



Newsletter October 24th 2023



Dates to Remember

27st October at 2.30pm - 6th November inclusive school closed for mid-term Break

27th October – Halloween - Dress up - Cake Sale



Cake Sale – Friday 27th October 2023

Huge thanks to our parent's committee who organise and run this annual fun Halloween event for the children.

The PA will be hosting a bake sale in the school on **Friday, October 27th**.

We are asking families to **send donations of baked goods to school with your son(s) that morning**. If sending in a reusable container, please be sure to label it with your surname and child's class so that we can return it to them at the end of the day.

Cookies, buns, cakes, etc are all ideal. Just please remember the school's **nut-free policy**!

If any **parents are available to lend a hand** at the sale, please email us at parentsassociation@oranmoreboysns.ie and meet us there from 9-12 (or even just an hour!) Many thanks!

Volunteers
Needed



We are currently holding PT meetings in the school. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who endeavour to ensure the meetings are positive and informative.

If you still wish to book a parent teacher meeting, please contact the office. The Aladdin Parent Teacher Meeting booking calendar is now closed for parents to book

The best schools build true partnerships with parents.

(Stoll and Fink 2017) .



Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2023

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Scoil Iósaif Naofa have sent an amazing number of gift-filled boxes to Eastern Europe and Africa over the years.

The collection date for this year for shoeboxes in school is **Friday 10th November 2023** - Flyers were sent home with boys last week – see link below for further information.

<https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/how-to-fill-a-shoebox/>

Board of Management

As shared with you last week we are looking for parent nominee's for our Board of Management. A mother and a father nominee.

This Board will function for the duration of the school academic year- up until the newly amalgamated school commences under a new BOM.

Please fill out the Google Form below if you wish to put your name forward for nomination.

<https://forms.gle/92rNNskAUHttP8bY7>

Final names to be received by Friday 27th October.



School Events

*All classes very much enjoyed Maths week last week. Please see our facebook page and webpage to get a glimpse of what the boys got up to. Maths talk and games is very much at the core of our new Maths curriculum. As always it is wonderful to see our school community embracing change, and enthusiasm to progress in taking on new methodologies etc.

*5th and 6th class boys joined their peers from local schools today and enjoyed the annual Calasanctius musical. Well done to all our past pupils who participated in the show.

*Tomorrow selected 4th and 5th classes will visit the community library for the Children's book festival.

The author is E.R. Murray and she will be talking to the children about creativity and storytelling. She explains below:

"My events are interactive, high energy and confidence building and I use images and objects to encourage creativity. I talk about storytelling in all its forms, creativity in general, what it's like being a writer, where ideas come from, how to build believable characters and exciting settings. I read from one of my books and we create a story together (verbally) as a group - this is always loud and fun! The whole idea is to encourage a love of reading and inspire children to feel empowered to create."

We hope the boys enjoy the session with the author.

We will give all the boys the opportunity to listen to an author share their experiences later in the year.

Say Yes to
Languages

Primary Sampler Module

Both 5th and 6th classes once again get to enjoy a half hour lesson in Spanish starting on Thursday and continuing up until Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity for the boys to be exposed to another language at a young age.

Ausias Navarro is the name of the Spanish teacher and he works directly from a programme as directed and funded by the department.

We hope the boys enjoy this opportunity.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SON'S UNIFORM AND COAT HAS HIS NAME ON IT

Amalgamation



Amalgamation

Further to this newsletter sent today via our Aladdin Connect communication app, you will also receive an email update from our amalgamation facilitator, Michael Canavan. Please read this update as it's important to us that you are kept abreast of work being done to ensure an easy and smooth transition for all.

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Thank you so much to everyone who is supporting our fundraiser lotto. You are making a real difference.

A reminder that everyone who has a ticket in our fundraiser lotto on Thursday 26th October will also automatically have a chance to win one of the great prizes below in a bonus national Halloween Draw by the service provider 'Our Fundraiser' which includes all organisations with a 'Fundraiser lotto'.

- **A €1,000 Kildare Village voucher**
- **A Dyson Supersonic Hair Dryer**
- **A €250 Smyth's Toys voucher**

If you already have a ticket for our fundraiser lotto on 26th October 2023, you will be automatically entered into this bonus national Halloween Draw.

If you would like to buy a ticket, just go to our fundraiser website:

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/oranmoreboysns>

- If you previously registered on our fundraiser website, then log in using the mobile number and password you used before and click on the '**Play**' button.
- If you have not previously registered on our fundraiser website, then click on the '**Join**' button and follow the steps, it just takes a minute!

If you would like any assistance, we would be delighted to help, and you can contact us by emailing support@ourfundraiser.ie
Please spread the word with family and friends. Thank you so much, your support makes a big difference.

