

St. Conaire's Newsletter

January 9th, 2023

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fáilte ar ais! Welcome back to school!: We welcome all pupils and staff back to school for the new term. We wish you all well for the new term.

School Closed on January 16th 2023: St. Conaire's NS will be closed on Monday, January 16th 2023 for all pupils. This is to facilitate ongoing training in the new **Primary Language Curriculum** which is being implemented nationally. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 17th.

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/resources

Junior Infant Enrolments for September 2023: We are now taking enrolment applications for new Junior Infants who will be starting school in September 2023. The enrolment form is available from the school office or at this link: www.conaires.ie

First Confession 2023: Our 2nd class pupils will make their First Confession in Ss. John & Paul Church on **Wednesday, January 25th at 7 pm.** More details will be sent out by the class teachers later.

Uniform appeal: We are looking for two school uniforms for two new boys from Ukraine. They are aged 5 and 8 and if you have spare uniforms in good condition we would be very happy to take them for these boys.

Christmas Cards for Health Staff and Patients at Ennis Hospital/Shannon Senior Citizens: 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 2022: Congratulations to Emma C and Adam M. who won the Christmas Hampers for 2022. 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.

Thank you: The school wishes to acknowledge most sincerely the work of the Parents Association in supporting the school. The association has done huge work in providing resources and fundraising over many years. We are fortunate to have such a vibrant group supporting the school. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

Wellbeing Developments in the school: The school's wellbeing committee is continuing to implement a school-wide programme of wellbeing initiatives for all pupils and staff. This is the school's engagement with a national focus on wellbeing. The plan is to encourage awareness and resilience in a safe environment.

Skills Development: Pupils and staff from Juniors to 2nd classes are working with Wolfe Tones Games Officer Caimin Deegan on learning new skills around the promotion of physical literacy and the promotion of activities for fun. Many thanks to Wolfe Tones for their support.

Fire Safety Upgrade: Significant internal improvements have taken place since July 2022 in relation to fire safety upgrade works. The school is now fully compliant with national fire safety requirements. This work has been carried out during breaks and in the evening time. We thank the contractors (ALPA), Paul Conway Architects and the Department of Education for their support. We also thank the staff and pupils for their co-operation during this project.

Agreed Report of the Board of Management: Meeting held on Tuesday, December 6th 2022

The Board of Management agreed the following:

- Thanks to EI Electronics for their generous support for the new all-weather pitch which is currently being constructed
- Acknowledgement of the appointment of Gearóid O'Connell to the position of Assistant Principal 1
- The installation of a new broadband receiver
- Appreciation of the work of the school's wellbeing committee in promoting wellbeing across the school community
- Acknowledgement of the improvement in school attendance figures over the past year
- Approval in principle to develop an outdoor classroom
- Inform parents of the need to be vigilant in relation to the continuing presence of Covid-19 and other contagious illnesses in the community
- The work of the Parents Association is acknowledged and much appreciated by the Board of Management.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Walsh

Principal