



School Newsletter #12

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School Information



Scoil Íosa
Oranmore

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Minister's Visit

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Minister's visit to Scoil Íosa last week. Our pupils presented themselves with exceptional pride, courtesy, and confidence throughout the day. Their outstanding performance and exemplary behaviour were a true reflection of the values and practices embedded in our school community every single day. These qualities cannot be developed overnight—they are the result of consistent effort, positive reinforcement, and the strong partnership between home and school.

As principal and staff, we could not have been prouder of how our pupils represented Scoil Íosa. You should feel equally proud of the role you play in nurturing these wonderful young people. A sincere thank you to our Parents' Association and all the volunteer parents who organised the highly successful cake sale to coincide with the Minister's visit. Everything slotted together seamlessly on the day, and the atmosphere was warm and welcoming. The Minister herself

contributed home-baked brownies to the sale—a lovely gesture that added to the sense of community and celebration.

Thank you also to all families who sent in baked goods to support this fundraiser. Your generosity and involvement are greatly appreciated. As the Parents' Association continues to establish itself, they will share details of the amount raised and other relevant updates with you in due course.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of Scoil Íosa.

Photos from the day are available at the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N1TgxPHRMhLAfmE0nCS5UBsXzehGjPnb/view?usp=drivesdk>

Reminder

Please note that the school will close tomorrow Wednesday 26th November, at 12:00 o'clock for a Staff Meeting.

For Health and Safety reasons, we will be staggering home times as follows:

Special classes will finish at 11:45 a.m. (Bus transport has been arranged accordingly.)

Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 11:50 a.m. and should be collected as usual from designated pick-up areas.

All other children will finish at 12:00 p.m.

Please note that there will be no hot school meals tomorrow.



Health and Safety

Safety Concern

We are writing to raise an urgent safety concern regarding children using the public playground unsupervised beside the school (Campus 1) before the start of the school day.

Staff have observed increasing numbers of children stopping at the public playground on their way to school. Several children have fallen, particularly on frosty mornings. Staff supervising the school yard cannot leave their posts to assist children in the public playground, creating a serious safety gap.

The public playground is unsupervised before school apart from when parents, minders can stay with with own children. We've observed children are arriving late to class.

Winter conditions (frost, ice) make falls more likely and more serious.

The school cannot supervise or take responsibility for children in public areas.

Please ensure your child comes directly to the supervised school yard each morning and does not stop at the public playground. School supervision begins at 8 40am in the school yard only.

The school's duty of care begins when children arrive on school property. We cannot supervise public areas, and staff cannot leave their assigned duties to assist children off-campus.



We understand children enjoy the playground, but their safety must come first. We ask for your full cooperation in ensuring your child arrives directly to school each morning, (unless supervised by a parent, minder).

If you have concerns about this matter or need clarification, please contact the school office.
Thank you for your understanding and support.

Webinars

Next week the National Parents Council will hold three information sessions for parents of Primary School Children. All sessions are open to all parents, not just those on the committee, so please feel free to share with anybody who may be interested in attending.



1.Supporting your Child to Build Healthy Friendships and Relationships

Session Highlights:

- Learn how to truly listen and respond to your child, Develop skills that foster stronger relationships, Enhance communication to support your child's emotional well-being.

How to Register: Spots are limited, and we encourage you to register early to secure your place.

Simply click on the link below and choose the session that best fits your schedule. <https://forms.office.com/e/fNyN5XhSXb>

RSE 2 Session Schedule:

Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, and Thursday 27th: 10am and 7:30pm

Friday 28th: 10am

2.Supporting Parents to support their Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Are you a parent of a primary school child? Join us for FREE virtual training sessions designed to give you the tools and knowledge to support your child's mental health and wellbeing This interactive programme offers practical advice to help you :Foster resilience in your child to navigate life's challenges. Promote emotional well-being through meaningful communication. Strengthen your relationship with your child by understanding their needs.

Session Times and Date: 10am and 7.30pm Wednesday 26th November

Why Attend?

By attending, you'll gain strategies to:

Encourage open conversations about emotions with your child.

Identify early signs of stress or anxiety and know how to address them.

Build confidence in managing common challenges in your child's development.

Register here - <https://forms.office.com/e/ghqaCQT79J>

3.Parents Association Clinic 3

The third session will cover

- PA Constitution,
- Finances
- Working in Partnership

This will take place, online via Zoom, on Thursday the 27th of November at 10am or 7.30pm
Register: <https://forms.office.com/e/eX2jAZUM7s>

Ms. Divineys Fourth Class Update

Ms Divineys 4th class did a super job creating dioramas on the theme "A wonderful World".



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