



Coosan National School

June 2026 Newsletter



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Summer Raffle Success

Our Summer raffle, organised by Ms. Lantry, was a great success and raised €950 for St. Hilda's services here in Athlone.

Prizes included a Rinka summer camp place, €50 scholastic vouchers, art sets and world cup footballs. Congratulations to our winners below and to all the boys and girls who donated towards this worthy cause.



We also welcomed the pupils of St. Hilda's to present them with the cheque from our fundraising. These pupils are athletes who will be competing in the summer games at the end of the month! We wanted to wish them the best of luck before the head off to the Summer Olympics and do us all proud! Well done everyone!



Good Luck

We would like to extend our good wishes to Mrs. O'Flynn who is starting her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing her good news.

SLÁN AGUS BEANNACHT

We are sad to be losing two of our colleagues, Eoghan Kelly and Ruth McGrath. Eoghan was one of our teachers in the Special classes, while Ruth was one of our Special needs assistant in the Special classes also. Ruth will be moving back home to Donegal with her husband Cathal and daughter Saorlath. Eoghan is off to Dublin for pastures new. We know that whatever school they work in next will be extremely lucky! Thank you for all your hard work!

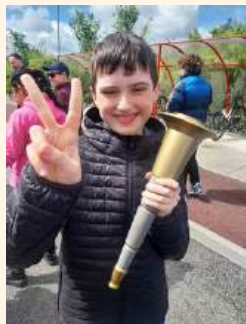
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The future is bright for Coosan N.S

After our successful fundraiser for the Special Olympics on March 26th 2026, we raised over €3,500. We were the top school and received a special visit from the official Special Olympic torch. Jan from Special Olympics Ireland arrived with the torch by Garda escort and we recreated the infamous Special Olympics torch run in our school. Each child got to take a picture with the torch and most children got to feel and hold the torch. This was a really special day for the pupils and a huge thank you to everyone involved for making it happen!



Basketball blitz

Coosan National School hosted a basketball blitz for 3rd and 4th classes last Tuesday, the 16th of June. We welcomed teams from St.Ciarán's N.S (Baylin) and from Cornamaddy N.S. We had a great time and enjoyed playing outside in the sunny weather!



Rugby

Pupils from 4th-6th class enjoyed a rugby blitz down in Buccaneers GAA organised by Charlie Cooper. Charlie has been coming in recently to teach some of the senior children rugby and this was a great opportunity to practice the skills they learned!! The children had a great day and we only got one shower of rain to dampen our spirits! A big thank you to all teachers who accompanied the children on the day.



Scoil Náisiúnta an Chuasáin Coosan National School



Medal ceremony



The boys of girls of the winning Cumann na mbunscoil teams were presented with their medals last week in front of their extremely proud families! This was such an exciting and special occasion and we were lucky enough to welcome Westmeath ladies goalkeeper Aoife Temple, and former Westmeath footballer, Dessie Dolan, who presented the children their medals.

A big thank you to the Parent's Association who provided refreshments and icepops after the ceremony.

PLAY THERAPY IN SCHOOL

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S
EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Play Therapy offers children a safe and supportive space to explore their feelings, build confidence and work through life's challenges through play.



MARINA MELO
Play Therapist
Parent Consultant

PLAY THERAPY MAY SUPPORT CHILDREN EXPERIENCING:



WHAT IS PLAY THERAPY?

Children communicate naturally through play. Play Therapy provides a safe, child-centred environment where they can express emotions, develop coping skills and make sense of their experiences at their own pace.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT
Parents are an important part of the therapeutic process. Regular review meetings and guidance sessions help support your child both at home and at school.

SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOL

Therapy sessions are held on-site at school in a safe and familiar environment, allowing children to access support in a setting where they already feel comfortable.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?
To discuss whether Play Therapy may be suitable for your child, please get in touch.

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Marina Melo is our qualified play therapist who works with us in Coosan. If you have any enquires please contact Marina directly.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

aireBreise Afterschool Care is set to start operating in Coosan NS from September 2026. We have been providing afterschool care locally for 10 years and are now excited by the prospect of operating from the school building. Our aim is to provide a safe stimulating environment where children can feel enriched, use their imaginations and thrive.

We are a fully registered service and operate the National Childcare Scheme.

Please telephone Bernie on 0876358834 to discuss your requirements or alternatively you can email breiseincoosan@gmail.com

Kind Regards,
Bernie Keane
aireBreise Afterschool Care

If you have any questions or would like to enquire about a place for your child, please feel free to reach out to Bernie directly. She is happy to assist with any queries you may have.





As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the many people whose support, dedication and generosity have helped make our school community such a positive and successful place for our children.

A sincere thank you to our Parents' Association, coaches, substitute teachers, suppliers, local clubs and our Board of Management. Your tireless work and commitment throughout the year have contributed greatly to the school community and the experiences of our pupils. On behalf of the staff and pupils, thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. Together, we have created a caring and vibrant learning environment in which our children can thrive.

We wish you and your families a safe, happy, and restful summer break and we look forward to working together again in the new school year. - Mrs. Fogarty and the staff of Coosan National School

Choir treat

Last week the children who participated in choir for the Sacraments, received their special treat for all their hard work and giving up their weekends. I mean who says no to Supermacs?!



We would like to thank Elaine Kilmartin, a parent in 4th class, who kindly donated us some STEAM equipment. She supplied us with a huge variety of hands-on educational kits from Kinia. Kinia are an Irish educational charity and social enterprise. These kits help develop skills like creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and digital literacy. These will be used for years to come and we really appreciate this donation! Thank you!

Student council

Ms. Berine and Mrs. Fogarty would like to say a huge thank you to our student council for all their work over this past year! We can't wait to see what next year has in store!

Important info:

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Tuesday 1st September

Class stationary lists are available to view on our website

Please go to our website for enrolment forms for Junior Infants

Gallery for PA Table quiz and Cumann na mBunscoil are available on our website.

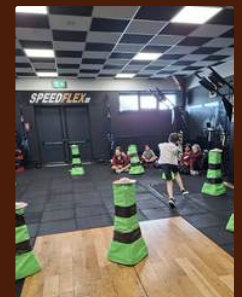
Payments

- Arts & crafts - €60 per child (includes photocopying, HW journal and personal accident insurance 24 hour)
- Basketball - €20 per child
- Swimming - €55 per child
- Voluntary contribution - €50 per child (capped at €100 per family)

In September, we kindly remind parents and children not to use the front door in the mornings. Please use the assigned class entrances, these will remain open for 5-10 minutes after the bell has rang. We kindly ask parents not to drop their children to school too early as there is no supervision available. The BOM take no responsibility for children before 9.10am. Thank you all in advance.



SCHOOL TOUR SUCCESS





Coosan N.S Parent's association



The Parents' association would like to thank the incredible volunteers for all our PA events this year. I know we keep saying this but the PA only exist because of the loyal, diligent and enthusiastic parent body who never fail to help and support the events at our school.

This year we had the Junior Infant parent get-together in the GP hall, Halloween disco, Halloween display plus pumpkin display, Santa plus especially lovely elves. We supported the little ones for their Christmas trip to Tuar Ard to see 'I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas', we had the beautiful Christmas village, the always popular Cake sale and teas in February, The big Communion teas and cakes celebration in the school, we contributed to the ongoing development of our beautiful garden, again with the hard work of our parent volunteers, The medal ceremony teas, our table Quiz, the up and coming uniform swap and finally (have I left anything out??) our graduation teas and disco.

This year most of the PA committee are stepping down due to other commitments. For me personally, it is also my youngest son's last year in the school. It is a happy/sad time and definitely an emotional one. The PA journey for me, has been deeply fulfilling and being part of the PA is really a privilege. As Chair I have learnt so much and was helped so much by the staff and teachers and the ever growing community of past Chairs and Committee members. There is a community of love and support in our school that we got to experience first-hand. For our new committee we will be there, as the others were there for us. I truly encourage anyone who loves the school and wants the best for every child here, to consider being part of this. It is unique and fun and we are just a call away!

Have a fantastic summer everyone!

Our next meeting is September 1st and The AGM will be September 15th.

Please contact Olivia on 086-2679441 with any questions big or small. Thank you!

6th class graduation

GOOD LUCK and GOODBYE to all of our 6th Class students who graduated this week! It seems like only yesterday that they were the new infants in the school and now look at them! All grown up! How time has flown! We wish them all well as they embark on the next stage of their education-. You are always welcome back to visit us here in Coosan National School.



A big thank you to Mr.Barrett who has been doing 'Outdoor and Adventure' with 3rd-6th class. On their last week the children made shelters, but were they waterproof??



Incoming infant day

Last week we welcomed our new infants for their induction day. The children got to see their new classrooms and meet their new teachers. Meanwhile parents got a brief talk on what to expect as they start their journey with Coosan National School. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school and continuing the journey with some current families. See you all in September.



Thank you to Aidie who set up our new water butt for rainwater collection in our school garden. Thanks to Ms. Beirne and her helpers for getting it going this year! Amazing work!



Principal's note

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Coosan NS community for the warm welcome I have received since my appointment as Principal of Coosan NS in March. The past few months have been both extremely busy and rewarding. While I am still finding my feet in many ways, every day has certainly been a school day for me! I have been inspired by the kindness, dedication and support shown by our staff, pupils, parents, Parents' Association and Board of Management. Thank you all for making me feel so at home in Coosan NS and for all the tremendous work you all do. I would also like to thank my Deputy Principal Mr. Shane Kenny, the management team, teachers, SNA's, Pauline and Derek who have helped make my transition to Coosan so seamless and are always there to help, support and guide in any way they can.

I would especially like to acknowledge our wonderful pupils. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, energy and sense of fun make our school such a special place to be. It has been a privilege to get to know you and to see the many ways in which you learn, grow and support one another.

One of the strongest impressions I have gained since joining Coosan NS is the importance of the partnership between home and school. I firmly believe that when parents and teachers work together, children benefit enormously. We will continue to nurture the positive relationships that exist between home and school.

As Principal, my commitment is simple: to maintain the highest standards of teaching, learning and care for every child entrusted to us. We want to prepare our pupils not only for the next stage of their education but for life itself and to do so in an environment where they feel happy, valued and safe. I strongly believe that laughter and learning can go hand in hand and that children learn best when they enjoy coming to school each day.

As the summer holidays begin, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge and enjoy precious moments with family and friends. These opportunities to slow down, have fun and make memories together are so important for children and adults alike.

I wish you all a healthy, happy and restful summer. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September and to extending a very special welcome to our new Junior Infants and their families as they join the Coosan N.S community. Best wishes to the class of 2026 as they move onto secondary school.

Thank you once again for your support and kindness. I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of all our children.

Warm regards

Orla Fogarty
Principal

