

Taunagh N.S.

Riverstown, Co. Sligo

Dear Parent(s),

The children have settled in well to their new classes and are looking forward to all the new school year brings. The junior classes will start our exciting shared education project with Ardkeeran N.S. this Friday and the seniors will begin the science project next week.

Kind regards,

Ms. McMahan

The Schools Service

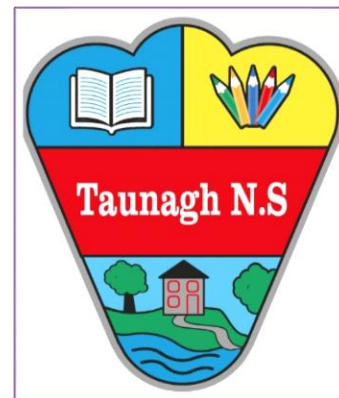
There will be a schools service in St. John's Cathedral for primary schools across the diocese. This will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 4th October and will include a puppet show. Pupils from Junior Infants to 1st class will attend the service and will need to bring a small bag with their lunch and a coat. School bags will also be required and normal school times still apply. We are thankful to the diocese for covering the cost of the bus for this event.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for the names of parents who would be available to help with odd jobs around the school on occasion. Completing small jobs such as sweeping up the leaves or DIY jobs would be a great help to us as it keeps our costs down. If you would be in a position to help, please let me know.

Harvest Display of Work

The children have prepared some beautiful work to display in Taunagh Parish Church for the Harvest service on Friday, 28th September at 8 pm. Their artwork is currently on display in the church.



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Important Announcements

Swimming Lessons

The children in 2nd-6th class will complete 8 weeks of swimming in Carrick-on-Shannon with Coolbock N.S. Swimming will begin on Thursday, 4th October.

Swimming caps are essential and goggles if required. The pool will not provide these for pupils who do not have them.

More Important News

Tin Whistle Lessons

Pupils in 1st to 6th class will continue to receive lessons from Michael Hurley in the tin whistle. Michael started back on the 17th September. Please encourage your child to practise the pieces set in order to get the most out of these lessons. The school employs Michael to teach these lessons on Mondays and a little practice ensures each child is doing his/her best and making good progress.

Super Valu Athletics Fest 2018

Pupils in 3rd to 6th class took part in a relay event on Thursday, 20th September at Sligo IT. Well done to all the pupils who took part! Many thanks to the parent volunteers who helped on the day and to Ms. Crummy for taking the pupils. This ensured that I did not lose out on my administration day this month.

As teaching principal, I am allocated a number of days for administration duties. Ms. Sweeney is the teacher who covers these days while Ms. Bruen is on maternity leave.

Chess Workshop

Children from 2nd to 6th class enjoyed a chess workshop with John Alfred on Friday, 21st September. They discovered how all the different pieces move and gradually learned how to play a full game of chess. Chess is a great way for children to develop their logic and problem-solving skills.

GAA

As a school we have committed to participating in Cumann na mBunscol this year. The children will receive GAA coaching in school in the Spring term as has been the custom in previous years and if you are interested in helping to coach the children, please do let us know. All support would be greatly appreciated.

Continuous Professional Development in Science

Ms. Crummy, Ms. Reynolds and I were joined by the teachers from Ardkeeran N.S. for a workshop to explore the teaching of science. We will host two more workshops for the teachers from the two schools this year as we embark on our shared education project.



Dates to Remember

Good News Club

Good News Club will start back on Thursday, 11th October after school until 4 p.m. for pupils in 1st to 6th class. Please return the permission slip to Brian Donaghy on the day.

Maths Week 2018

The children will take part in a range of activities during Maths Weeks which runs from the 13th to the 21st October.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

If you would like to take part, the shoeboxes will be collected after the October mid-term break. Leaflets will be circulated in due course.

Pantomime

Thank you to Marina and Debbie for organising this.

Christmas Performance

The children's performance will take place on Sunday, 9th December in the church at 11.30 a.m.