December 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Christmas Activities:

Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Classes and Ms. Walshe's class visited Tuar Ard Theatre in Moate and had a very enjoyable morning watching "Rudolf Saves Christmas". Thank you to the Parents Association for supporting transport costs.

Our School choir (4th and 5th classes) performed for the Turning on of Christmas Lights Ceremony in Athlone's Civic Centre in late November.

All classes enjoyed "Hansel and Gretel", an on-line panto this year. This was also co-funded by the Parents Association, míle buíochas.

Last week, all classes in the school performed for their parents/guardians in the GP Hall. The children and staff are most thankful for your support. The performances will be shared by the class teachers on Google Classroom. You can also enjoy a slideshow of our Christmas events on our website. www.coosannationalschool.ie

Fourth Classes travelled to Golden Island shopping centre on Thursday 15th of December for Carol Singing.

On Monday, Santa and his elves visited the school and met all the children in their classrooms.

Our raffle also took place . All the prize winners and ticket sellers received their prizes. Thanks to the Parents Association for organising both events.

Children for Ms. McCormack's and Ms. Walshe's went to MacDonald's yesterday for a Christmas treat as they have all worked really hard in school since September.

On Friday 16th December, we had a Non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day in aid of "The Ronald MacDonald House". An amazing €1,191.02 was raised on the day for this worthy charity.

We will have a second Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper Day today as it is the day of the holidays. No fee.

Credit Union Art Competition winner

Huge congratulations to Kian Hardy in 6th class for winning the Chapter level of the Credit Union Art competition. Kian's artwork has progressed to the national finals of the competition. Well done Kian !



Swimming:

Third classes will attend swimming lessons for the months of January and February starting on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

Visit from Gardaí and Fire Brigade:

Junior Infants, Senior Infants and Ms. Walshe's had a very exciting visit from the Gardaí and Firemen in late November. We learned all about keeping ourselves safe and we got to see the Garda car and fire engine!



PA Association Report:

We are holding our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 10th January in the school at the new time of 8.45pm 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 <u>coosanschoolpa@gmail.com</u> and we will happily add you.

The PA were thrilled with the response to the Christmas raffle and we would like to thank all students and families who contributed. It has been a busy academic year so far and it was wonderful to see all the Christmas activities back in full swing including some new ones.

The Parents Association are working hard to compile a volunteer list to enable us to continue to provide extra activities and events for your children. We would love it if as many parents as possible joined. You can do so by whatsapp Caoimhe on 0872958341

Have a happy and peaceful Christmas

The PA Team

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more updates.

Coosan National School Parents Association.

<u>Holidays:</u>

Our school closes today,Wednesday, December 21st, at 12 noon for Christmas and we will reopen on Thursday, January 5th, 2023.

<u>Slán agus Beannacht:</u>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Buckley well as she retires from our school today. Mrs. Buckley has been an SNA in Coosan National School for 21 years. I would like to thank her for her kindness and dedication and wish her all the best in the next chapter.

Ms. Curran and Ms. McCormack are both beginning their maternity leaves. Go néirí leo.

I would like to thank Ms. Gill for her work with us this term and wish her well on her travels in the months ahead.

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 Bliain Nua faoi shéan diabh go léir



Mr. Cunningham

Principal