

November Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all following our Halloween mid term break. As we settle towards the winter months, just a reminder that children should wear a jacket/coat to school as there will be days when it is cold and we will be going to the yard for fresh air. There are many, many jumpers and indeed jackets already in our lost and found pile in the school hall so if you happen to be missing one it might well be there! Putting your child's initials on labels will always help us to trace lost clothing back to the rightful owner. Thank you.



Music Generation

Our music generation lessons are continuing weekly on Mondays. This year we have one consistent tutor, Diarmuid Comerford, who is proving to be a big hit with everyone! There will be a fee per child this year, as with last year, but we had waited for the programme to settle in properly before we assessed its worth. We will be in touch in January regarding fees for the programme.

Carol Service

Our Christmas carol service will be held on Tuesday 17th December at 7:15 in the church. We look forward to seeing you all for this special event.

Parent/Teacher meetings

Next week, on Wednesday and Thursday 13th/14th November, our annual parent / teacher meetings take place. To get the most from these meetings, have a think beforehand about the questions you would like to ask the teacher. The Aladdin app now has time slots for the meetings that you can book. If you have any difficulties with the app, please let us know. Although specific time slots will have been worked out, meetings often run over time so we appreciate your understanding in advance.

Science Week

This week is also national science week and we will be marking the occasion with special science workshops and activities here in school. We are asking for a donation of €4 towards the cost of the workshops. Watch out for our school Facebook page for photos from the events! A special thanks must go to Ms Dunne for coordinating Science Week for us all.





Reading

Here in Scoil Aodán Naofa we are always looking for ways to promote and encourage reading among our pupils. Reading is a joy for life and indeed a vital life skill, even in this digital age. We are delighted therefore to team up with Coláiste Bhríde Carnew and their TY students for a buddy reading programme for our 2nd class children which begins in two weeks time. We sincerely thank Ms K Murphy from Coláiste Bhríde for this initiative.

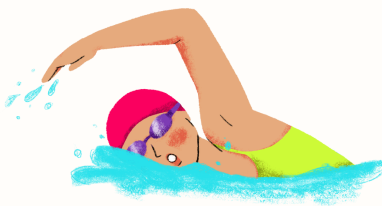
If you haven't done so already, we strongly advise all families to make the most of Carnew library in order to promote reading for your child(ren). Marie in the library would love to see more people popping in and she is a great help to one and all.

Storyteller

We are really looking forward to welcoming back to Carnew Mr Niall de Búrca who will be with us for a day of storytelling on Thursday December 5th. It promises to be a magical day of tall tales and pure entertainment and a real treat for the children leading up to Christmas.

Swimming

Third, fourth, fifth and sixth classes will have their swimming programme between January to March next. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.



School Closures

November 29th is the date of the general election and the school will be closed on that day.

We will also be closed on Monday 9th December (discretionary day).

Slit the Pot

Thank you for your continued support of our main fundraiser, Split the Pot, each Friday. As mentioned, the draws during December will be well worth winning so get your entries in by Friday morning in the school. These funds are essential for additional resources for the children which would otherwise not be possible. Thank you.



December

December is always a busy month in school and this year is no different. Among the highlights are the 3rd - 6th class trip to the Gaiety panto, Junior and Senior Infants going to Gorey cinema, 1st and 2nd class going to Gorey Little Theatre, our storyteller, Niall de Búrca, and of course our Carol Service. We will also have bumper Split the Pot draws throughout the month including fabulous Christmas hampers.

