



Monagea National School

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School Community Newsletter October 2023

Dates for your Diary

- Dress Up Day for Halloween Friday 27th October
- Mid Term Break Closed Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd October (Inclusive)

Enrolment for 24/25

The school is now accepting enrolment applications for the upcoming academic year 2024/25. Please click [here](#) to fill out the application form. The closing date for enrolments is 1st of December. Please click [here](#) to view our schools admissions notice 23/24.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

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. Since 2010, with your help, Team Hope have delivered over 2.1 million Shoebox gifts to vulnerable children across the world. This year, we're asking everyone to get their Christmas Shoeboxes to us by **November 7th**. You will have received information in your child's schoolbag recently with further details.

Halloween Dress Up

If the children wish, they may dress up for Halloween on Friday 27th October.

First Holy Communion Date

Fr, O Dea has confirmed that the First Holy Communion will be in Monagea Church on Saturday May 11th.

Maths Week

We celebrated Maths Week last week at Monagea NS. The children had many opportunities to participate in playful learning experiences in Mathematics. This is something we have been working on over the past few years in our school through focusing on STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths). Please keep an eye on our school twitter account for updates from Maths Week 2023.

School Teams News

The boys are in Division 2 of the football competition.

The first match was against Athea NS in Athea. Monagea boys were down a point at half time but they made a great comeback in the second half to win the match. Their second match was against the Gaelscoil in Monagea pitch. Monagea proved too strong on the day and every member of our football panel from 5th and 6th class got a good opportunity to take part in the match. The boys play Kilcolman in the semi-final on Wednesday 25th in Monagea pitch . We wish them the very best of luck.

The girls were invited to play in the Division 1 Football blitz in Mick Neville Park in Rathkeale. There were a huge number of teams involved in the blitz so the group was split in two. Monagea's first game was against a strong Shanagolden side but the Monagea girls were victorious in the end. Their second match was against Ballingarry who they again defeated. Last of all they played Ahalin. This was a tough contest but Monagea won the game and ended up topping their group. They played the team that came second on the other side of the group in the semi-final. This team was Broadford. Monagea started well but tiredness caught up with them in the end and Broadford came out on top. Well done to each and every girl on some excellent displays of football on the day. They did extremely well to make the semi-final.

Child Protection

Bernard Dalton is the Designated Liaison Person for Child Protection in our school and Denise Horgan is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person. Please click [here](#) to read our Child Safeguarding Statement.

Sarsfield and Larkin Trials

Well done to Darragh Collins, Adam Broderick and Tommy Hartnett in 6th class who have been attending trials for the West Limerick Boys Sarsfield team.

Well done to Chloe Youta who has been attending trials for the West Limerick Girls Larkin team.

We wish them all the very best in their future trainings and matches. It is fantastic to have Monagea NS represented by these pupils. We will update you on their progress in the November Newsletter.

Attendance

August 94.8%

September 95.5%

October 96.1%, partial, to date

Please ensure all absence reasons are recorded on our school app.

Yours Sincerely,

Bernard Dalton

Principal

Denise Horgan

Deputy Principal