

September Newsletter

2022



30th September, 2022.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Principals Address: On behalf of myself and all school staff, I wish to welcome all pupils back to school for the school year 2022/2023. A special welcome to our new Junior Infants and new entrants to other classes. We wish you many happy days with us, in Coosan National School.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks for the welcome I have received to date and I very much look forward to meeting all the pupils, parents, guardians and everyone in the Coosan community.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Cunningham

Principal

Appointments:

- Ms. McCormack is working in our Special Education Unit.
- Ms. Whyte is teaching 5th class.
- Ms. Cosgrove is teaching 1st Class
- Mr. Mulvihill has joined our Special Education Team
- Ms. Martin is our new Bus Escort
- Ms. Foy has joined the staff this academic year as Ms. Brophy has started her Maternity Leave. We wish Ms. Brophy well.

Retirement:

Mr. Flahive, retired from his position as Principal of our school at the end of August. We want to sincerely thank Mr. Flahive for his 25 years of incredible service to our school and wish him many years of health & happiness in his retirement.

Appreciation:

I wish to thank you for having the children so well prepared for school and for the effort you have put into buying books, getting uniforms ready, labelling items, ensuring children have healthy lunches, tying back hair, getting children to school on time etc.

Uniform:

Please note the following regarding your child's uniform and appearance at school:

- Pupils must come to school in full uniform, clean and tidy.
- No jewellery is allowed except a watch, single pair of small earrings (i.e. ear studs or sleepers, one in each earlobe).
- Facial piercings are not permitted.
- No make-up or fake tan may be worn.
- Pupils with long hair are expected to wear it tied up, in a neat and tidy fashion (not obstructing vision), with no unnatural colours allowed.

Assemblies:

Our school assemblies have recommenced this school year. They take place in the school GP Hall on Tuesdays (3rd-6th classes) and Thursdays (JI-2nd classes). These provide a lovely opportunity for pupils to meet together, to share important information and to celebrate special events.

Covid-19:

As a result of Covid-19, there continues to be changes to the way our school now functions.

- There is now supervision of pupils in the morning from 9.10am to 9.20am. It is great to see so many parents/guardians 'drop and go' at this time. I would encourage all parents/guardians to continue to 'drop and go' in the mornings.
- Children are encouraged to wash/sanitise their hands and use appropriate coughing etiquette throughout the day.
- There are hand sanitising stations in every classroom and at all exit doors in the school.
- These and other measures are in place to safeguard the children, staff and parents/guardians in our school community.
- Thanks for your help, goodwill and understanding as we do our best to prevent the spread of Covid-19 as we enter the winter season..
- Please continue to follow HSE guidelines.

Records:

It is most important that addresses/emails and phone numbers of all our students are up to date. If your address/phone number/email has changed, please inform Pauline, our secretary, as they are required for correspondence purposes.

Absences/Pupils' Journals:

Please document all absences in the absences section of your child's journal if your child has been absent for any reason. Parents/Guardians of Junior Infants are required to send in a note explaining their child's absence as the Junior Infant classes do not have a journal.

Religious Ceremonies:

As of yet we do not have any dates for 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation. As soon as we receive the dates we will let 2nd class and 6th class parents/guardians know.

Sporting Achievements:

Congratulations to our boy's Gaelic Football Team who recently took part in the Athlone Community College blitz and won the shield competition. Thanks to Mr. Kenny & Mr. Ronaldson for their support and coaching.



Sporting Events:

Best wishes to the Girls football team as they take part in the Athlone Community College blitz in the coming weeks.

The Girls football Team will play a match in Rochfortbridge on Thursday 6th October. Thanks to Mr. Keogh & Mrs. Kelly for their support and coaching.

The Boys football Team will play local rivals Tubberclare on Thursday 6th October in Tubberclare. Thanks to Mr. Kenny & Mr. Ronaldson for their support and coaching.

Good luck to Ms. McElvaney, Ms. O'Carroll and the Athletics Team who will be taking part in the Mini Olympics in TUS on Tuesday 11th October.

Labels:

Please label all items of clothing to ensure that items that go missing are returned to their rightful owners as soon as possible.

Traffic Safety:

I appeal to all drivers to be mindful and respectful of pupils using the pedestrian crossings. Please continue to give them the right of way.

Please adhere to guidance shown on the school car park signage to ensure you are parking in the correct location.

When dropping/collecting your child/ren please drive forward to the furthest point in the Set Down area in order to facilitate other parents and prevent a build up of traffic both on school grounds and on the main road.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

It is fantastic to see so many pupils cycling to school. Please advise your child to be careful and not to be taking unnecessary risks when cycling to and from school and to avail of the school bike racks.

'Drop and Go' at 9.20 am

There are staff on the yard from 9.10 am every morning to allow parents/guardians to leave promptly after dropping their children to the yard. We would appreciate your full support and cooperation in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, to provide the children with ample space to walk to their lines in the mornings and continue to develop their sense of independence.

Christmas Cards:

We will participate in this project again this year. Templates for your child/children Christmas cards will be issued in early October. Please complete and return by Friday, 21st October 2022.

Parents Association:

The Parents Association held it's AGM on September 20th and were delighted with the attendance. The PA reiterated its good wishes for Mr. Flahive on his retirement and welcomed Mr. Cunningham to the school. Thanks were also extended to the staff, Board of Management and Parents representatives. The PA also thanked all the families and the school community for their support and generosity this past year.

The following committee was elected:

Co-Chairs: Caoimhe O'Connell & Julie Coyle

Treasurer: Fiona Corry

Class Liaison Co-ordinator: Caoimhe O'Connell

Secretary: Elaine Galvin

Vice- Secretary: Lynn Union

We are holding our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 4th October 2022 in the school at 9pm 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 next month and look forward to more Halloween fun. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more updates.

Coosan National School Parents Association.

Outside Coaches:

This term we are re-introducing basketball and Gaelic coaching. All pupils from 1st - 6th will receive basketball coaching over a 7-week period and all pupils in the school will receive Gaelic coaching for a 7-week period. All basketball & Gaelic coaching will take place indoors/outdoors.

Swimming returns on Tuesdays after Halloween:

November - December	7 weeks	4th Classes
January - February	7 weeks	3rd Classes
March - May	7 weeks	6th Classes
May - June	7 weeks	5th Classes

Please ensure your child brings all necessary items.

The Lunch Bag:

The Lunch Bag continues to be very successful in Coosan National School.
Please see attached flyer.

Le gach dea ghúí,

Mr. S. Cunningham

Principal

What is it ye do exactly?

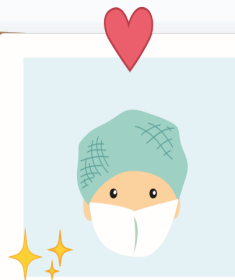


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Simple Economics!



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fresh choice
every day!

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Empowering Kids

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Eaters trying something
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A world of
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everyday!

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