

# *Nuacht Litrí Na Nollag 2025*



## **December Newsletter 2025**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

### **Christmas Activities:**

- Pupils from Junior Infants - 2nd class along with our SEU classes took a trip to Tuar Ard on November 25th to see "I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas". It was such an enjoyable day and kicked off Christmas in Coosan.
- Last Friday, December 12th, our 6th class pupils held a Christmas Fayre in aid of St. Hilda's services. They raised an incredible €2,600 and really put everyone in the Christmas spirit! All of the funds will be going directly to the services and to support pupils who have qualified for the Special Olympics in June 2026.



- Santa and his elves visited our classes on Tuesday. 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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- Fourth Classes wrote Christmas letters and made Christmas cards that were delivered to the residents of Sonas Nursing Home yesterday in time for Christmas.
- On Wednesday 18th December, our school choir put on a fabulous festive performance for all the pupils and staff.

### Cycle Right:

Both our 6th Classes completed their Cycle Right training this month. Cycle Right is the national standard for cycle training and provides practical cycle safety and skills training to promote competent and confident cyclists. Children from both classes completed four days of training in total. Our last session took place on the road and we completed approximately two hours of cycling around the environs of Coosan. Yanni and Ryan from Birr Outdoor Education and Training Centre were our facilitators and they were excellent tutors in guiding the children through the correct rules of the road when on their bikes.



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## Visit to the Civic Office:

Our Junior Mayors Bláthnaid Macken and Neil Boyle were invited to attend the Athlone Civic Chamber on. 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.

## Paul Hensey

We had the pleasure of having Paul Hensey in to talk to the children from 3rd-6th class, reminding them of how to stay safe online. We know that Christmas can be a time where new devices come into the household, hopefully children will be more aware of the importance of their safety online and the do's and dont's to protect themselves and others.

## Climate Awards as part of the Junior Mayor Initiative.

Last year our pupils in Ms Hartes and Ms Kellys 6th class were given the task of preparing a Climate action project based on Biodiversity along with their peers. The pupils put immense work and effort into the project last year and delivered excellent powerpoint presentations to their fellow pupils school-wide to share their knowledge. Sixth class were rewarded with a €200 B&Q voucher to spend towards our school garden.



## School Garden Incredible Edibles School

We were delighted to receive the Gold Incredible Edibles school award to recognise the effort demonstrated in our project tasks on sowing, growing, sustainability and food origin. Along with this award we were gifted wildflower seeds which we look forward to planting in the Spring.

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## Swimming:

Third classes commence swimming lessons from January 6th - February 17th, 2026 (7 Weeks). All children are expected to participate in Swimming Classes. If for medical reasons, your child is unable to attend, please forward a certificate from your doctor. The fee for these classes is **€55.00**. Please pay this fee at your earliest convenience, either on-line or to the class teacher.

## School Fees:

Swimming: Pupils from Coosan NS will attend swimming lessons similar to last year. The charge per pupil will be €55.

- Art & Craft: We would like to thank all who have paid the fee of €60 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:

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 Houses artwork to add to the PA Christmas display. The PA would like to thank Jane Rafter - "The Button Studio" for donating the little houses.

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The Parents' Association looks forward to a busy 2026 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

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

### **Holidays:**

Our school closes on Friday December 19th , at 12 noon for Christmas and we will reopen on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @9.20am

### **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 Bláin Nua faoi shéan diabh go léir

Le gach dea-ghuí

**Mr. S. Cunningham**

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Coosan National School

