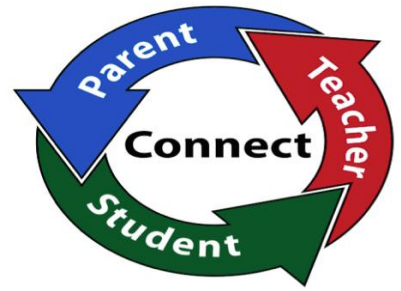


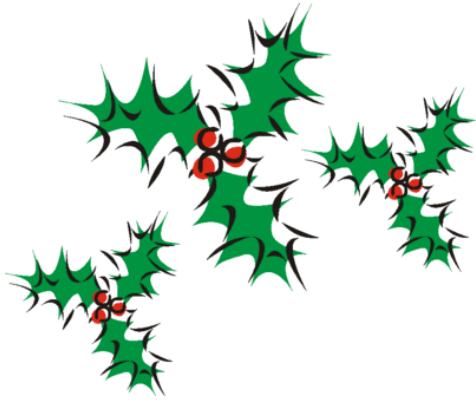
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November/December 2023



Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our Parent/ Teacher meetings will take place next Thursday 23rd of November.

If you are unable to attend at the appointed time (sent home with your child/children), please reschedule for an alternative date via school secretary/class teacher. Thanking you for your co-operation with this.



BLAST

Congratulations to all of the children in second class who performed the musical 'The Environment' for their parents and our school

community. They had a very important message to share about looking after our environment and they delivered it with finesse and gusto! Thank you to our BLAST co-ordinator Annette Mc Nelis for sharing her musical talents, it was a truly memorable experience for all.

Recent Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair was held recently in the Nuala Building and as always it generated great excitement amongst the children. It was a very enjoyable few days, and we thank all the parents and guardians who supported it. Your generosity resulted in the school receiving over €1,900 worth of books for our school libraries. Special thanks to Mr. Plunkett who added to the sense of occasion on Book Fair week with his Hallowe'en storytelling.



Nature Heroes Update

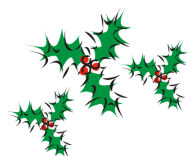
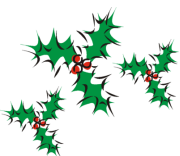
Our little and big Nature Heroes have been busy in both buildings. They have helped create their nature boards and discovery tables. Before mid-term they completed their bulb blitz in the hope of helping bees next spring

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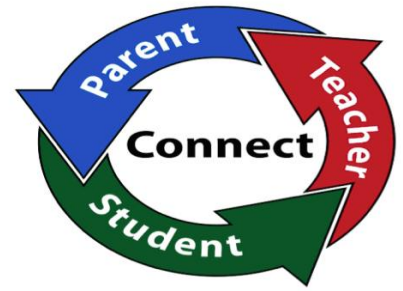
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As part of the Heritage in Schools programme all classes enjoyed a nature workshop with Michéal Coughlan.



Second class have been very busy in the music and drama department as part of the Blast Arts Programme. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed their Nature and Biodiversity performance.



Thank you to those who made and donated bird houses to our project. A special mention to our local Men's Shed and Enda Faulkner who kindly made and donated three bird houses and two bat boxes for our outdoor spaces. Seamus Faulkner was also busy in his workshop and has made beautiful wooden signs for the garden. We sincerely appreciate the work Enda and Seamus completed in memory of their late mother Annie Faulkner who was a teacher in the school for many years. Over the next few weeks our focus is on helping the birds in our local environment. The children are going to look after the upkeep of these bird care stations. Classes will also be busy creating log piles, leaf piles, bug doors and bug hotels. We hope to update you all again next month.

Science All Around Us Workshop:

We had the privilege of welcoming microbiologist Dr Gavin Collins from the University of Galway on the 13th of November. Gavin took time out of his busy schedule to spend a day with us in the Aodh Rua Building. The classes enjoyed all his wonderful experiments and interesting scientific discussions. This was part of Science Week.

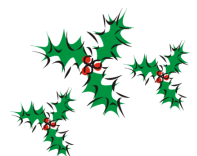
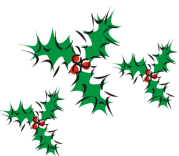


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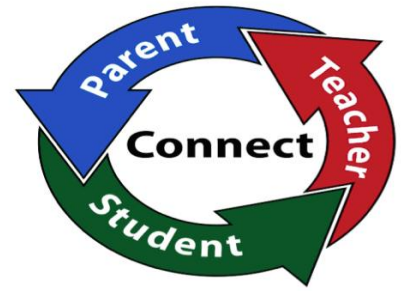
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Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for your recent support of our annual Shoebox Appeal. It was very successful.

Parents' Association

Well done to our dedicated and hard-working Parents' Association who recently organised a Halloween Disco. This was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you for all you do!

The Bake Sale will take place from 2 pm on Friday, December 8. This is such a popular event, every year, and is eagerly anticipated by all the children. So please consider dropping in some baked goods to the Nuala Hall, after drop-off on Friday morning. We would welcome a variety of bakes, including gluten-free, etc. We will hold our annual 'Guess the name of the bear' competition, and a raffle will take place at the bake sale, with tickets being sold in advance in the classrooms. To run this event to its usual high standard, we are looking for:

- All sizes of glass jars with or without lids (to be dropped into school ASAP)
- Volunteers for the morning (9-11) and the afternoon (1.30-3.30) Please volunteer through WhatsApp, by email or on social media
- Hampers or vouchers to use as raffle prizes. Please WhatsApp James directly on 0868051663, or contact any member of the Parents Association

ABSOLUTELY NO NUTS TO BE USED IN THE BAKING, PLEASE



On Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm, the Millpark Hotel has generously offered to host our Christmas Movie Evening. There will be no entry fee, but any and all donations at the door will be graciously received. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and remain seated for the duration of the movie. A shop will be open (accepting cash only please), serving tea, coffee, and snacks. The bar will also be open at this event, and a raffle will take place with lots of great prizes.

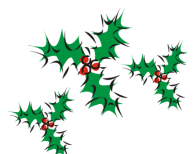
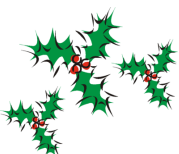
Finally, we are delighted to announce that Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala hopes to publish their calendar for 2024. This will feature photos of pupils in their class groups and will contain useful dates of events scheduled for next year. Any parent who does not give consent for their child to be featured in this calendar (separate from any previous consent agreement), please contact the class teacher in writing by next Thursday, to advise them of such. We apologise for the short notice but photos must be taken over the course of this week! We hope to have calendars on sale by December 8TH!!

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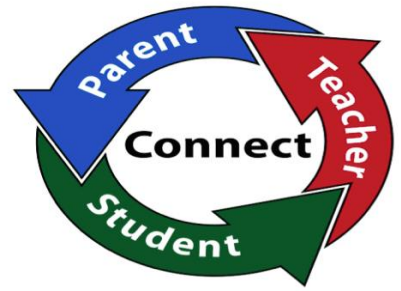
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Parents Nominees for Board of Management 2023/2027

The Parent's Nominees for the new Board of Management 2023/2027 have been finalised following a public count on Friday last in the Nuala Building.

The 2 parent nominees for the new board term 2023-2027 are as follows;

Mother Nominee: Wendy Breslin

Father Nominee: James Shovlin

We wish to thank all parents for their support with this.

Sports Activities

Local Schools Football League - Well done to all our teams who took part in the inter-school league. It was very enjoyable for all. Thank you to the teachers and staff who helped out throughout this time.

Swimming Lessons

No swimming in the build-up to Christmas to accommodate our busy pre-Christmas schedule. Lessons will resume in January.

Carol Service

The Annual School Carol Service will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 12th December starting at 7 pm. All families are invited to attend.

Junior Infant Play in PE room, Nuala Building on Friday 15th at 11.30 am

Senior Infant Play in PE room, Nuala Building on Tuesday 19th at 11.30 am

Carol Singing 01/12/2023 at 11 am on the Diamond to Support Donegal Business Focus



Christmas Panto 'Elfie Saves Christmas'

We are very much looking forward to attending the panto in the Abbey Theatre, Ballyshannon on Friday 1st December. Please return permission slips and make payment online if possible. We hope it will be a great day out for all!

Competitions

Congratulations to all the pupils who submitted entries to recent competitions. The winners were as follows:

Allingham Poetry: Heidi Davies, Alisa Rakawska

Allingham Short Story: Sean Mc Glynn, Heidi Davies

Allingham Art: Grace Nugent, Harry Browne, Sam Rooney

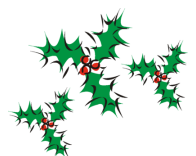
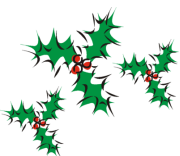
Credit Union Art: Lucy Cox, Ella Mascenik, Luna Cano, Natalia Dora, Svava Sreejith, Eoin McGarry, Daniele Katauskaite, Amber McKeown, Cara Tooher, Jakub Parajka, Lulu Hernadez, Aidan Egan

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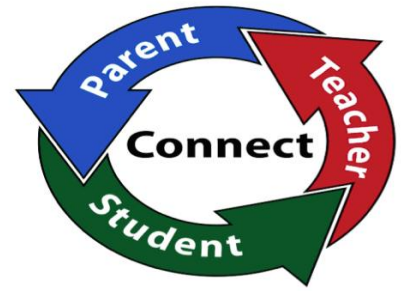
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Reilly, Connor Thompson, Alexander Karinkov, Leon Bushell Culloo, Cayden Thompson, Caleb Gallagher and all Special Education classes.

Well done to all our pupils who took part in these competitions. We are very proud of you!

Mobile Phones

Under no circumstances are pupils to have mobile phones, cameras, iPods, or any other devices at school. Because of the dangers involved, this will be considered Gross Misbehaviour.

Winter Clothing



We would be very appreciative if the children could wear a coat and hat to school from now on if they do not already do so. Children will be going out to the yard for playtimes (except if it is raining). Also from now until Christmas pupils will be going to the church for practices for our Christmas Service and from campus to campus for Christmas plays etc. Thanking you.

Pupils' Absences

When a pupil is absent due to illness or for other reasons parents must inform the class teacher in writing stating the reason for absence, otherwise it will be documented as unexplained.

The school Principal is obliged to notify TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) when a pupil is absent from school for 20 days on aggregate. Unexplained absences will be investigated by TUSLA.

Pedestrian Crossing

An Garda Síochana has asked us to remind all motorists not to park on the yellow zigzag lines approaching the pedestrian crossings, as this blocks visibility for crossing and for oncoming traffic towards the crossings. Thank you you're your ongoing support with this matter.

No-Uniform Day

We will host a No-Uniform Day on Friday 24th November. Donations on this day in lieu of schools' funds towards the bus costs for the trip to the Panto in Ballyshannon.



Christmas message from Principal

On behalf of the School Management, Teachers, and all other Staff of Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala may I wish all our school community a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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