

# September Newsletter

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## Welcome

As we approach the end of September we look back on a busy month in Scoil Aodán Naofa. We welcome new pupils to our school. Céad mile fáilte to our 22 new junior infants who have begun their educational journey in “big school” with us this year. We wish them many happy years of learning and fun in our school. All signs are showing that they have settled in really well and are busy making friends and learning new elements of Maths and language among other things. We also welcome four new children from Ukraine who are most welcome into our school community, far from home indeed but hopefully finding a new home here in Carnew. We also welcome a number of other new pupils who join us from other schools this term. We wish all pupils, families and staff a happy, fruitful and interesting year ahead in school.

## Music Generation

We are delighted to announce that we are running the music generation programme here in Scoil Aodán Naofa this year. This programme, originally set up and part funded by U2, aims to bring music lessons to as many children as possible who might otherwise not receive access to lessons. The programme will involve ukulele lessons for 4th/5th classes, guitar for 6th class and voice training for the younger classes. There will be a cost element to the programme, details of which we will make known as soon as possible. We appreciate your support in advance.

## School Fees

This year, thankfully, the free schoolbook scheme came into effect reducing back to school fees for all. We still however need to fund art & crafts, photocopying, pupil insurance and communications fees such as the Aladdin system as those bills continue to roll in. We would appreciate if any remaining outstanding fees (€35 per child) were paid as soon as possible.

# Board of Management

The current Board of Management finishes its term at the end of October. We will be looking for two parent representatives for the new Board (one father and one mother). If anyone wishes to nominate themselves or anyone else (with their consent) for the new Board please let Mr O Donnell know. Candidates should, ideally, have children attending the school for the duration of the new Board's term, ie, four years. The term for the new Board runs from 2023 to 2027. Sincere thanks to Margaret O'Brien and Fergus Kinsella who have served as parent representatives on the Board for the last 4 years. Their contributions are deeply appreciated.

## Drama Lessons



Every day is a day of drama here in Scoil Aodán Naofa (!) but formal drama lessons will begin this Friday 29th September and run for 6 weeks for all classes. The cost of the lessons is kindly sponsored by our hard working parent association to whom we are very grateful for the ongoing support. We also thank our parent association for the sponsorship of PE materials recently purchased.

## Swimming

Swimming lessons have already begun for 5th and 6th classes. Many thanks for fees received and we thank you for the settlement of fees now due. Lessons for 3rd and 4th classes are scheduled for the new year.



## Split the pot

Split the pot continues to be a vital fundraiser for our school. Without this funding many additional resources would not be possible. In a time of rising costs and modernisation of educational approaches and methodologies this funding is more important than ever. Thank you for your weekly support.



## Contacts

If you have recently changed your telephone number or your alternative contacts please let the school office know. Thank you.