



Monagea National School

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School Community Newsletter October 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and wider school community,

Please see below some important dates for your diary:

Dress Up Day for Halloween **October 25th 2024**

Nativity-Senior/Junior Infants **Thursday 5th December 2024**

Maths Training Day **28th Feb 2025 -School will be closed for all children**



Maths Week

We are celebrating Maths Week this week at Monagea NS. All children are being afforded with opportunities to engage in playful learning opportunities in Maths. The children have been playing Maths games in the hall and will be participating in Maths Trails, online workshops and orienteering activities. Please keep an eye on X for further updates. Míle Buíochas to all staff and pupils for

their efforts during the week.

Sarsfield and Larkin Trials

Congratulations to all children who participated in the Sarsfield and Larkin Trials which were held recently. The standard is phenomenally high and all of our representatives gave a great display of skill, effort and team work.



Upcoming Events:



Dress Up for Halloween

We will have a Dressup day for Halloween on Friday 25th October. The children are free to dress up in their Halloween attire should they choose to do so.

Shoebox Appeal

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 the week we return to school after Halloween. You will have received information in your child's school bag recently with further details.



Christmas Nativity

Junior and Senior Infants will hold two separate Christmas Nativities in Monagea Church on Thursday 5th December.

Junior Infants Time-1:00pm

Senior Infant Time-11:30am

We look forward to seeing the parents and families of these children to celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Gaelic Football-School Teams



Our Boys and Girls Football teams were in action this week. This year both competitions are taking place in a blitz format. The boys played on Thursday, we had a difficult group with matches versus Mahoonagh N.S and Kilougheen N.S. We lost our first game against the very strong Mahoonagh team, who went on to the final. In the second game, we had a superb win over our neighbours Kilougheen. However, this was not enough to secure us a final spot. The boys showed super skill and courage, they represented the school with great distinction.

The Girls Blitz took place on Friday, we played Broadford in the first game, they were a very strong team who went on to win the tournament. In our second game we drew with Mahoonagh in a very exciting battle. Finally, we played Shanagolden NS in our final game and secured a deserved win. Well done to the girls, they showed great skill on the ball and improved game on game.

Unfortunately, our football season is now over. Well done to all the players who trained this year, those parents who attended matches, Ms.Nash and Kathy who helped with training and the clubs who provided us with such talented players.



First Holy Communion 2025

Fr O Dea has confirmed that Second Class will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 3rd May 2025 at 11am in Monagea Church. We wish the children well with their continued preparation.

Attendance

October Attendance 95.4% to Date

Please ensure that all absences are recorded online. Thank you

Yours Sincerely,

Bernard Dalton
Principal

Maria Collins
Deputy Principal