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Newsletter

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Introduction

All of the children have settled back so well to school life in Sonas after the summer holidays. The new children are gradually transitioning into their new routine which is great to see. The beautiful weather we had last week was a fantastic bonus and it was great to see the children enjoy lots of play and sensory exploration in the warm sunshine. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead for everybody.

Board of Management

The next Board of Management meeting will be held on October 2nd 2024. Thank you to all of the parents who put their name forward as nominees as the new Parent Representatives on the Board. The results of this ballot will be announced on Thursday morning.

Coffee Morning

We had our first parents' coffee morning of the year in Sonas on Monday and it was a great success. It was a lovely opportunity for moms and dads to get together and we look forward to hosting this on a monthly basis. All parents welcome!

News from the classes

Blue Class

We welcomed all the boys and girls back after the summer break. An extra warm welcome to Darragh who is our new boy in the classroom. The infinity mirror and the sensory light box are proving popular in the Rainbow Room. We have been making the most of the sunshine outdoors! ☀️

Purple Class

Purple Class have had a great start to the new term, welcoming three new children to the class, Jack, Nur and Fionn. The boys have enjoyed getting to know each other and share their interests in sensory play, playdoh, animals, letters and numbers and singing. We celebrated Noahs' 6th birthday in class with cake and other favourite treats. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the birthday songs and clapping for Noah! We made handprint art and had fun with water balloons in the courtyard in the sun. We are looking forward to a lovely term in Purple class!

Pink Class

Pink class had a lovely time getting to know each other. We had a lovely time exploring different sensory activities. We have all enjoyed the sunshine and playing in the garden.

Green Class

Welcome back Lily, Noah, Tadhg and Zach to Green Class. Welcome Peter and Beckett. Our theme this month has been colours and shapes. We've been enjoying this lovely weather. Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Orange Class

The children have spent the last few weeks getting to know each other and settling into Orange class. We have had lots of fun outside in the sunshine and enjoyed spending time in the playgrounds, Sensory Garden and Garden. We celebrated Reece's fifth birthday with a class party and lots of lovely treats. A big thank you to Reece's mum Chelsea for sending in party bags for the class.

We have been reading the story, "Brown Bear" and singing "Autumn Trees Are Falling Down" in Circle time.

Silver Class

Silver Class have had a busy start to the year welcoming two new students into our class. We have been enjoying lots of water play, walks and outdoor exploring in the lovely sunny weather. We have loved completing hedgehogs and finger-painting trees for our Autumn art. Our favourite songs to sing during Circle Time are 'Floating Cloud' and 'Five little ducks'. We look forward to another busy and exciting year in Silver Class.

Gold Class

Gold class are very happy to be back in school after the summer. We welcome our new friend Oliver to gold class. Our theme for this is "all about me" and we're all enjoying looking at our reflections while singing "I look in the mirror" during circle time. We are all enjoying the nice weather so we have spent lots of time walking and going to the playground. We had great fun exploring with paint and making free art.

Yellow Class

We have welcomed a whole new class of children to Yellow Class this year. It has been so much fun getting to know each other. We have played with toys, visited all the lovely rooms at Sonas, met the school dog Sloane, and went on short walks together.

We are thrilled with the beautiful weather that we are having this week and have been able to spend lots of time outside. We are especially enjoying waterplay and sand play in the courtyard.

We made colourful name rockets and did handprint art over the last three weeks. We love looking at the art we made on our noticeboard. We are very excited about the year to come.

Monies Due

Thank you to all parents who have sent in the annual donation to cover for social outings/cookery/ sensory play/Allianz Insurance for pupils. This money can be either paid electronically by EFT bank details are IE29BOFI909297982164550 or to the office.

If any parent has not yet sent in the amount above can they kindly do so at their earliest convenience.

Student Support Plans

Student Support Plan meetings are now completed for children who were in Sonas last year. For New

Children these have commenced, and Parents will receive a breakdown of goals after the meetings.

School Uniform

It was lovely to see all the children in their school uniform we ask that everybody sends a spare set of clothes in to school these do not need to be uniform but do need to be clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Allianz Insurance for Pupils

Details of the Allianz Insurance Cover will be sent by Aladdin to all parents for their information. This is 24 hour cover that covers your child both at home and in school.

Carambola Lunches

Login details have now been sent home to all parents so that they can choose what they want their child to have from the daily lunches delivered by Carambola.

Nut Allergy

As we have a child with a severe nut allergy in the school, we are asking all parents to ensure that no food products containing nuts or nut traces are ordered.

School Leavers

Assessments conducted by the various Psychologist in the various CDNT Teams have commenced for many of our school leavers.

Vaccination Forms

Thank you to everybody who has sent in vaccination forms that were collected today by the HSE. If you have not sent back the form and wish to have your child vaccinated, please send in the completed form by the end of this week at the latest.

High Incidence of Novovirus amongst pupils in Sonas in the past week

Norovirus causes diarrhoea and vomiting. It is one of the most common stomach bugs in Ireland and is also known as 'Winter Vomiting' but can be caught any time of the year.

The symptoms are as follows:

- Feeling sick
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Sometimes there can be a slight fever, headache, aching limbs and stomach cramps

The symptoms start 1-2 days after becoming infected and last for up to 2-3 days.

There is no cure so you have to let it run its course but it is highly infectious so if your child has the virus, please do not send him/her back to school until they are symptom free.

Staff Training

All of Sonas staff completed certified Lamh Training before the children commenced school this year. We, as a school, are focusing on certain signs every week and at the end of this week will share the signs with parents that we have concentrated on during the month of September.

On the afternoon of Monday 16th the staff completed two hours of First Aid Training.

Students on Placement

We currently have two students on placement in the school at the moment – Ciara in Purple Class and Sinead in Blue Class

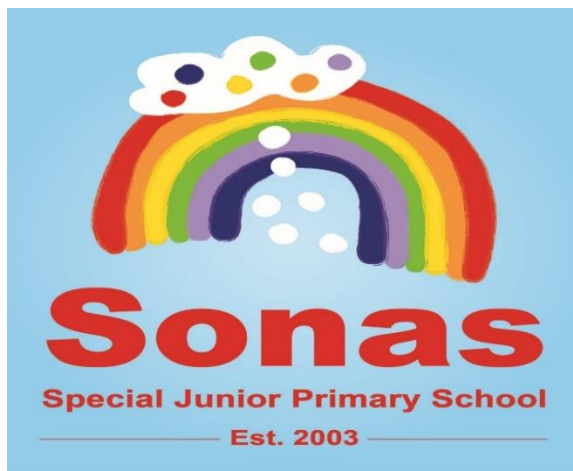
Reverse Parking in Car Park

We kindly ask that all cars parking in our school car park reverse park in the interest of health and safety.

Ipad Donation

A big thanks to PepsiCo who kindly donated 10 reconditioned I pads to the school. These will be put to good use in all the classes and are much appreciated.

Kind regards, Bairbre



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