

**Calendar**

04th June – 1st Class school tour
10th June – 3rd & 4th Class school tour
10th June – Meet the Principals @ 7:30 pm in school hall
11th June – Junior Infants Induction @ 2.15 in school hall
15th June – Junior & Senior Infants school tour
17th June – 5th & 6th Class school tour
19th June – Sports Day & Hot-dog party
24th June – End of year show @ 1:15 pm in school hall
24th June – 6th Class Graduation @ 7:00 pm in school hall
26th June – Last day of the school year, school finishes at 12:00 pm
26th August – Annual ice-cream party 2:00 – 4:00 pm in school grounds
27th August – School re-opens for Junior Infants only
28th August – School re-opens for all classes.
26th – 30th October – Mid-term break
22nd December – Christmas holidays

Summer Camp

Summer camp will take place from the 29th of June to the 03rd of July. Camp includes cooking, sport & art activities. It will start at 10:00 am and finish at 2:00 pm. Cost: €60 for the 1st child and €50 per sibling thereafter. Application forms will be available from the school office or emailnaascncscamp@gmail.com.

Standardised Tests & Reports

The school completes a full standardised test in Maths and English in May each year. All classes from first to sixth have the tests administered. The results are used as a guidance on the progress of pupils, the work of the school and in identifying pupils with needs.

Results in standardised format are issued to all parents on end of year report. An explanation of what is involved and how to read the scores is included in the report. Please send in a stamped address envelope for your child's end of year report by the 17th of June.

Save with the Credit Union

Remember Naas Credit Union operate from the school every Friday for 1st – 6th class. If you are interested in learning more about the scheme, please contact Patricia Russell on 045 879 622 or prussell@naascu.ie

Tracksuits & Uniforms

Parents may purchase non-crested items anywhere. Crested items and tracksuits are available from Richie Whelan Menswear, 12 North Main Street, Naas PH: 045 897939 or Email: rcwhelan@eircom.net. Prices will remain the same as last year.

Please note J1 & S1 wear tracksuits at all times, 1st – 6th wear school uniform and tracksuits on PE days only.

Book Lists 2015 – 2016

All classes will have received their book lists for the next school year. We have tried to reduce the number of workbooks for all classes and have increased the number available for renting. Book rental/art + craft and photocopying charges have been kept the same as last year. The fee is per family and can be paid in the school office between 09:30 and 10:30 each morning

If you are sending in money with a pupil please use the envelope provided with the child's name on the outside.

The D.E.S operate a Book Grant Scheme, for large families, single parent families or those on Social Welfare payments and families experiencing financial difficulties of any kind. If you would like to avail of this part payment towards book rental contact Marianne on the school phone 045 875311.

Young Environmentalist

Congratulations to Eagles who represented themselves so well at UNESCO Young Environmentalist. They submitted a project on Alternative Energy to UNESCO in February and in March travelled to Dublin with 300 schools to pitch their project to ESCO Dragons Den. Shortlisted among 80 schools (and 1 of only 3 primary schools) they attended the awards on the 13th of May and were 'The People's Choice Award'. Check out this week's Leinster Leader report.

Junior Entrepreneurs

Congratulations to the Hawks who have won for the school a flag of entrepreneurship. Over the year they conducted market research, product design, pitched to the Dragons Den, obtained funding, produced and sold a product. They were presented with their award by Mr Liam Queally and members of the Kildare Football Team on Wednesday 27th May. You have made us proud.

W.B. Yeats in the Classroom

A number of our children participated in this competition and we congratulate the 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th pupils on the quality of their writing and on receiving the certification from Kildare Education Centre.

Artist for the Day

Supported by the Kildare Council Arts Office we have arranged for Imogen Gunner to run workshops with children from 3rd – 6th class. Working on composition, the children will write pieces inspired by their music and English learning this year and perform with a variety of instruments.

Meet the Principals

Any parent (no children) who would like to join Múinteoir Marianne and Mr Keegan (Naas Community College) for a cuppa and a chat at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 10th of June is very welcome. The Principals will outline what exactly co-location means, its impact, the benefits and how it will be managed.

Goodbye & Good luck

Graduation for 6th Class takes place on 24th June 2015. We hope these young people have enjoyed their time with us and all the adventures that they have experienced. We thank them for the manner in which they have conducted themselves and how they have approached their learning. We know that they will bring values learned here with them as they move to other schools and spread their wings. We look forward to hearing of your further successes.

Múinteoir Caroline

Múinteoir Caroline took her leave of us on Friday 29th May to take up Principal-ship in her beloved Mayo. As she and her family move home, we as a school community are excited and wish them well. Her impact on our community was strong and we believe Vincent Van Gogh said it is best when he said "close friends are truly life's treasures. Sometimes they know us better than we know ourselves. With gentle honesty, they are there to guide and support us, to share our laughter and our tears. Their presence reminds us that we are never really alone". **Múinteoir Ciara Watts** has joined our team and we welcome her here and know that all of Caroline's children will work hard with her.

Communication

Good communication starts with a conversation. If you have concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the office to arrange a chat with the class teacher and / or the Principal, just call 045 875311. In an atmosphere of mutual respect and good manners, together we can move mountains.

Anything else undermines the positive work of the whole school community and it is suggested that cyber conversations don't allow us to support your children in a positive way.