November
Newsletter 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

Christmas 2022:
Please see attached for Christmas Activities and Christmas Performance Timetable.

Parent/Teacher Meetings:
Our Parent/Teacher Meetings take place this week. Thank you for your support.

Sport:
Gaelic: (Girls) Our Senior Girls recently played against Tang N.S. Despite a strong performance, the result did not go our way this time.
Basketball : The children in Ms. Walshe's, Ms. Gill's and Ms. Whyte's classes are enjoying basketball activities with Paddy Mullally every Wednesday.
Swimming: continues this term for our 6th classes

Barretstown Outreach Programme Visits Coosan National School:
The children in Junior Infants and Second classes had a very enjoyable and informative visit from Barretstown. The children enjoyed a puppet show with games and activities.

Barretstown visit Junior Infants

Barretstown Visits Second Class

Athlone Community College Musical "Grease":
Fifth and Sixth classes travelled to the Dean Crowe Hall to see Athlone's Community College perform in the musical "Grease'. The children really enjoyed the show and we are very grateful to Athlone Community College for the kind invitation

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.

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. On wet mornings pupils are admitted and supervised from 9.10am.

Sixth Class
On Friday November 11th, Mr, Carty and 2 students from Athlone Community College visited the 6th classes and demonstrated a number of very interesting experiments.
On Wednesday November 16th, 6th class visited Our Lady's Bower to partake in science experiments and activities for Science Week including a station with some pieces of technology from Ericsson!
A sincere thank you to all teachers and secondary students (some of whom were familiar faces!) for allowing the children to participate in such informative and engaging Science activities.

Congratulations to:
Ms. Brophy and her husband Anthony on the safe arrival of their baby daughter Millie.

Carol Singing
The Parish Council has organised Carol Singing for fun after 10.30am Mass in Coosan for Advent.
All welcome.

New Members of staff
We would like to welcome Caroline Costello to our SNA Team.

Please note school closure for Staff
School finishes at 12.30pm for all classes on Friday, December 9th to facilitate Professional Development in the Primary Language Curriculum.

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 still 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 car park.

Credit Union Art Competition
Well done to our Sixth classes who took part in Athlone Credit Union Art Competition. Harry Cunningham and Cian Hardy won prizes in this competition. Comhghairdeachas libh!

Parents' Association:
We are holding our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 6th December 2022 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 coosanschoolpa@gmail.com and we will happily add you.
We are busily preparing for our Christmas Activities. Santa and his elves will visit all classes in the school on the 19th December. The P.A. are supporting the trip to Tuar Ard for the show "Rudolf Saves Christmas" for junior classes and also the online pantomime. Our annual Christmas raffle takes place on the 19th December. The outdoor Christmas display and children's stone display is underway.
A massive thanks to all parents & guardians who have offered to help organise our Christmas activities. Any other parents or guardians wishing to volunteer will be very welcome.
Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more updates.
Coosan National School Parents Association.

Lunchtime play activities: *Please see some of our lunchtime activities e.g. dodgeball, soccer and the parachute. Keep an eye on our website for more fun photos!*

Website: *Please keep an eye on our school website for all our latest activities and information also!*

Coosan National School Website

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Le gach dea-ghuí
Mr. S. Cunningham
Principal

CHRISTMAS 2022 IN COOSAN NS

Date in December	Activity
Wednesday/Thursday-November 23rd and 24th	• **Parent-Teacher Meetings** in the school (3pm-5pm)
Sunday 27th November	• 5pm "**Turning on of "Christmas Lights**"The children from Choir (4th and 5th) will perform in Athlone Civic Centre. Children will perform from 5.05pm-5.20pm.Children will wear Christmas Jumpers/Bright Jumper
Monday 28th November	• Paul Hensey from **Barnardos** to visit 5th and 6th classes (in classrooms) for On-Line Safety Workshop.
Monday 29th November	• Litter Workshop-6th classes in GP Room (1.30-3pm)
Wednesday 30th November	• **Junior/Senior Infants/Ms. Walshe's classes travel to Panto, Tuar Ard** in Moate at 9.30am • **First/Second Classes travel to Panto-Tuar Ard, Moate at 10.45am**
Friday 2nd December	• **Christmas Draw Tickets** become available from PA
Thursday, December 8th	• Gardaí to visit Junior Infants/Senior Infants & SEU
Friday, December 9th	• **Primary Language Curriculum CPD** . Children finish at 12.30pm.
Tuesday 13th	• Swimming 6th classes • **Christmas Performances in GP Hall** 10am-Fifth classes 11.30am-Senior Infants 12.15pm- First Classes
Wednesday, December 14th	• **Christmas Performances in GP Hall** 10.15am-2nd classes 11.30am-3rd classes 12.15pm-4th classes

Thursday December 15th	• **Carol Singing in Golden Shopping Centre** 11-12 noon- 4th & 5th classes • MMR & 4/1 Junior Infants (Parents) **Library** • **Christmas Performances in GP Hall** 10.15am-Junior Infants 11.30am-6th classes 11.10am- SEU in (SEU classroom)
Friday December 16th	• **Christmas Jumper Day!** Proceeds to Crumlin Hospital • MMR & 4/1 Junior Infants (Parents) **Library** • **Final Day for Christmas Draw** tickets to be purchased • **6th Class Performance for the students in our school** **(GP Hall)** 10.15am-Junior Infants-Second classes/Ms. Walshe's and Ms. McCormack's classes 11.30am -3rd -5th classes
Monday December 19th	• **Parents' Association** Annual Draw in the GP Room @11.30 am. • **Santa visits Coosan School** with his 3 elves (9.30am-1pm)
Tuesday December 20th	• Swimming 6th • **Christmas Draw Prizes collected** from GP Hall from 10am
Wednesday December 21st	• Holidays at 12 noon. • **Non–Uniform / Christmas Jumper Day (no fee)** • Holidays at 12 noon.

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Christmas Performances

Coosan National School

Tuesday 13th December

5th-10am-Ms. Beirne and Ms. Whyte

SI – 11.30am Ms. Eagney & Ms. McElvaney

1st-12.15pm-Ms. G.Kelly and Ms. Gill

Wednesday 14th December

2nd – 10.00am Ms. Thompson & Ms. Foy

3rd – 11.30am Ms. A. Kelly & Ms. O'Carroll

4th – 12.15pm Ms. Walsh & Mr. Keogh

Thursday 15th December

JI – 10.15am Ms. Waterstone & Ms. Curran

6th 11.30am – Ms. Lantry & Ms. McDonagh

SEU – 11.10am – 11.25am Ms. Walshe & Ms. McCormack

Friday 16th December

10.15am - 6th Class Performance for school

Please note the following:

- The performances will take place in the GP Hall, except for Ms. Walshe's & Ms. McCormack's, they will take place in the SEU.
- Please be seated 5 minutes before the performance is due to begin
- Please refrain from standing up, as children will lose concentration
- Please note that under Child Protection, recording/taking photos is forbidden. As you are aware it is forbidden to take photos of another child without permission. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.
- Children will go back to class immediately after the performance as another class will be due immediately afterwards.
- The duration of each performance is 15 minutes approx...
- The Students' Council will be involved in introducing the performances/showing parents/guardians to and from the GP Hall etc.