



Dia daoibh go léir agus Fáilte ar ais tr'éis briseadh an Fhómhair.



These eNuachtlitreacha are compiled as the final stage of a week-long monthly planning process kicked off by our school management team. The previous month is reflected upon by pupils, staff, Parents Association & BoM & the following month is mapped out. The needs of the school are constantly changing. The pupils and the groups develop, staff are in constant rotation and school management evolves. This keeps everything fresh.



This time round we have a Teaching & Learning Committee which is still in its infancy, a new Parents Association and a new

Board of Management. We have found it hugely encouraging that we have had plenty of interest across the board from people offering their time to grow the school. We have had contests for positions that we never had contests for before. This is at a time when many schools cannot form parents associations and more worryingly boards of management. The new Board of Management begins a four-year term. This is in place, is a strong one, and ready to go. We extend our deepest gratitude to all those who may be standing aside from positions for whatever reason. That there are people willing to take a position is testament to the foundations of been put in place during your time. The assemblies which precede these eNuachtlitreacha really are a celebration of all that's good around the school. The pupils are driving these assemblies. The way they give their views, celebrate and showcase all that is going on is fantastic. The numbers are growing. We asked all children who are under different committees to come to the hall for group photographs. By the time all had arrived the hall was full. Not only do the children's groups have committees but now subcommittees are starting to spring up e.g. playground leaders is a subcommittee of active schools and litter pickers a subcommittee of green schools.



Decisions are being made by consensus. An example of this was a discussion on lining up. Lines are a part of daily life in any school but it can be hard at times to hold the best of behaviour. Views were sought & a balance was met between expectations on good behaviour in the lines and reducing the amount of lining up time wherever possible.

Many photos of these groups are included in this eNuachtlitir. Unfortunately, children were out on the day but they'll be in many other photos throughout the year.

### Parents Association





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Our new Parents Association is now settled and in place. The BoM would like to extend thanks to Gillian and her team for the many hours they gave the school last year and we wish Gill well. We would also like to thank Caitríona for the recently received cheque raised by many hours of fundraising. Much appreciated. Unfortunately, Bridget had to stand aside from her chairperson role but we are delighted that Anne Kelly has stepped into the position. Anne has certainly hit the ground running and Bridget hasn't disappeared from us. Both were in on Relay Marathon Day. Nina Fitzpatrick and Mary Molloy, who have joined the P/A, completed the team of helpers which made such a success of the day.

### Christmas Fair

While the Christmas Card process has been underway for many weeks the Parents Association Christmas Schedule normally kicks off with Festive Friday ahead of the P/A Christmas Fair. Any offers of help would be very much appreciated. Please note the time change back to 12.30pm from 2.30pm last year. The usual Bottle Day, Raffle Tickets, Yule Log making etc are all part of the activities,



The lucky winners of 'Split the Pot #1 was the Stafford family. Just on this could all envelopes go straight to the parents Association at the gate on the morning of the event. This saves time, allows the Parents Association get straight into processing the envelopes but also money in classrooms is something were trying to avoid.

### Board of Management

The task which bridged the handover from Bridget to Anne was to complete the process of electing parents' reps to the Board of Management for the next four years. The board thanks the Parents Association for their time on this and are delighted to welcome Natalie Reid and Nick Fitzpatrick onto the board. This brought the make-up of the board to 6. The current needs of the school were identified. Sally-Anne McInerney and Malcolm Spencer were identified from the community and approached to help plug these gaps. Both are only too happy to take up the positions so our new board is complete.

Patrons' nominees: Niall Nolan & Fr Eamonn Crosson.

Staff reps: Eileen Whelan & Conan Daye

Parents reps: Natalie Reid and Nick Fitzpatrick

Community reps: Sallyanne McInerney & Malcolm Spencer



### Junior Infants 2024

For those with an interest in enrolling children in Jr infants 2024-25 our Admissions Statement is now uploaded to the website. This includes all the relevant dates beginning with the three-week window for acceptance of enrolments. It is important to stress that any communication with school re enrolments up to now were only informal registrations of interest and do not carry any weight in the process. A fresh application must be made. Please spread the word.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

The Parent-Teacher meetings returned to the 'face to face' format last year and we're ready to go again this week on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. Meeting slots are secured on Aladdin. This closes ahead of the time to allow us complete the setup. SEN Teachers link into these meetings as appropriate. The weather and dark evenings is never enticing so thank you to Parents for taking the time and to the staff for the many hours it takes to prepare these meetings. Thanks to Ms. Earls for collating the SEN Team's preparations.



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Our team of SNA's Aisling, Phil, Mary & Sandra have offered up their time again this year to greet and guide Parents on the evening. Parents who were less familiar with the school were very appreciative of their help last year & all moved much more fluidly.

### Student Council



The Student Council have been working with a Parking subcommittee of the parents Association to come up with a plan to improve safety in our setdown area. Ruby, Clíodhna and Mary talked about this at the assembly. Plans for a Safety Week from the were outlined. The children were given a sneak preview of a small information pack due to go home.

Ruby and Clíodhna informed everyone that on our last Non-Uniform Day they had donated €300 online to the Irish Motor Neuron's Disease Association. The beneficiaries sent in a lovely note of gratitude. The group has picked St Vincent DePaul and the Irish Coast Guard service for future Non-Uniform days.

### Active Schools



The group gave an update on our pursuit of an Active Schools Flag. The group is going to overhaul our PE equipment by clearing out the PE cupboard and assigning PE monitors to keep this in order. A timetable will be posted on the door and any class who goes to get equipment and find the room untidy can go back to the previous class and ask them to tidy it. We have so much interest in playground leaders in the sixth class that we are going to divide them into two or three groups so they can get to more classes at lunchtimes.



After the excitement of our relay Marathon, we are now concentrating on training for a 2 km trail run in Avondale.

This in turn will lead into the '12 Runs of Christmas'. All the while Ms Russell in fifth class as circulated our Movember activities. These are short, whole class, fun movement activities.

Finally, a blitz survived the weather



### Choir

Our school choir is in its 2nd year but by singing 'Spooky Halloween' songs for us on Book Week Dress Up day again this year it is already setting a tradition as the group's initial performance every year. Thanks as ever to Ms. McWatt and to Ms. O' Riordan who has taken up the baton in Ms. Lyne's absence.

### Green Schools





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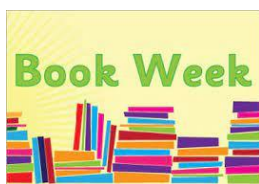


The **European Week of Waste Reduction** is coming up. Reducing waste and lunch boxes continues to be a great success. Focus on this week will be battling the plastics issue. More details to follow

The litter pickers took time at the assembly to highlight that they weren't happy that they were picking up much more litter this week than normal. After some discussion feeling was that the children were trying as hard as ever to keep the yard clean but that a lot of the litter appeared over the week off when the children weren't even at school. Fair point. A reduction in litter this week will support their case.

### Sacraments

Father Eamon organised information gatherings for the parents of both the communion and confirmation classes. Fintan Fanning returned for a second year to share his thoughts on both programmes. Thanks to all the parents who turned up.



### Literacy

Book Week kicked off with our book cover and poetry competition. Children from Junior Infants to 4th class got to

design a book cover while 5th & 6th class wrote poems. Fr.

Eamonn kindly judged the winner in each class and all chose a book from the Book fair. All classes got to enjoy a trip to the Fair and to

buy their favourite book. A huge thank you to you all for your support. This year's Book Fair generated approx. €1700 in rewards money. The classes will now get to choose a selection of books to add to their class libraries. Throughout the week the junior and senior classes got together to do paired reading; with the older children reading to and with the younger ones.



Book Week finished with the ever-popular Book Character Dress Up Day, thank you for your huge efforts; the children had a great time at our parade on the pitch looking at all the costumes and listening to some spooky tunes. Unfortunately, there could only be one winner in each class; and again, each got to choose a book from the fair. Ms. Russell



\*Some children are not in a position to put together their own costumes and their enjoyment of the day is not what it should be. We were thinking that it might be nice to have a stock of costumes onsite for those. If families have any no longer wanted costumes lying around at home we'd be happy to take them in.

### Assembly Notes

Our infant classes are working very hard playing nicely on the yard and inviting others to play together. The classes had an exciting month learning about the work of our local Gardaí. This all built up to a surprise visit by our local community guard Niall Kennedy

**Steel rulers** – we are noticing a lot of steel rulers on the desks. While these are of very high quality and longer lasting, they are extremely dangerous and we would ask parents choose a safer alternative.



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**Coiste Gaeilge** are working away daily. Little fuss involved, just prompting the children across all classes to use very simple Irish phrases every chance to get. This understated approach is as important as their message. The



speaking of Irish should be as natural as possible. Teachers report this new initiative as very effective in developing confidence & positivity.

## Digital Literacy



Our Digital Leaders asked their classmates to mind their devices. They gave some tips on best practice.

1. Make sure your hands are clean and dry before you take an iPad.
2. Hold your iPad carefully with two hands.
3. No food or drinks on your table.
4. Use only the app or website your teacher tells you to.
5. You are never allowed to take photos or videos of other children or members of staff at any time

Our iPads are being used every day by more than 150 students in our school. It is very important that everyone works together to use them safely. Classes were asked to remember to follow all the guidelines on the yellow poster they have posted in each class.

\*The school asks Parents to monitor their children's activity on their devices at home. Some of the content being brought to our attention, the children exposed to this, how many of them exposed and their ages is beyond belief. Guard Niall's broad experience in this area is alarming. Many of these sites are extremely innocent on the face of it and many are getting past the safesearch type tools that Parents think are doing the monitoring for them.

## Dyslexia

If your child is having difficulty with reading and spelling there are a limited number of spaces available in the class. Please contact Hollie for further information.

**Classes for Struggling Readers and Students with Dyslexia**

- Qualified and experienced teacher with specialised training in supporting students with dyslexia
- Individualised lessons based on your child's unique ability, interests and learning style
- Develop comprehension, reading fluency, writing & typing skills.
- Focus on fun and building self esteem
- Small student to teacher ratio

Wednesdays 3-4pm  
at Scoil na Coróine Mhuire

Contact Hollie on 086 4052194  
for further information

## Photographs

We wish our old friend Tim Thornton well in his retirement. Brian O'Neill from Arklow has done a great job taking the photographs this year. We are looking forward to seeing the final prints.

*For further information on daily life around the school & photographs etc be sure to visit our blog at [www.scoilnascoroinemhuire.ie](http://www.scoilnascoroinemhuire.ie)*

## Dialann

### November 2023

- 13th: World Kindness Day
- 13th: Science Week
- 15/16th: Parent Teacher Meetings
- 16th: International Day of Tolerance



19th: International Men's Day  
20th: European Week of Waste Reduction  
21st: Hello Day  
21st: Cross Country Trail Run tbc  
23rd: 4th Class Irish Aid Zoom  
25th: Active Schools  
#FeelGoodFriday tbc

### **2023**

1st: P/A Festive Friday  
1st: 12 Runs of Christmas Begins  
3rd: P/A Christmas Fair 12.30pm  
5th: Peace Proms Workshops  
8th: P/A Centrepieces  
19th: Nativity Play  
20th/21st: Class Concerts  
22nd: School Closes 12 noon

### **January 2024**

6th: Nollaig na mBan  
8th: School Reopens  
8th: Enrolments for Junior Infants  
2023 open until 29th of Jan  
22nd: Catholic Schools Week  
24th: Accord RSE 4th - 6<sup>th</sup> tbc  
29th: Last day for accepting enrolment applications

*\*These dates are subject to a change and will be updated on Website*