



## Newsletter February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024



### **Dates to Remember**

**15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> February – School Closed**

**8<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed – referendum**

**15<sup>th</sup> March- School Closed at 12 pm – Staff meeting**

### **Parental Complaints Procedure – From January 2024**

Please see attached a revised and agreed parental complaints procedure. It is recognised that parents are the primary educators in a child's life and as such from time to time concerns may arise which they may need to engage with the school. It is expected that engagement will be timely, respectful and solution focused to ensure that the important relationship between the parent and the school can be preserved and respected.

The procedure attached is one that has been agreed by the Irish National Teachers Organisation and management bodies and it clearly outlines the procedures from an informal to a formal capacity.

This procedure will be on our school website should you ever need to look at it.

### **Child Safeguarding Notification**

Please see our child safeguarding notification stating that the Board of Management recently (07/02/2024) completed our annual review of our Child Safeguarding Statement and practices.

Our statement is available to view on our website (under parent's tab)



Week 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Next week our annual book fair will take place in Scoil Íosaif Naofa.

Each class will be given the opportunity to visit the book fair throughout the year.

We recently spent over 1000€ updating class libraries with the commission we earned from the book fair last year.

Please support us in building our libraries in supporting the book fair.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> class – Irish summer college**

Coláiste Néifinn is an established Irish Summer College in Mayo, Galway & Westmeath catering for 12 - 18 year olds (6th Class up to Pre Leaving Cert Students). This year we will open in 2 new locations - Athlone & Headford. Our courses run from 10 -4, during summer months Mon - Fri.

Please find attached a copy of our flyer with all the information on it.

We would be very grateful if you could disseminate this information to your students, teachers and parents.

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

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's/children's school is participating in **the Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme**, which aims to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables. The Department of Health recommends that children (and adults) eat 5 – 7 portions of fruit and vegetables each day. However, many children currently eat less than this. The programme is managed in Ireland by Bord Bia and receives financial support from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the European Union through the School Fruit and Vegetables Scheme. The aim of the programme is to encourage children to try fruit and vegetables and come to enjoy the taste of the foods. They also come to think of themselves as healthy eaters who enjoy fruit and vegetables. The programme takes only a small amount of time in school but will result in health benefits for all who participate. Since 2022 the Food Dudes produce is delivered in fully compostable packaging. There are two levels of participation in the programme within the school; for junior classes and for senior classes.

Pupils in senior classes in the school will be offered the opportunity to participate for five days, as part of a Food Dudes Week programme. They will receive small eco friendly prizes and a lunchbox over the course of the week. Children then receive fruit and vegetable containers which encourages them to bring in and eat fruit and vegetables from home as part of their daily lunch diet.

Your child will automatically be included in this programme. However, if for any reason you do not want your child to take part (e.g. if they are allergic to a certain type of fruit or vegetable), we would be grateful if you could inform the school. For further information on the programme and healthy eating ideas, please see our website; [www.fooddudes.ie](http://www.fooddudes.ie). We hope you and your child have fun with the Food Dudes!

– Your Regional Food Dudes Project Manager

## What time is it?



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Children are arriving late on a daily basis.

School begins at 8 50am. Please ensure your child is in school for this time.

We understand how occasionally a child will be late for various reasons - car break down, frosty weather etc. but currently we have far too many children arriving around 9am.

It is hugely distracting for the class who may have already commenced work.

Thank you for your cooperation.