

# Scoil Íosagáin, Coolgreany Newsletter December, 2013



## Welcome

Firstly I would like to thank Mr. Meleady and all the parents who took part in the bag packing in Dunnes stores in Gorey recently, as a result of your efforts we raised a much needed €1,305 for the school which will be put to good use.

Unfortunately due to government cutbacks we still need to raise funds for the school so our children can continue to get the excellent education that has been provided by Matthew and his staff and to avail of all the extra activities provided which can only enhance them as individuals and give them confidence as they pursue their studies and chosen careers. We will be running a number of fund raising events next year to help the school and look forward to your continued support.

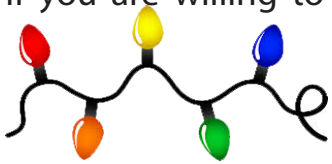
We are always looking for new members for the Parents Association so do not hesitate to contact any member of the Parents' Association or Matthew if you are interested in joining or even if you are willing to help out with fund raising

events etc. We are always looking for new ways of fund raising and welcome any ideas and suggestions.

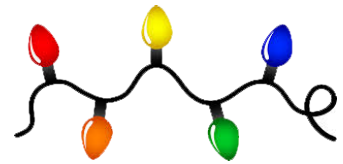
Well done to all the pupils who raised €185 for Childline during the Cheerio's breakfast morning and a big thank you for their phenomenal efforts during the shoe box appeal, their thoughtfulness will help make other children's lives a little brighter this Christmas.

Finally on behalf of myself and the Parents' Association I would like to wish all the Staff, Children and Parents a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to everyone's continued help and support this coming year.

Paul Kennedy  
Chairman, Parents' Association



## Christmas Time



The children will be showcasing their talents once again this year with two events.

**On Wednesday 18th in Johnstown church at 7.30p.m. - Carol Service.**

We also hope to hold a collection, supporting the people of the Philippines who have been devastated by the recent typhoon.

**On Thursday 19th Christmas themed show at 1p.m. with music and dancing.**

The children and staff have put a lot of hard work in readiness for what undoubtedly will be two excellent performances and this will be a great chance for all the parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles to see them in action.

We would love for you to come along and enjoy a cuppa a some festive mince pies.





# LAST MAN STANDING!

In the New Year we intend to run a "Last Man Standing" competition to raise much needed funds for the school.

For those of you who are not familiar with this competition the basic idea is you pick a team from the Premier League from the weeks games if your team wins you progress to the following week if your team draws or loses you are out

of the competition. You can only pick a team once i.e. if you picked Arsenal the first week you cannot pick them again during the competition. We will be sending out the rules closer to the event in early January. It will be €10 to enter. You will need to supply an e-mail address so the week's games can be sent to you and the choices and results will be forwarded to everyone participating on the Friday prior to kick-off each week.

We would ask you to try and get as many people as possible to enter so maybe during the festive party season you could mention it to friends and family that maybe interested.



*Congratulations & Well Done to Scoil Iosagain pupils, Adam Boland, Luke O'Lionain, Tom & Eoin Byrne and Riona & Tomas Furlong on their recent achievements at the East of Ireland Judo Competition. They are members of Arklow Judo Club which was also awarded Club of the Year by the Judo Ireland Association.*

*Very Best Wishes to RYAN BOLAND, 4th class student and Croghan Athletics Club member who competed recently in the U 11 Boys Leinster Finals . Ryan has qualified to be part of the team representing Wexford in the All Irelands.*



**Ferns 5km Santa Dash -**

**Congrats to**

**Ciara & Aoife Carroll and Finn & Colm Meenagh  
who did this 5km run over the weekend - well done!**

*We would love to hear of achievements of any of the pupils,  
so let us know and please send a photo!*



## **Coolgreany Amateur Dramatic Society .....**

Congratulations on your fantastic achievement in the All-Irelands.  
Your award is so well deserved.  
**WELL DONE!**

We are holding a used clothes collection in the school on Wed 8th, Thur 9th and Fri 10th January.



There will be a collection point in the school porch. All proceeds will go to the school. Thank you for your support of our previous collection, hopefully this one will be as successful.

### *Irish Classes -*

In January, Anthony Byrne will be giving basic Irish Classes in the school, there has already been great interest but it's not too late to put your name down.

These classes are open to anybody in the area, young and old. They will be especially helpful to parents of school going children. The start date has yet to be confirmed for these evening classes but everyone who has registered will be contacted. If you are interested please contact 087-9106959 or [fnl1977@gmail.com](mailto:fnl1977@gmail.com)

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Sincere thanks to all families for their on going support which is essential to the continued successful running of the school.

If it is more convenient you can spread this payment over the month. Please contact the office if you would prefer to avail of this option.

**If any of your contact details have changed please notify the Office.**



# Children helping Children at Christmas

At Christmas time we all love giving and receiving gifts, and many families kindly give their class teacher a present as a Thank You for everything during the year.

This year we (Parents' Association and Teachers) are proposing that instead of giving the traditional gifts, that inside teacher's card you put a sealed envelope with the amount that you would have spent on the gift. This is totally anonymous so please don't put your child's name or any information on the envelope.

Before Christmas the children, along with their teacher can pick a charity they would like to support and donate the amount collected.



## Annual Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all families for supporting the annual shoe box appeal for Heart to Hand Charity.

Kieran Byrne called to the school last week and made the collection ensuring that the children will have a gift on Christmas morning!

A course on the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** will commence in January 2014 in Riverchapel N.S. Courtown. All enquiries to Mrs. Porter 085-7833410

