



Naas CNS Newsletter

October 2024



Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of the school year. As we draw closer to the end of this half-term, we want to commend our pupils on all their hard work so far this year. We are always so proud to see the great efforts and progress made by them all. We are sure they are looking forward to a well earned rest over the mid-term break!

STUDENT COUNCIL


Our student council have had their 1st meeting of the year and plans for a number of events this school year are already underway. Thanks to our classes who engaged with the council members during their class surveys and eagerly shared their ideas and suggestions for events and possible school improvements.


MATHS WEEK

Over the last couple of weeks our classes have been busy taking part in Maths week activities including IZAK9 challenges, problem solving activities, maths games and puzzles. For further information and photos on what individual classes have been up to, check out our class blogs on our website.



SPORTS NEWS

It has been a busy month of sport in our school with our boys and girls soccer teams competing in the 11-a-side schools leagues. Each outing saw great efforts by both teams, with some great goals scored. Well done to all involved. 

Our Senior classes were delighted to have a visit from professional golfer Lauren Walsh, and had lots of interesting questions ready for her about her training, competitions and top tips. This was followed up last week with a visit from Golf Ireland who did a taster training session with each senior class. 

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fancy Dress Day:** Friday 25th October
- **Mid-Term Break:** School finishes at 3pm on Friday 25th October. Reopens Monday 4th November 9.15am.
- **Science Week:** 11th - 15th November which will include 4th class Showcase for *Intel Mini Scientist* competition
- **Food Dudes:** J1 - 1st class, starting 4th November.



ATTENDANCE

Last week, a draft of our updated Attendance Policy was shared with parents on our website. Attendance is a key area of focus for us this year as part of our School Self Evaluation Process. This includes a focus on **pupil punctuality**.

School begins at **9.15** sharp each day, and we encourage all families to ensure their children are on time for school. **Pupils who regularly arrive late for school are missing out on important class time.** In many of our classes this is when our Circle Time / Check-Ins take place. These sessions play a key role in setting a supportive and positive tone in the class each day, allowing pupils a chance to check-in with their teacher and peers in a low-demand, calm, environment, and offer great opportunities for oral language development.

SWIMMING



Swimming lessons for this year will begin after the mid-term break. Payment links will be available on Aladdin. The schedule is as follows :

1st Class (Mondays @ 11:20)

November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, December 2nd

2nd Class (Mondays @ 12:00)

November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, December 2nd



3rd Class (Mondays @ 11:20)

December 9th, 16th , January 6th , January 13th, January 20th



4th & 5th Class (Mondays @ 12:00)

December 9th, 16th , January 6th , January 13th, January 20th

6th Class (Mondays @ 12:00)

January 27th, February 10th , February 17th , February 24th , March 3rd

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Our annual Parent Teacher Meetings for classes from Senior Infants to 6th class will take place on the **19th and 20th November**. Links to book your space will be made available on Aladdin, when the school reopens after mid-term break. Meetings will be 10 minutes long.

Meetings for Junior Infant parents will take place in early February.

