



## Scoil Naoimh Éanna, Killanny

### Autumn Newsletter

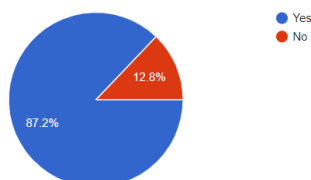
#### Uniform Survey

Thank you to all families who responded to our uniform survey. It was wonderful to have so much parental input. Please find results below.

- ❖ As per the results, we will move to the **FULL** school crested tracksuit 5 days a week, beginning in September 2024 for all classes in the school.
- ❖ This will consist of a crested school tracksuit jumper, grey polo shirt, dark, unbranded navy trousers and runners. All items are available to buy in Sweetnam's Drapery Store in Carrick or alternatively, you can source your own items, so long as they are uniform compliant and buy a crest from the school office.
- ❖ The slight majority of 5 votes, I feel would be unfair to change to an entirely different school tracksuit. We can revisit this in the future.
- ❖ 100% of respondents committed to changing to a tracksuit daily, this can only be a long term decision, if all families continue to commit to this. It is an essential part of school life, that the children have pride in their uniform and pride in their school. The new arrangements will be phased in over the course of the 2024/2025 school year to alleviate costs on parents as I am aware that many homes have uniforms from past pupils that can be used. We will then move to the new school tracksuit only from September 2025.

Are you in favour of the whole school wearing the correct school tracksuit for 5 days a week as opposed to the formal school uniform 4 days and the school tracksuit 1 day?

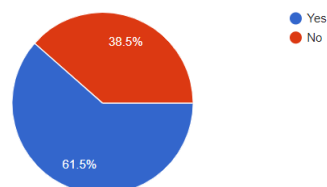
109 responses



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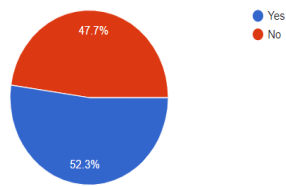
Are you in favour of the school uniform consisting of the same maroon crested jumper (bought or iron on crest, parental choice), grey polo shirt and **dark navy** tracksuit bottoms? Please note change from grey to navy.

109 responses



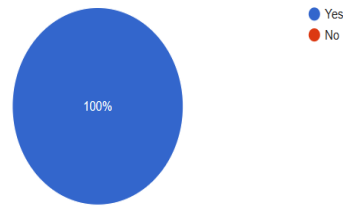
Alternatively, would you prefer a total change to a more modern tracksuit similar to the image below coupled with similar tracksuit bottoms in our local colours?

109 responses



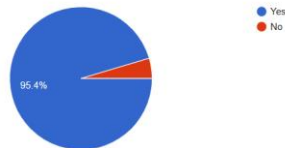
Do you understand that branded bottoms and leggings are not permitted?

109 responses



Are you willing to commit to wearing the correct school tracksuit each day if we do make the move to the school tracksuit full time?

109 responses



## **Homework**

As you are all aware, we did not have any written homework for the first half term. This was to emphasise the importance of reading, oral work and learning homework. As a staff, we recognise that homework is an important home school link and yet we recognise that modern families lead busy lives. We would like to continue to place an emphasis on the fundamentals of reading, spellings and tables which the children will have each evening, as well as some oral learning work. The children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class, will receive a maximum of 3 short written pieces of homework, for completion **over the week**, this allows us to continue to link with home. We hope that homework can be a more positive and meaningful part of your day. We urge you to engage with your child's reading each evening. Infant homework will continue in the same format.

We are currently reviewing our spelling programme in the school and further guidance on this will issue early next week.

## **Boys Football**

Our boys have represented our school with such wonderful distinction over the course of their Cumann na mBunscoil pool games. They began their league with wins against Inniskeen and Scoil Rois, which were two fantastic performances. Another thrilling encounter with Loughmourne has spectators on the edge of their seats and the boys produced another fantastic win! The last game of the year was against Latton, over in Latton and after extra time, our boys were very unlucky to be defeated by 2 points. Numerous people have commented on the sportsmanship shown by the boys to each other and to their opponents and we couldn't be more proud of them for this. They are a credit to their families and to our school.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs. Mooney, for all of the time she gives to sport in our school.

To the parents, who offered their time, cars, brought the boys for post match treats, shouted encouragement from the sidelines, we can't thank you enough. We are truly lucky to have you all as part of our school community.

### **Fundraiser**

Fiona Mc Mahon, a past staff member here at Scoil Naoimh Éanna, is embarking on a fundraising mission to raise awareness for World Prematurity Day, which will be celebrated world wide on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Fiona will aim to complete, 5k a day, for the month of November and kindly requests your support. We invite the children to wear something purple on that date and if your family is in a position to donate €2 per child(or whatever you can), Fiona would be incredibly grateful. The money will be donated to the Rotunda Foundation. Your support is much appreciated.

### **Parent Support Group**

#### **A message from the Parent Support Group**

Sincerest thanks to all those families who have paid the €35 per child. Please send any further payments to the school office for collection. Please find a breakdown of the fee below.

- Pupil Insurance
- 3 Activities ( Skipping, Basketball and Lego Day)
- Christmas Activities
- Christmas Annual
- Arts, Crafts and Photocopying

Further fundraisers are held throughout the year and these provide things like, teas, coffees and refreshments at school events, school buses for some school trips, new jerseys will be bought this year for the school, to name but a few.

Non- uniform days will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October (fancy dress if the children wish) and 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

The Board of Management would like to thank the Parent Support Group and the entire Parental Body for their wonderful contribution to school life.

### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 6pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April in Inniskeen.

### **First Communion**

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated in St. Enda's Church Killanny at 11am on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### **School Gates**

The school gates are locked during the day to ensure the safety of all children. Please ring the school mobile on 0872959469 to gain access. We endeavour to answer immediately, but this is not always possible. We will answer as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency, we are blessed with

emergency exit doors in each classroom and a huge football field to evacuate to, should the unlikely need arise. All staff members have the codes to the gates.

### **Website**

It is the time of year where our school website is updated. Our website has wonderful homework helpers, additional websites should you want additional academic activities for your child as well as our newsletters and some of our school policies. Check it out! Our school facebook page is gives a real insight into school life here in Scoil Naoimh Éanna and your support on this would be much appreciated.

### **Student Council**

The student council are currently in the process of deciding on how best to utilise their fund raising efforts from last year. There was a fantastic amount of money raised and we all look forward to hearing. Thank you all for your wonderful support.

### **New Appointment**

The Board of Management of Scoil Naoimh Éanna is delighted to announce Mrs. Noeleen Mooney as the Deputy Principal of Scoil Naoimh Éanna, commencing in November 2023. The Board wishes Mrs. Mooney, every success in her new role.