

St. Conaire's Newsletter

January 12th, 2022

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school!: We welcome all pupils and staff back to school for the new term. We wish everyone well for the new term. We are delighted to be open again and to see all the children and staff back in St. Conaire's NS. We hope this will continue in the term up to Easter. We thank all parents and pupils for your support during the first term of the year.

Covid-19: Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still a major factor in all our lives. The school continues to upgrade its safety measures. Pupils are well used to the sanitising, pod arrangements, face coverings and social distancing. We thank everyone for their co-operation in the best interests of everyone around them. The HSE is now rolling out vaccines for the 5 – 11 age cohort. More information is available at the link here: [HSE Covid-19 Vaccine Booklet for Parents December 2021](#)

Aladdin Connect: All school information will be sent out on Aladdin Connect. Please ensure that your notifications are turned on and please check Aladdin Connect on a regular basis as it is the quickest platform for us to send out information. Other information will be posted on the school website which can be found at the following address: www.conaires.ie

Telephone Contact with the school: Our telephone messaging system has been experiencing difficulties and a technician is on site today (January 12th) working to resolve the problem. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. You may still contact the school by email on conaires@gmail.com

Junior Infant Enrolments for September 2022: We are now taking enrolment applications for new Junior Infants who will be starting school in September 2022. The enrolment form is available from the school office or at this link: [Junior Infant Enrolment Application Form 2022](#)

Cash for Clobber Collection: The Parents' Association have resumed their Cash for Clobber collection on Saturdays between 10 am and 12 noon owing to popular demand. The dates for this collection period are January 15th, January 22nd and January 29th. As ever, your support is gratefully appreciated.

Sacraments 2022: No dates have been fixed yet for the Sacraments in 2022. The Diocese of Killaloe is keeping the public health situation under review and will let schools know what the arrangements will be.

Learning with Minecraft: In the coming weeks and months, the pupils in Mr O'Connell's and Mr. Pilkington's classes will be participating in a very exciting project being introduced by Microsoft

Ireland. The children will be using Minecraft: Education Edition as an educational tool to support the teaching of concepts such as English, Maths, Science, Geography and SPHE. These game-based activities also help build skills like collaboration, creative problem-solving and communication. Further information can be found at www.irelandsfutureismine.com

6th class business project: Sixth class are currently participating in the Clare Primary Schools Junior Entrepreneur Programme. The objective during this programme is to learn all about the world of business and what it means to be an entrepreneur. This project will be a great opportunity for the pupils to learn about market research, advertising and how a business operates. The end goal for the pupils is to collaboratively create a class entrepreneurship project and functioning mini business.

Swimming: Pupils from 3rd to 6th classes will be going to Shannon Leisure Centre for swimming lessons in the coming terms. Your child's class teacher will let you know the relevant times and dates.

Trees planted in association with Shannon Tidy Towns: We were delighted to receive a number of fruit trees from our friends in Shannon Tidy Town. Derek Clune came to the school and helped us plant the trees just before Christmas. We thank Derek and his colleagues for their valued support.

Christmas Cards for Health Staff and Patients at Ennis Hospital: Thank you to Ms. White, the 5th class staff and pupils who send hand-made Christmas greetings to the patients and staff in Ennis Hospital. The feedback was very positive and we know the gesture was very much appreciated.

Christmas Hamper Winners 2021: Congratulations to Liam H. (5th) and Kacper O. (2nd) who won the Christmas Hampers for 2021. Congratulations also to the individual winners in each class. Many thanks to the Special Education Teachers who organised the raffle and thank you to everyone who took part.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Walsh

Principal