



Scoil Naisiúnta Rónáin Naofa Cluain Lua

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

23rd September 2024

We hope you are all well. Children are settling well back into school routines.

Please see below some staff changes which will begin from tomorrow. A reminder that the school will be closed on Tuesday, 1st October for staff training on the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Ms. McGovern to Cloonloo. Ms. McGovern will teach in the Senior Room. We hope she will be very happy with us.

Junior Room - Ms. Jordan

Senior Room - Ms. Conlon (Mondays) / Ms. McGovern (Tuesdays to Fridays)

SET / EAL - Ms. Savage and Ms. Gallagher (Job Share), Ms. Higgins (Tuesdays and Thursdays), Ms. Surlis (Tuesdays to Fridays)

SNA's- Noelle Higgins (full day), Collette King (junior day to 2pm)

Secretary - Eileen McCormack / Mary Wynne (starting October 8th)

Caretaker/Cleaner - Declan Regan

SET = Special Education Teacher. EAL = English as an additional language.

Ms. Conlon will work with the Senior Room children on Mondays for Ms. Surlis' Principal admin days.

School Lunches

A number of children are still not eating their hot lunch. Please either log in and change their lunch or write a note to us and we can cancel their hot lunch. They can still receive snacks if you wish.

School Supplies

Thank you very much to those of you who have sent in the fee for photocopying etc. The fee of €30 per child covers photocopying, art materials, magazines, subscriptions to websites etc. Please send in this money at your earliest convenience.

You may pay by electronic transfer or send in cash. Please put your name as the reference if paying by electronic transfer. The following are the school bank details:

Bank of Ireland

IBAN: IE57 BOFI 905328 25124114

BIC: BOFIE2D

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on **Thursday, 17th October** by Memory Lane Photography company.

School works

The moss was removed from the roof and the outside of the school building will be painted in the near future.

Food Dudes

Food Dudes is a healthy eating programme designed to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables will begin in the Junior Room on Monday next 30th September for 15 days. It will run in the Senior Room for 5 days beginning Monday, 14th September.

Music Generation Classes

Music Generation classes have begun in both rooms every Tuesday for 30 weeks. Senior Room children will learn the keyboard and Junior Room children will take part in a Discovering Music programme. As communicated to all parents before the school applied for this programme the cost for this programme will be €60 per child. €2 per child per week. We have to pay this fee in 2 instalments so we will be asking that parents send in €30 before Christmas, thank you to those parents who have already paid.

Yes to Languages Programme

Children in the Senior Room will take part in French lessons for 10 weeks delivered by a French Tutor through the Yes to Languages programme starting on Wednesday, 2nd October. There is no cost for this programme.

Creative Clusters and BLAST Arts Project

School have been given places on two creative programmes which will take place over a 2-year period. Further details will follow.

Forbairt Leadership Development Programme

Our school has been given a place on the Forbairt Leadership Development Programme. Ms. Surlis, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Savage will attend leadership training days over this academic year. Substitute teachers will cover on those days.

Homework

Homework will start to be given from next Monday, 30th September.

Online learning permissions

Thank you for completing the online permission forms.

Jackets

Please make sure children have a jacket with a hood in school every day. We try to ensure that children get fresh air at break times (weather permitting).

Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

Details on Pupil Personal Accident Insurance which you may choose to purchase will be sent out soon.

Meetings with Teachers

Parent Teacher Meetings take place each February in our school. If you would like to discuss anything with your child's teacher(s) at any time, please phone the office to arrange or send in a note in your child's homework diary.

Pupil Absences

The school is obliged, by law, to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year. Teachers have to fill in the category of absence when informing Tusla. **Any absence must be explained to the class teacher by either a written note in the homework journal, text to the school mobile, message on Seesaw or email. You can contact the school on the day of the absence or send in a note when your child returns to school. If your child is absent for 3 days or more without an explanation the school will contact you to discuss the absence.** Any explanation must come from the parent and we cannot accept an explanation from a child. The reason for the absence is then recorded on the Aladdin system and unexplained absences are marked as such on the system. A letter will be sent to you if your child is absent for 15 days and again if they reach 20 days to confirm that Tusla will be notified.

Important Upcoming Dates

School Closure - Primary Maths Curriculum school closure for staff training, Tuesday, 1st October.

School Photos - Thursday, 17th October

Food Dudes - Starting in the Junior Room on Monday, 30th September and in the Senior Room on Monday, 14th October.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Surlis
Principal

c.c. Staff and Board of Management members