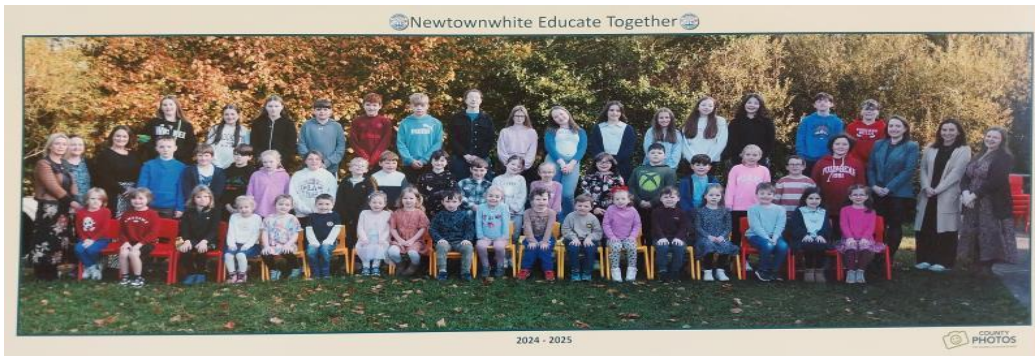


# WINTER NEWSLETTER



December 2024



## Breakfast Club & Afterschool Club

**Breakfast Club** continues to be run by some of our school team. It runs from 8:15am - 8:50am daily.

Breakfast such as cereal, toast and juice can be availed of. The fee is €3 per child per morning.

Contact Sarah in the office on 096 32728 for further information.



**Afterschool** is provided by Ashleigh and the times are as follows:

**Mondays - Fridays:** 1:30pm - 2:30pm (*Junior & Senior Infants*)

**Mondays - Thursdays:** 2:30pm - 4:30pm (*All Pupils*)

**Fridays Only:** 2:30pm - 4pm (*All Pupils*)

The fee for this service is €5 per hour per child.





## Welcome to Siobhán

We would like to welcome and wish the best of luck to Siobhán Breslin who has been appointed as our new Senior Room teacher. We are thrilled to have Siobhán working as part of our team. She is a very experienced teacher with a great grá for singing and all things musical.



### Tesco Blue Token Fundraiser:

Following our application for a fundraising opportunity, we were awarded a cheque for €515.00.

## Killala Community Trust Charitable Donation

€2,900 was granted to us to put towards an outdoor education area for our school.

We purchased some sports items such as a large mud kitchen, a target board and a beanbag.



## Mayo News Newspaper

Our Junior Infant pupils featured in the “Our First Day at School” supplement of The Mayo News Newspaper.



## Enrolments for 2025 – 2026

We are still accepting enrolments for 2024 /2025. You can contact the school for more information by emailing: [newtownwhite@gmail.com](mailto:newtownwhite@gmail.com)





## Music & Drama

Music Generation continues to be a part of our Music Curriculum on Wednesdays. Our tutors are Jessica and Denis. A big thank you to them both for their support in preparing the children for their Winter Concert this week.

## Safe Cycling Course 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class – Tutor Jerry Towey

Cycle Right provides practical cycle safety and skills training to promote competent and confident cyclists.

Cycle Right is produced and facilitated by Cycling Ireland and supported by the Department of Transport and the Road Safety Authority. Jerry provided a four week course to children and they learned about road cycling, cycle safety and servicing their bicycles.



## Cross Country Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

Pupils from 3rd-6th Class participated in the National School's Cross Country competition. They represented the school well.

## SNA Appreciation Day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

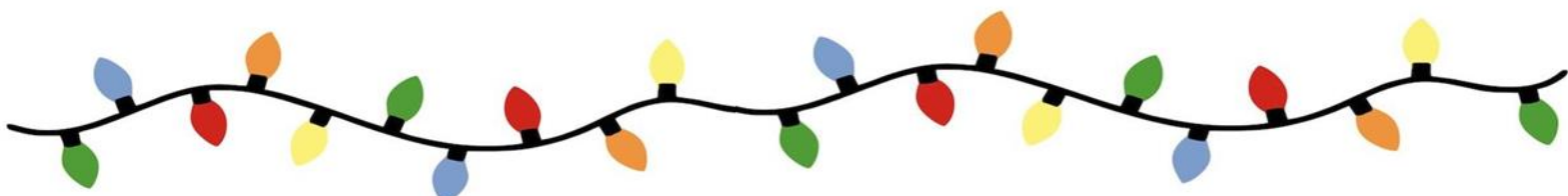
We celebrated our two fantastic SNA's, Sinead and Elaine, on the first SNA Appreciation Day. We are so lucky to have them both here in our school community. We had pancakes for them and for our secretary, Sarah on the day for a special treat.

## Hot Lunches

This year, we are availing of the government scheme which provides funding for hot school lunches daily. Martina's Homemade Foods provide this service for our school.

## Fundraising Quiz 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024

Thank you to Stephen Geddes, our community nominee on the Board of Management, who organised and helped run a Quiz Fundraiser in the Cot & Cobble on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. A special thank you to Quiz Master Terry McCole and to all those wonderful businesses who sponsored fabulous spot prizes for the night. A total of €1457 was raised, which was our biggest fundraiser yet!





## Sponsored Spooky Walk 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Our annual Spooky Walk, completed by children and school staff, alongside some parents, took place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. They raised €1311.25 through sponsorship and wore creative Halloween outfits for the day.

## Dunnes Stores Bag Packing Fundraiser Event

Thank you to the Board of Management for organising this fundraiser. A special word of thanks to those who were in a position to volunteer on the day. A total of €1154.83 was raised.



## Ballina Fire Service

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Ballina Fire Service visited the Middle Room pupils as part of the education programme "Never Give Fire A Chance". Children learned about fire safety in the home.

## Scholastic Book Fair

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November we had the Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to all the families & friends of Newtownwhite ETNS who made purchases at the book fair. Our school earned a total of €230 worth of books for our school library.



## Gymnastics at Nadia Gym

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November we started our 6 weeks course of Gymnastics Class in Nadia Gym. Children really benefit from use of the facility and the structured lessons and we thank families for committing to this additional cost.

## Parents Association

Our Parents Association have been busy with a stall at the Killala Winter Markets where they sold handcrafted items made by the children of the school. They held a raffle for the school also and the total fundraised was €790 for the school.



Children designed some nice greeting cards and we had them printed. The profit made from these cards was €238.50. Thank you to those who purchased cards.

## Painting of Classrooms in August 2024

We are very grateful to the parents who gave up their time to paint the Middle and Junior Room over the summer period. It brightened up the school for the children.

## Ice-cream Van

A massive thank you to John Joyce, who came along in his ice cream van, on our Graduation Day in both June 2023 & June 2024. John treated the pupils and staff to free cones and sweet treats.



## Moy Ridge Sonas Nursing Home - Carol Service

Our pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - 6<sup>th</sup> Class visited Moy Ridge Nursing Home on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to perform a carol service for the residents and staff there. Thanks to Willie B for providing the gymnastics bus for an additional hour free of charge. The residents of the nursing home enjoyed seeing the youth and energy of our pupils as they sang. They provided a treat and two homework passes for all the children which certainly went down well!



## Winter Performance

We were so proud of the children this week. They sang, performed poetry, played music and provided an afternoon of great entertainment for families and staff alike. We are delighted with their courage and enthusiasm. Well done to all and a thank you to everyone who helped get the concert together.



**We wish our school community a safe and relaxed Winter Break.**

We hope that however you celebrate you enjoy it.

We would like to thank the parents and guardians for your continued support.

***We look forward to welcoming back all our pupils on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025.***



## Happy Winter Break To All!

