

## SCHOOL ENROLMENT - SEPTEMBER, 2012

Applications are now being taken for enrolment in September 2012.

Please drop into the school;

phone 0402-37246 or e-mail: [scoiliosagain.ias@eircom.net](mailto:scoiliosagain.ias@eircom.net)

and we will be delighted to forward the application forms to you.



### OPEN DAY

On Friday 16th March, at 12.30p.m. Scoil Iosagain will open its doors and welcome parents of current pupils and future pupils to see all the amenities and the abundance of space that our school has to offer every child. Come along, have a look around and we will endeavour to answer any questions you may have.

*'Clann Cuanna'*  
performing the legend of  
'Diarmuid and Grainne'  
to all the pupils in the main  
school hall



**Hip Hop and GAA classes take place on Thursdays and Fridays of each week. School tracksuits are to be worn on these days only. Thank you.**

**Rackard League:**  
**Hand Ball will begin shortly along Mini 7's for the boys & girls of 4th, 5th & 6th class.**



*Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí*



## Scoil Iosagain, Coolgreany NEWSLETTER

February, 2012

### IMPORTANT NOTICE



[www.oireachtas.ie](http://www.oireachtas.ie) for names & e-mail addresses of all elected representatives

**Due to measures announced by Government in the recent budget Scoil Iosagain, Coolgreany is in danger of losing a teacher (20% of staff) due to pupil numbers being short by just 1 child!**

**Please show your support for our school and our community by signing this petition which will be sent to all relevant Public Representatives.**

As you are all aware at this stage our school is in danger of losing a teacher as a result of cut backs announced by Government. This is based on last years figures just being **short by 1 child**. The fact that an estimated 15 children are set to enrol in September is not deemed relevant! School principal Matthew Meleady, has been very active in highlighting the unfairness of this situation to all elected representatives. **Mr. Brendan Howlin, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform** has committed to visiting our school in February and it is our hope that when he witnesses first hand what our school has to offer the community, our appeal may be looked favourably upon.

Thank you to everyone who has so far lobbied on behalf of the school. If you have not already done so, petitions are available for signing in the school porch and in all local shops. **Remember it's not too late, so please do so today!**

Thank you to all political representatives who have already responded.

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A scene from the protest which was held in objection to proposed educational cuts affecting rural schools throughout Ireland.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to our Credit Union Quiz Team, Aoife, Anthony, Ross and Chris, who were placed second in the competition. Well done!

**Opportunity Knocks!!!!**  
  
Well done to everyone who participated in 'Opportunity Knocks', and best of luck to those who made it to the finals!

On behalf of the Parents Council and Staff at Scoil Iosagain we extend a sincere and massive **THANK YOU** to everybody who supported our Christmas Cake Sale, Raffle and Concert. Thank you to all parents who provided the gorgeous home baking, The Coolgreany Inn & The May Byrne Trust House for giving us the use of delph, cutlery, table cloths etc. and to all who sponsored prizes for the raffle. All funds raised go towards providing the many extra activities the school has to offer.

And last but by no means least, thank you to Kelly O'Rafferty and Norah Finn who kindly donated the proceeds from the sale of their brilliant hand made Christmas Cards to the school.

The day was a complete success with the children putting on a brilliant show. The adults had to opportunity to catch up and have a cuppa!



**Beautiful festive window art by the pupils**



Are your cúpla focal a bit rusty? Yes? Many of us have not spoken Irish since we were at school ourselves. Wouldnt it be great to brush up on the basics and to feel more confident when helping your kids with their homework? We are hoping to run a 'Basic Irish' course in Scoil Íosagáin. This of course will depend on the level of interest, so if you are interested please leave your name at the school or email: [fnl1977@gmail.com](mailto:fnl1977@gmail.com)



If you would like the school to notify you of upcoming events, meetings etc by e-mail please leave your details with us and we will add you to our mailing list.

We have also set up a text alert system, whereby parents/guardians can be contacted by text message.

Due to a recent spate of robberies in nearby schools, we find ourselves in the unfortunate situation where we must close the front door of the school. Should you wish to visit the school after 9.20 a.m. please report to the office where we will be happy to help you.  
(Access to the office is through the front right hand side door)  
**Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.**

**THANK YOU!**  
  
to Stewart Bailey from Annagh, Gorey who kindly donated white boards to the school. These will replace the old 'black boards' in each room.

**THANK YOU!**



Many thanks to Mandy, Peter and John for all their hard work in clearing the school of all its clutter!  
Also to Leon Recycling for providing the skip.