



Scoil Naisiúnta Rónáin Naofa Cluain Lua

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

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I hope you have all been enjoying this beautiful spell of weather - long may it last. Children will finish school today at 12.00pm for their holidays and return on Monday, 28th April. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very blessed and Happy Easter.

Monthly Assemblies

Children once again showcased and spoke about their work during our monthly assemblies. Congratulations to those students who received Students of the Month, Sports Stars of the Month, Bronze and Silver Awards. All children have now received their Bronze Awards and are continuing to work towards the Silver or Gold awards.

Students of the Month

Month	Class Room	Pupil
January	Junior	Orion Browne
	Senior	Kseniia Kryshstal
February	Junior	Luke Toolan
	Senior	Violetta Shchehlova
March	Junior	Hollie Lennon
	Senior	Sebastian Reynders

Sports Stars of the Month

Month	Class Room	Pupil
January	Junior	Seanán Ó'Gráda
	Senior	Alfonso Neary
February	Junior	Sofia Zanniello
	Senior	Goda Padimanskaite
March	Junior	Ellisiv Shivnen
	Senior	Ronan Moore

Swimming

Swimming will begin on Monday, 28th April for 6 Mondays. Cost is €10 per child per week for the lesson and bus. Please send in the €10 per child each week. Children will need a towel, swimming togs and swimming hat. Swimming goggles can be worn. For Junior Infant children please help them practice drying and dressing themselves. Thank you. The bus costs are being subsidised by DEIS funding.

Jumble Sale - Amber Flag (Wellbeing)

Ms. Conlon (Principal Admin Days) is heading up our schools' application for the Amber Flag which focuses on Wellbeing. As part of this project children must organise a fundraiser for Pieta House.

A Jumble Sale will be held in school on Friday, 2nd May (the first Friday back after the Easter holidays). We invite children to bring in baked goods, toys and books (in good condition) to sell to other students at the Jumble Sale. If you are planning on doing a Spring Clean over the Easter holidays you might consider donating some of the toys or books to the Jumble Sale. Also if you are a keen baker you might send in some baked goods that the children can purchase. Children will be invited to bring in some money on Friday, 2nd to buy items at the Jumble Sale. The children will set up the stalls and manage the sale of all items so this will be a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about money in a live, practical sense. Thanks for your help and support in this fundraiser for Pieta House.

Children have also been working on a different Wellbeing task each month as part of our focus on Wellbeing in our School Improvement Plan. Children have taken part in a Poster Competition where they have all chosen a positive quote and are designing a poster to match that quote.

Active Flag

Children have been taking part in a Skipping Challenge during the month of April. They add up their total skips each day to reach a different European city.

Green School

Children are currently working on the theme of Global Citizenship Marine Environment. They are taking part in the SeaKeepers Project and focusing on Oystercatcher and mackerel in April.

Student Council

The Student Council have started to write ideas for the student friendly Bí Cineálta policy. They have also written up a list of nice activities to do for the next few months including Super Smoothies and Pizza Pals.

Easter Bunny

Thank you very much to Gráinne and Julia Ní Ghráda who surprised the children yesterday with a wonderful visit from the Easter Bunny and a real live bunny Hopscotch. The whole school was filled with great excitement as the Easter Bunny delivered a gift bag to each child and they all got to hold Hopscotch. A great morning was had by all. Thank you both very much.

Parents Association

Thanks to the Parents Association for organising the Easter Hamper Raffle. There was great excitement and anticipation as the draw was made this morning. Children were delighted with the raffle prizes. Congratulations to Ellisiv Shivnen and Violetta Shchekhlova on winning the hamper in each room.

The PA are currently working with school staff to price and source equipment for the yard. The equipment will be paid for from the monies raised at the Christmas Nativity Play so once again a huge thank you to everyone for contributing so generously.

The PA are currently looking for someone to take on the role of Secretary. If you are interested in helping with the PA please contact Gráinne.

The PA are also going to have a Re-turn Bin in the school for returning Plastic Bottles. More information will be sent once the bin is in place.

Music Generation Classes

Music Generation classes are continuing in both rooms and the children are very much enjoying their weekly classes. The next instalment of €30 per child will be due after the Easter holidays.

Museum of Believing

Thanks to Heather Rose and her team for the recent Museum of Believing shows which were performed in Cloonloo Hall. The children really enjoyed the hands on drama experience which was funded by the Arts Council and was free to children from our school to attend.

Garda Visit

Many thanks to Garda Gráinne Toolan for visiting children in the Senior Room to talk about road safety, water safety, farm safety and making healthy choices.

Bí Cineálta (Anti Bullying Survey)

Many thanks to everyone who completed the Bí Cineálta survey, your feedback is very much appreciated. A draft of the new Bí Cineálta survey will be posted on our website before the summer holidays and parental feedback will be sought. We will also organise an information session for parents on the new policy and procedures for preventing and dealing with bullying behaviours.

Cumann na mBunscol

Senior Room children will travel to Collooney GAA pitch on Wednesday, 21st June to take part in the County Sligo 2 teacher school Cumann na mBunscol blitz.

Creative Clusters Arts Project

Children will take part in a Creative Clusters Celebration Day in Soeey N.S. on Thursday, 22nd May. The 3 schools in our cluster Culfadda, Cloonloo and Soeey will get together for a series of fun activities to celebrate our schools working together on the Creative Clusters Art Project. Children have already experienced a Weaving Workshop with Geraldine O'Sullivan through the Heritage in Schools Project funded by The Heritage Council and Drama Games workshop with Catherine Sheridan. Staff also undertook this drama games workshop. Children are also writing letters to each other to introduce themselves before they all meet.

Stay Safe

All classes have now completed all the Stay Safe lessons.

Foróige

Some 5th and 6th class children are taking part in a 6-week Drug & Alcohol Education and Prevention Programme after school on Thursdays. The programme is delivered in school by a qualified Foróige youth worker. The programme promotes healthier lifestyle choices amongst young people aged 10-17 years in Sligo, Leitrim & Donegal by equipping them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to enable

them to make positive informed decisions around their own behaviour. This is all done in a fun, friendly, age appropriate manner.

GAA Training

James from Sligo GAA is currently working with all children on Fridays.

Lego Spike

Children in both rooms will once again engage with Lego Spike for 2 weeks after the Easter holidays. Lego Spike is part of Lego Education programmes - a series of fun, real-world engineering tasks with lesson plans; easy-to-use app; block-based programming. Staff attended training during the summer on this programme and as a result of this training can rent the kits from Sligo Education Centre.

Condolences

The Board of Management, staff, pupils and parents extend sympathies to Eileen (our retired secretary) on the passing of her daughter Marie and to Ms. Gallagher on the recent passing of her brother Alfie. May their gentle souls Rest in Peace.

Active Schools Week

Active Schools Week will take place from 6th to 9th May. Children will take part in dance, tennis, soccer and rugby workshops during the week. Thanks for Ms. Savage for organising.

Attendance Rewards

As we are a DEIS school, promoting attendance is one of the key areas of focus in our DEIS plan. Monthly attendance awards are given at assembly. These monthly draws allow each child who has attended school for all 5 days in a particular week have their name entered into draw - up to 4 times each month. This is proving very popular with the children and causes great excitement each month as they get to choose their reward.

We also have the termly attendance rewards where those children who have not missed any days that term/half term receive an award. 12 children received an award today.

Music Generation Concert

The Senior Room children will take part in Music Generation Sligo Schools Celebration Concert 2025, on Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 at the Knocknarea Arena, ATU Sligo at 12pm. Family and friends will be able to attend the event and tickets will be available to purchase at an accessible rate prior to the event. Details will be sent at a later date.

Sports Day

GAA Sports Day will take place on Wednesday, 18th June. This day is paid for by DEIS funding.

School Tour

The school tour will take place in Shannon River Adventure, Rooskey, Co. Roscommon on Monday, 23rd June.

Senior Activities will include some of the following:

Water: Kayaking | Games on the Water | Canoeing | Pier Jumping | Mud Slide

Land: Climbing Wall | Archery | Fun Obstacle Course | Dynamic land games

Junior Activities will include some of the following:

Land: Climbing Wall | Archery | Fun Obstacle Course | Dynamic land games | Camp Craft & Roasting Marshmallows | Ecology trail | Open-boating (optional & weather dependent)

Cost is €45 per child for Senior Room children and €40 per child for Junior Room children. This can be paid for in instalments if you wish. Bus will be subsidised by DEIS funding. Further details on what children will need to bring with them will be sent home closer to the time.

End of Year Awards Ceremony

For all parents but particularly those who are new to the school (as you may not be aware of this event yet) we'd like to invite you to attend the End of Year Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, 24th June at 11.00am. This is a very special day in our school calendar which takes place each year on the last day of the summer term and celebrates each child and their hard work and achievements during that year. It is a lovely way to bring the whole school community together and wish everyone the very best for a relaxing summer break.

Supervision

A reminder to parents that supervision begins at 9.10am and children on yard before and after 3.00pm are not supervised by school staff.

TUSLA

We sent home 2 information leaflets yesterday from TUSLA. One leaflet gives information on Addiction Support Services in Sligo and Leitrim and the other leaflet is on Meitheal. Meitheal is a support service for parents and carers. They have a Parent Hub which has parenting tips, information and support information. The Meitheal service also provides supports to provide supports for parents or a child to they can make the changes to their life that they want and need.

Middletown Centre for Autism

Autism and the Primary School Training Programme begins on Monday, 28th April for 5 Mondays in Cloonloo Hall. Parents from 11.00 to 1.00pm and Education Professionals from 3.15pm to 5.15pm. If you would like to register or know of someone who would be interested, please log on to www.middletownautism.com. There is no cost to attend this training and you may book in to as many of the sessions as you wish.

Session 1: Monday 28th April - Autism, Learning Style and Visual Teaching Methods

Session 2: Monday, 12th May - Autism and Communication

Session 3: Monday, 19th May - Autism and Sensory Processing

Session 4: Monday, 26th May - Autism and Understanding Anxiety

Session 5: Monday, 9th June - Autism and Reframing Behaviour

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.

Information from Board of Management Meeting, 18th March 2025

- The Board have been successful in their application for Solar Panels to be installed and this will happen in July.
- The Admissions Policy was updated and ratified.
- Child Protection Oversight Report was conducted.
- Bí Cinéalta - all school staff will engage with a half day training on the new Bí Cinéalta Anti Bullying Procedures and will consult with parents. Pupils will also be consulted and the Student Council and all students will be invited to help develop a child friendly version of the policy.
- Stay Safe - Stay Safe has been taught in all classes.
- LED lights have been fitted throughout the school.
- The Board of Management would like to extend sympathies to Eileen on the passing of her daughter Marie and to Ms. Gallagher on the pass of her brother Alfie. May they Rest in Peace.

School Calendar for 2025-2026

Please find attached the school calendar for 2025-2026.

Important Upcoming Dates

Easter Holidays - Friday, 11th April

Back to school - Monday, 28th April

Swimming - Monday, 28th April for 6 weeks every Monday

Lego Spike - Monday, 28th April for 2 weeks

Cumann na mBunscol - Wednesday, 21st May, Collooney (Senior Room children)

Creative Clusters Celebration Day - Thursday, 22nd May, Sooley N.S. (whole school)

Bank Holiday - Monday, 5th May - no school

Communion Day - 17th May, Cloonloo Church 11.00am

Bank Holiday - Monday, 2nd June - no school

Music Generation Concert -Wednesday, 4th June, ATU Sligo, 12pm (Senior Room children),

School Tour - Monday, 23rd June

End of Year Awards Ceremony - Tuesday, 24th June at 11.00am

Summer Holidays - Tuesday, 24th June at 12.00pm

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Surlis

Principal

c.c. Staff and Board of Management members