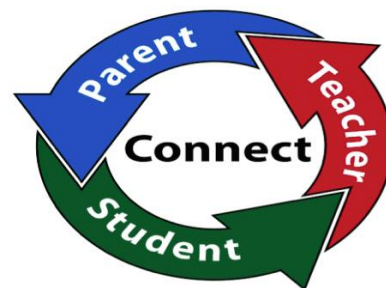


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New Resources for Teaching and Learning

We are thrilled to announce some exciting developments at our school:

1. **Interactive Panels:** The Board of Management has recently acquired and installed five new Interactive Panels, one for each mainstream class that previously did not have one. Additionally, training sessions have been organised for all school staff to ensure effective utilisation.
2. **Chromebooks:** To enhance and expand our digital learning framework, we have acquired 30 Chromebooks. To facilitate convenient charging and storage, we have also acquired a charging trolley for all these devices.
3. **Charging Trolley for Nuala Building:** In the Junior Campus (Nuala Building), we have obtained a second charging trolley specifically for our iPads. This will streamline the charging and storage process.

This represents a significant investment in improving the teaching and learning experience at our school.

New School Website

Furthermore, we are delighted to share that the Board of Management has decided to invest in a new school website to replace the current one. We are actively working on this project and will keep you updated on its progress.

We will continue to use and update our current website as the new version is under construction.

Parents Association Information for You

The Parent's Association has a Facebook page and Instagram to keep you informed about upcoming events and important dates for your diary. Your support in fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated, as we aim to acquire new resources for our school.

<https://www.facebook.com/scoilaodhruaagusnualapa>

The Parent's Association have forwarded you information in recent days regarding the upcoming Halloween Disco on Friday 27th October from 6.30 – 8pm in the John Bosco Centre, Donegal Town.

The judging for the Pumpkin Carving Contest will also take place at this event with prizes for best junior and senior school entry.

Your continued support of our school is very much appreciated. Anyone wishing to help in any way please contact the Parent's Association. All welcome!

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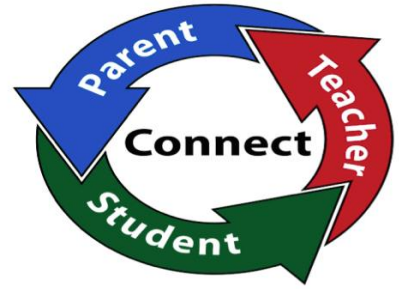
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including – Creation of beautiful Friendship Trees in each campus and many different class activities throughout the week.

We particularly enjoyed Jersey Day/ Odd Sock Day on Friday 29th September. This was very enjoyable as classes were mixed up and played games together at the Astro turf. Pupils also wore odd socks to remind us that we are all different and have unique qualities and talents.

Harvest Soup Day



We enjoyed the annual Harvest Soup Day on Wednesday 5th October. Vegetables were harvested from the school garden to make delicious soup for all to enjoy. The soup was accompanied with breads. A huge thank you to Deirdre Dillon for her help with this and to all staff who made it possible for the children. It was a memorable day for everyone.

Friendship Week 2023



We had a fabulous friendship week in our school from Monday 25th – Friday 29th September. Many different activities took place during that week

Big Welcome

A big welcome to all new pupils who have joined our school in recent weeks. We hope they will be very happy here in Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala.

Wellbeing Development (School Self-Evaluation)

The staff have identified 'Wellbeing' as our area of focus for school improvement and development over the next 3 years. We will gather and collate information from all parties including pupils, parents/guardians and staff in the coming weeks. Questionnaires for each family will be sent home this week. Please return by Friday 20th October to allow time to evaluate the information.

This information will be used to inform the 3-year school improvement plan for wellbeing. This is a very important area as we aim to nurture and care for all members of our school community – pupils, staff, parents/guardians, board members and the wider school community.

Music Lessons

Niamh Currid has resumed her music session for our Special Education Classes and recorder lessons in mainstream classes.

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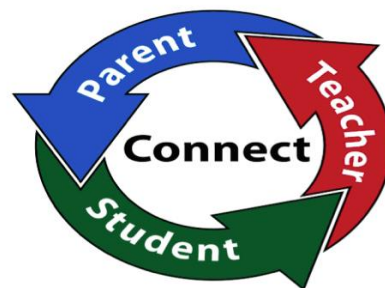
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Enrolment in AVS for September 2024

The enrolment process has started on October 5th when personnel from AVS visited Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala to talk to our 6th class pupils. An Open Day for pupils takes place on the 26th of October, with an Open evening for parents/ guardians on that same day.

Inter-schools Football League

The league is running well and a huge thank you to the teachers who are making this possible for our pupils. In particular thanks to Mrs. O' Donnell, Mr. Loughney and Ms. Ellis for their guidance and support.

South West Donegal Athletics

Some of our pupils attended Athletics recently. Well done to those involved.

Fidget Feet

Some of our pupils enjoyed taking part in 'Fidget Feet' Drama Workshops in our school a number of weeks ago. We hope to host further workshops in the future in our school.

School Mass

Our school mass was celebrated on Friday 22nd September. A huge thank you to Fr. Gillespie and all the pupils and teachers for a beautiful celebration. Well done to the teachers for their work on preparations and music for the day. Thank you to the parents who provided refreshments after mass in the Parish Centre.

New equipment for our yards



We place a huge value on the provision of suitable/ age-appropriate equipment to our pupils. This year the Parent's Association have come on board to support us to fundraise for new equipment for our yards to aid a fun-filled playtime for all. Your support at upcoming events would be greatly appreciated.

Allingham Arms Art Competition

Some pupils have taken part in Allingham Arts Competition

Credit Union Art

We will be supporting our local Credit Union by taking part in the Annual Art Competition.

Please note:

Group prize winner – prize awarded to the class.

Individual entry from pupil – prize awarded to child

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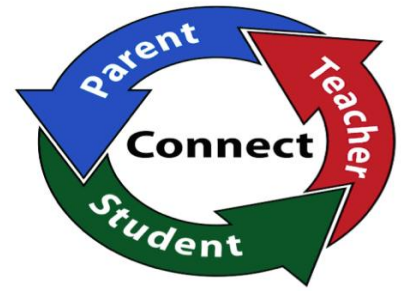
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Garvey for co-ordinating this for the children and to the artist Annette Mc Nelis.

Dressing up for Halloween



Pupils are invited to dress in Halloween costumes or any fancy dress on Friday 27th October.

Sacraments

The pupils in 6th class will make their Confirmation in St. Agatha's Church, Clar on Saturday 13th April 2024. The ceremony will take place at 2.30pm.

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 4th May 2024 in St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Town.

BLAST Arts in Education Residency

Our second class are currently taking part in weekly music and drama sessions through the BLAST programme. The aim of this scheme is to give students in schools all over the country the opportunity to work with a professional artist on unique projects to be planned and developed between the artist, the teacher and the school under the co-ordination of the Education Support Centres. Thank you to the class teacher Ms. Mc

Child Safeguarding Statement 2023

The Board of Management at its recent meeting conducted the Annual review of the Schools Child Safeguarding Statement. This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department of Education website. www.education.ie. The Board welcomes any feedback from parents in relation to the school's compliance with the requirements of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary schools. Our Child Safeguarding statement/policy is available on our school website www.saran.ie and a hardcopy is available on request from the school secretary.

Christmas Panto 'Elfie Saves Christmas'

We plan to take all pupils along to a Christmas Panto Show 'Elfie Saves Christmas' in the Abbey Centre, Ballyshannon on Friday 1st December. This will hopefully be an enjoyable day for all. It will be partially funded by our Parent's Association. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Annual Shoebox Appeal

We will support the annual Shoebox appeal as it is for a very good cause. Any family wishing to donate a shoebox, please return to the school on or before the 8th of November 2023. Details and brochure accompanying this newsletter for your guidance and information.

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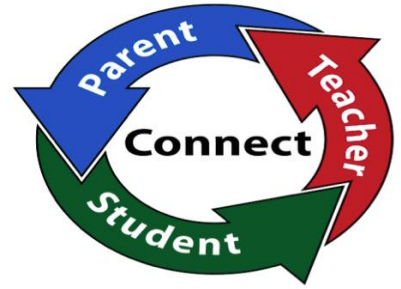
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Wainfest

Our pupils are enjoying many different workshops for Wainfest. We are very grateful to the Donegal Library for their support of our school.

Mid-term Break Dates

The school will close on Friday 27th October and re-open on Monday 6th November for all pupils.

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