graduation ceremony at 7pm in the GP Hall



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- **24th June:** Wednesday, Coosan NS closes for Summer Holidays at 12 noon
- **Our return to school date for the academic year 2026/2027 is Tuesday 1st September.**
- **School Tours Listed below: Pricing & more information to follow.**

SCHOOL TOURS 2026

Junior Infants

Ms. Brophy & Ms. Casey

Thursday, 4th June

Playtown, Tullamore

Senior Infants

Ms. Whyte & Ms. G. Kelly

Tuesday, 9th June

Turoe Pet Farm

1st Class

Ms. Arthur & Ms. McElvaney

Monday, 8th June

TUS Galway - Let's Go

2nd Class

Ms. Walsh & Mr. Creavin

Friday, 5th June

TUS Athlone - Let's Go

3rd Class

Ms. Beirne & Mr. Ronaldson

Wednesday, 10th June

Wildlands, Galway



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4th Class

Ms. Blaney & Ms. Lantry

📅 Friday, 19th June

📍 Just 4 Fun Kids Camp, Longford

5th Class

Ms. O'Donohue & Ms. O'Carroll

📅 Wednesday, 27th May

📍 Zipit, Lough Key Forest Park

6th Class

Ms. Harte & Ms. O'Flynn

📅 Wednesday, 17th June

📍 Baysports

Special Classes

Ms. McCormack & Mr. E. Kelly

📅 Thursday, 11th June

📍 Jump for Joy