

January Newsletter

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New Year Wishes

We are now well settled into the new term and despite the cold weather everyone seems in good spirits. Here's looking forward to an exciting year of learning and friendships in 2024. Happy New Year.

Pantomime

Every day has it's drama here in Scoil Aodán Naofa but last Friday 12th January was a special one for our 6th class children as they went off to the Gaeity theatre in Dublin to see the pantomime "Cinderella". A good day was had by all.

School Closure

As previously notified the school will be closed on Tuesday 23rd January as the teachers are training in the new Maths curriculum. The next closure will be on Monday 5th February (bank holiday).

Thank You

Sincere thanks to everyone for supporting the UNICEF collection at our carol service in December. A staggering €630 was raised on the night. UNICEF have written to us to give thanks for our contribution at this time of great trouble and strife in the world. Thanks.

Thanks also for supporting the Christmas Jumper day in December. This year we decided to support the Laura Lynn Foundation for terminally ill children. An amazing €351.70 was raised for this wonderful cause. Thank you most sincerely for your generosity.



Split the Pot

Thanks to one and all for supporting our Split the Pot fundraiser throughout 2023. This money makes all the difference throughout the year and the funds were central to the school being able to purchase new interactive whiteboards for teaching & learning last year. Our draw continues each Friday and your support would be much appreciated. This year, it could be you!





Every School Day Counts

Scoil Aodán Naofa is dedicated to improving school attendance in 2024. In school we strive to create a nurturing, welcoming environment where children can learn in a supportive way which is tailored to their own ability. We do this through differentiated planning and teaching, station teaching, peer learning, support from S.E.T teachers, support from our large number of special needs assistants and of course your help as parents who are central to the children succeeding in their learning. We use every opportunity to celebrate success in school so that every child wishes to be part of the team and therefore wishes to be in school.

But of course the old cliché is true in that “if you are not in you can’t win”. Absenteeism from school is, not surprisingly, one of the major barriers to pupil achievement in education. We have learned from the COVID crisis that you cannot replicate the classroom environment and learning experiences from home, even with remote teaching. With this in mind, our plan for attendance would start by asking families not to take holidays during school term time. This would demonstrate a strong commitment to education and school attendance. If you have planned to do so already, we would ask that you let teacher or the school office know well in advance. Thank you and we hope that you will understand that our motivation is simply to provide the best educational opportunities for the children.



Grandparents Day

This year we are celebrating grandparents day on Tuesday 30th January. There will be a special Mass for grandparents in the church at 10:00am followed by tea and a chat back at the school where we will have a special station for children to have their photo taken with their grandparent(s). Looking forward to seeing you there.

