



School Newsletter #7 2025

October 14th, 2025

School Information



Scoil Íosa
Oranmore

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Reminder Parent/Teacher Meetings



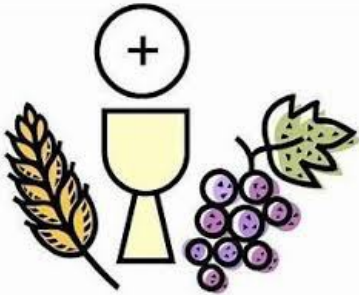
Please log on to Aladdin Connect to book a time slot for your child's parent-teacher meeting. The meetings will commence next week. Please be respectful of other parents who are attending a meeting while you are waiting for your own meeting. Children do not attend the meetings.

Reminder - Label Jumpers/coats

Please ensure your child's coat and jumper are clearly labelled.



Parents Meeting for First Communion



REMINDER

Tuesday 21st October 7:30pm, Oranmore Church.

- Opportunity to register your child for First Communion- bring along your registration form and baptismal certificate
- it will be an opportunity for you to meet and greet other parents and members of the schools and parish community
- Less than 45 minutes long

School Attendance

Please take a look at the link below for helpful information from the HSE on deciding if your child is feeling well enough to go to school when feeling unwell.

<https://www2.hse.ie/babies-children/parenting-advice/caring-for-a-child/knowning-if-your-child-is-well-enough-to-go-to-school-or-childcare/>



Please see information on how to help your child's health this school year.



Advice for Parents to help your child's health this school year.
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MMR Vaccinations - November 5th / Hearing & Vision Screening

The HSE have confirmed the date for the MMR vaccinations will be 5th November. Written consent is required from parents for the vaccinations. No child will be vaccinated without written consent

from parents. A parent or guardian must attend whilst the vaccine is being administered. Forms with appointment times will be sent home in the coming days.



The HSE have confirmed the following dates for the Hearing & Vision screening: 12th, 13th & 14th of November. Parents do not need to be present for the screening but written consent is required. Forms will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Galway Science and Technology Fair

Join us for an extraordinary experience at the University of Galway Campus on Sunday, November 9th, 2025, from 10 am to 5 pm. Get ready to immerse yourself in the world of science and engineering as you meet the brilliant minds behind groundbreaking innovations. Don't miss out!



Tickets for shows and workshops will be released on Saturday 1st November at 9am. This is a FREE event.

Please see link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/galway-science-amp-technology-festival-2025-1220569595>

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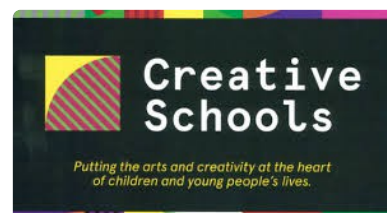
Following our recent Open Night held on 2nd October, we would be delighted to hear about your feedback.

Please use the QR code below to share your feedback

Reminder: Closing date for applications for incoming first year pupils is Friday October 24th 2025.

Creative Schools

Scoil Íosa is delighted to participate in a Department of Education led initiative of the Creative Youth pillar of Creative Ireland 2023-27. Ms. Cosgrave's First Class will work with artist Lara Luxardi in the BLAST (Bringing Live Arts to Students and Teachers) programme. This initiative is administered by National Arts in Education (NAE), Tralee Education Support Centre with the support of the Education Support Centres Ireland network.



Lara is an art teacher, art workshop facilitator, freelance illustrator and psychotherapist and has a broad range of experience working in the area of education. We look forward to learning and creating with Lara over the next few months.

Creative Schools

We are gathering inspiration from the whole school community for a big song-writing project that we are undertaking as part of Creative Schools. We would love to hear from parents, past parents and past students about feelings and experiences they connect with the Scoil Íosa and parent schools Scoil Íosaif Naofa and Scoil Mhuire.

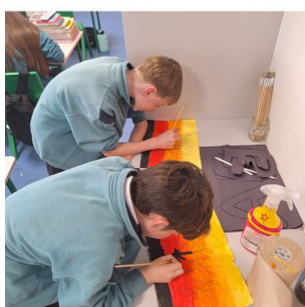
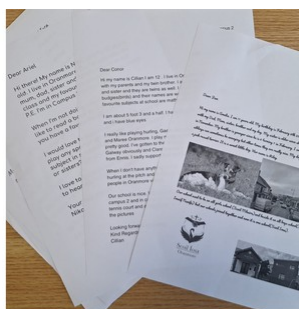
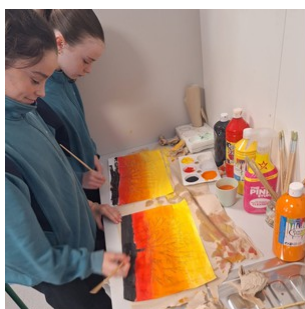
Please click on the link below and send to us by October 24th.

Thanks for your help!

<https://forms.gle/1NPiA82RCiqUoJ2W6>

Mr. Mulvaney's 6th Class Update

Mr. Mulvaney's class have just completed some beautiful paintings of autumn tree silhouettes. The children have also done great work and have sent off their very first pen pal letters to students in a 6th class in Navan, Co. Meath. This Thursday, we will be continuing our Sustainable Energy Workshop, where we'll be focusing on waste materials and how they can be reused or recycled.



National Parents Council



We're excited to invite you to the third part of our three-part RSE programme, **Supporting Your Child to Build Healthy Friendships and Relationships**. In this session, we'll focus on transforming "the

big talk" into many small talks helping you and your child build effective communication skills for healthy friendships and relationships.

This session is especially beneficial for parents who attended Parts 1 & 2 but also provides useful insights for those joining for the first time.

What to Expect:

You'll learn practical strategies for developing your child's communication skills and insights to foster meaningful conversations, helping to build their confidence and resilience in relationships.

Session Dates and Times:

- Monday 13th October - 10am & 7:30pm
- Tuesday 14th October - 10am & 7:30pm
- Wednesday 15th October - 10am & 7:30pm
- Thursday 16th October - 10am & 7:30pm
- Friday 17th October - 10am

How to Join:

All sessions will be held virtually via Zoom, and details will be provided upon registration.

<https://forms.office.com/e/eJF93qrEuY>

Irish Resources



Irish Resource Hub for Parents PDF.pdf

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Flu Vaccination Service

We are pleased to inform you that the seasonal flu vaccination will be offered in school, with vaccines distributed by our local pharmacy. The vaccination will be given in the form of a nasal spray, which is quick, painless, and highly effective in protecting children against flu.

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccination, please complete the registration form provided.

Date: 11/11/2025

Link for booking/consent: <https://app.e-pharmacy.io/pharmacies/597c7ffd-3644-40d6-b40d-a322746229f2/book/?category=SIC>

Headlice

We have been notified of a cases of head lice in the school and ask that you check your child's hair carefully over the coming days. If head lice are found, please treat immediately using a recommended head lice treatment from your pharmacy and inform the school. Children may return to school once treatment has commenced, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping to prevent further spread. After treatment it is imperative to keep combing for the next 7 days and retreat after 7 days if further lice is detected. One treatment will not guarantee that lice is gone. Eggs can remain undetected in the hair and after 7 days hatch and the cycle begins again. It takes huge patience and commitment to get rid of head lice. Please check your child's hair regularly.



Team Hope

Team Hope is an Irish Charity working to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. Team Hope works to bring positive, long term change to these areas through their annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal.



We are expecting flyers from Team Hope to be delivered to the school before midterm, however you can be getting your boxes ready in advance. The stickers for the boxes to follow.

Please see information in pdf below on how to fill the shoebox.
Shoe boxes to be returned to the school by **Friday the 7th of November**.



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Please see information about the DCD Cairde Club Activity Day organised by Dyspraxia/DCD Ireland's POTTTS Programme in collaboration with Galway Sports Partnership taking place in Maree Community Centre on Wednesday 29th of October.



POTTTS GSP Activity day Blurb.pdf

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Blessing of Paws and Pedals

The Parish of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oranmore invites you to join us for a special Blessing of Pets, Scooters, and Bicycles.

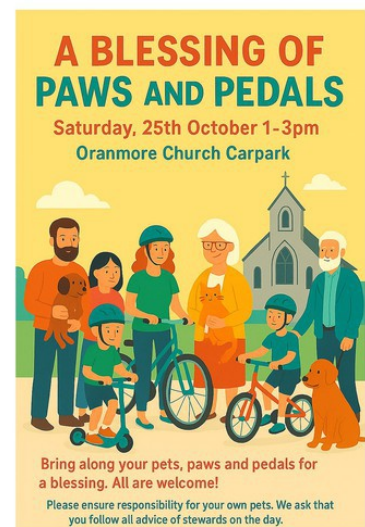
Saturday, 25th October 2025

Between 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Church Grounds, Oranmore

Bring along your furry, feathered, or scaled friends—and your scooters, bikes, and other wheels—for a joyful afternoon of community, celebration, and blessing.

All are welcome!



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