



The 'Revive Arklow' Group organised a Halloween colouring competition which was open to all primary school children. Congrats to Riona Furlong from 3rd class who was awarded first prize in her age group. The presentation took place in Árus Lorcáin, Arklow.

Don't forget to log onto www.coolgreany.com for all things local!

If your contact details have changed in any way please notify the office as it is necessary to keep all school records up to date i.e. current phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you!

Sporting News!

Many thanks to Ms. Doyle and to all the parents who provided lifts for the girls took part in the Rackard League shield recently.

We are also in the shield for Gaelic football, which unfortunately has been postponed on a few occasions due to the weather !!!

A big thank you to John Meenagh for all his help with the Rackard League.

GAA coaching will continue until Christmas.

Kevin Boland has been doing great work with children, training them for their soccer matches. Well done to the children from 3rd & 4th class who took part in a soccer blitz last week, they put in a great effort and really enjoyed the experience.



- Heart to Hand -
Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



Thank you to everybody who kindly donated food supplies and 'shoe boxes'.

The children are pictured on the day 'Heart to Hand' made their collection, much of the food supplies and boxes had already been loaded.

"The Registered not for profit charity called "Heart to Hand" was set up to care for the poorest of the poor in Countries like Albania, Bosnia, Moldova, Romania and other countries where the need arise.

This care consists of providing food, medicine, clothes and other forms of humanitarian aid, in latter years education and training to help these people fend for themselves has been put in motion.

This charity is non-denominational, voluntary and therefore what comes in goes out to help the poorest of the poor."

Without the help and generosity of the Irish people we could not survive."

taken from www.hearttohand.net



Scoil Íosagáin, Coolgreany

Newsletter

December, 2012



The Parents Association Committee wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Thank you for all your help and support during the year.

Visit the school on December 15th and support the annual May Byrne Trust Bazaar. The children can get in the Christmas spirit by dressing up and be there to welcome a special visitor who will be dropping in!



Congratulations to Linda Byrne who has been made a permanent member of the Teaching Staff. Linda teaches Junior and Senior Infants. We were also delighted to hear that this year 1st & 2nd class will be taught by Laura Doyle.



Scoil Íosagáin supporting Childline!

CHEERIOS® Childline Breakfast Together Week, which took place from the 8th - 14th October 2012 is a fund-raising event which encourages people to host a breakfast and raise vital funds for Childline.



Sincere thanks to everybody who supported our Breakfast Morning.
Special thanks to John Kavanagh and Supervalu who kindly made donations which ensured there was plenty for everyone!

The dates have now been confirmed for Communion and Confirmation 2013.

Communion will take place on Sunday 28th April & Confirmation Sunday 21st April

The revision of the school's **Child Protection Policy** is now complete. Should any parent wish to view this policy please contact the school office.
Tel: 0402-37246 or mobile 085-857 0276

Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh si

Literacy Lift Off at Scoil Íosagáin

Due to the success of Reading Recovery a classroom Intervention called Literacy Lift Off was designed by Reading Recovery Teachers to incorporate the elements of the one to one intervention into a whole class approach. This was enabled due to their experiences of working with the hardest to teach children in their school. In this way all children can receive high quality Reading and Writing instruction at their appropriate level. Reading Recovery teachers through the country drive this initiative in their school with support from their teaching colleagues. All children are reading and writing at their appropriate level. This means that instead of just getting instruction on the core reading texts for their class, children are receiving instruction on approximately 70 books at their instructional level. Due to this all children are receiving the benefits of good literacy practice and literacy levels in schools are gradually rising.

Literacy Lift off is a huge commitment to schools as it requires all teachers to work closely together in a team situation. It is tailored for the different ability groupings in the class and allows children to learn at their own pace.

Literacy Lift off has proved to be a useful and effective programme in schools. It provides support for all children and allows classroom teachers to differentiate their teaching in a highly effective and organised manner. It also highlights very quickly those children who need the specialised individualised programme of Reading Recovery. Literacy Lift off does produce accelerated learning in most children. It will help but will not fully support those with more specific learning needs. These are the children that need the individualised Reading Recovery.

Reading Recovery is a vital and necessary National programme which would benefit all schools in developing good literacy practice. Not only does it provide schools with the ability to work effectively with the weakest children on a one to one basis it also enables all children through the class room programme Literacy Lift off to engage in high quality literacy activities. Reading Recovery Teachers are highly trained and become Literacy Leaders in their schools. It is most effective when both programmes run alongside each other. With both programmes working hand in hand no child should be left behind.



Invitation to all families and friends

Come and join us for the school's annual Christmas Show on **Thursday December 20th in the school hall at 12.30 p.m.**

The children from all classes, along with their teachers, have been working very hard and would be delighted if you could come and see them perform! Afterwards, sit down, enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat.

The Parents Association are holding a Cake Sale & Raffle on this day also. This will be a perfect opportunity to get some delicious home made cakes, scones, breads and buns etc. which have all been kindly donated by the parents.



The school will close on Friday 21st at 12 noon and re-open on Monday 7th January, 2013



Stocking Fillers 2013 CALENDARS

(supporting Scoil Íosagáin)
will be available to buy for only
€3 each or 2 for €5

SCHOOL TIMES
In January a vote will be taken on the school opening and closing times. Full details will be sent to all families in January.