

# Sonas

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## January Newsletter

### January 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

#### Board of Management meeting

The last Board of Management meeting took place on December 15<sup>th</sup> and the next Board of Management meeting will take place on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### News from the Classes

##### **Orange Class**

We are all delighted to be back after the lovely Christmas break. This month we have been learning all about the people in our community. Our favourite song for our theme has been "Alphabet Occupations" ABC Jobs Song for kids. We have also been working hard on our practical life and independence skills in class. We recently visited Kool Kids in Ringaskiddy for our social training trip and all the kids loved the big slide!  
Aideen, Anthea, Niamh and Katrina

##### **Gold Class**

Gold class are delighted to be back in school after the Christmas holidays. Our theme for this month is Farm animals, we love listening to our farm animal song at circle time and play along with our instruments. We got to go on the bus to Kool Kids Korner and McDonalds after for some chips and nuggets. We celebrated our friends Jaxon's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday by having a class party with cake and treats.

##### **Yellow Class**

Yellow Class had a busy start to the new year. We had a great visit to the library and got to use the magic interactive table. In cooking we made hot chocolate and in art we did painting, making winter trees and hot chocolate cups. In circle time we are learning the months and the seasons.

##### **Green Class**

Green Class are all happy to be back after the Christmas Holidays. We've had great fun playing with the snow machine. We're learning about Transport this month.

##### **Silver Class**

This month the theme in Silver Class is colours and shapes. We had lots of fun going on the bus to Little Rebels play centre and went to McDonalds for chicken nuggets and chips. We will be celebrating Alex's birthday with a party.

##### **Purple Class**

Purple Class were delighted to get back to see all their friends after the Christmas break. Our theme for the month is Winter. We have been learning all about Winter weather and the clothes we wear. We painted ice and Winter trees during art. We are enjoying the seasonal weather and wrapping up well when we are outside. We went on a class walk and took the school bus to a playground. We had so much fun there playing on all the equipment. Our school dog 'Sloane' has been visiting us in the classroom and we love seeing her. She is after getting so big since Christmas.

##### **Blue Class**

We had a busy month in Blue Class. Our monthly theme was Transport. We decorated our art board with rockets ,cars and buses. We

had lots of fun going on the bus to Little Rascals play centre in Mallow. We have been singing 'The wheels on the bus' and 'If you are happy and you know it' for Circle Time!

### **Pink Class**

We had a great week in Pink class this week we exploring colour and shape. For arts and crafts we made colourful shape aliens which we've displayed outside pink class to share with all our friends. We enjoyed using our tuff spot to explore ice painting and sensory play. We all enjoyed washing our mucky animals using our magic bubbles and paint brushes. In circle time we've explored our colours and shapes through fun shape hunts and stamp art. We will be finishing up our fun week with baking colourful cupcakes this afternoon.

### **New Giant Water Pillow for Sonas**

Our fabulous giant water pillow which was purchased for the school by Tanya Laffan and Karen Buckley after the Bingo night was delivered to the school just before Christmas and Adrian, our Caretaker, has been preparing a special room for it and putting it in place this week. The children are really going to have great fun in this room that will be specially dedicated to this new sensory resource and a big thank you to everybody who made this possible.

We are attaching a video of this to this newsletter and hopefully the attachment will open, if not we will send a photo of it and the Maths resources below home next week.



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### **New Maths Resources for Sonas**

Thanks to a great fundraising night in Cork Airport by Carrigaline Gospel Choir on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we were able to purchase fantastic Maths resources for the school to the tune of €1,600.00. Please find attached (if it works!) a video of everything that we bought. The resources have been distributed between all of the classes and have been put to good use already this week.



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### **Dress Swap in aid of the Cork Homeless Drive**

On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, Sonas staff did a dress swap in aid of the Cork Homeless Drive

- a local charity that provides hot food to homeless people on the streets of Cork on Saturday nights. €307 was raised to support this very worthy cause.

### **Valentines Ball**

Suzanne O'Flynn, whose son Luke was a past pupil of Sonas, is single handedly organizing a Valentine's Ball in aid of Sonas as she wants to acknowledge the great contribution the school made in the life of her child.

The ball will take place on February the 10<sup>th</sup> in Rochestown Park Hotel. Ticket are €55 each and available from the office. Thank you to everyone who has already bought tickets and we really hope that this will be a sell out to support Suzanne's great efforts for the cause of Sonas children. Please spread the word amongst family and friends as it is sure to be a wonderful night.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher meeting for children not leaving Sonas in June 2024 will be held at the beginning of February. Class Teachers will be in direct contact with parents to organize a suitable time for you.

### **Carambola Packed Lunches**

We are asking all parent to carefully consider whether or not their children are consuming the packed school lunches as there is considerable waste regarding same in the school in addition to the fact that funding from Department of Social Protection has been limited this year and will not meet the costs currently being incurred. If your child is enjoying the lunches we encourage you to continue availing of them but if not we ask that you reconsider, in light of food waste and school finances, how viable it is for your child to be availing of them. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **February Mid-Term Break and Bank Holiday**

The school will be closed on **February 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>**

The school will be closed on **February 5<sup>th</sup>** as it is a Public Holiday.

Kind regards

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