



Junior Infants Class Staff

Rm 1 Ms Aine McCormack/Ms Michelle Cullinan

Rm 2 Ms Michelle Sheehan

Rm 3 Mrs Elaine Muldowney

SET: Ms Anna Dowling

SNAs: Ms. Elaine McEvoy & Ms. Josephine Canavan

PE Days

Rm 1: Wednesday

Rm 2: Wednesday

Rm 3: Wednesday

Each class enjoys a slot in the playground each week. We practice yoga and mindfulness activities throughout the school week.



In term one, we focus on pre-writing activities, fine motor skills and pencil grip.

In the 2nd term, junior infants will begin to learn cursive handwriting.

Thursday Note

Don't forget to check our website every Thursday: www.snu.ie

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*In Scoil na Naomh Uilig we are all equal.
We learn together, we play together, we
pray and we grow together.*



Uile le Chéile



Homework in Jnr Infants:

Homework will begin soon and it will be communicated each week via Google Classroom once up and running

The homework is collected and checked on Friday and new homework is given on Monday

Additional language activities, explanations and demonstrations will be uploaded to Google Classroom as necessary.

Class trips/events this year

In Term 3 we hope to have a school tour.



Aistear Programme

In Junior Infants we partake in Aistear which is learning through play. Each fortnight we begin a new theme, for example the post office and the clothes shop. Aistear helps develop oral language, imagination and social skills which are essential for junior infant pupils.



Phonics

Children will begin learning phonics in November. It is very important that the sounds are practised every night when they are sent home to consolidate learning. We will upload an instructional video to Google Classroom to explain how it works.

Maths

In Junior Infants, the children focus on early mathematical skills such as classifying, sorting, matching and ordering items. Along with these skills, children will also explore number work, patterns, shape and measure.

Fostering Independence

As the children are now in Junior Infants, it is important that the children are able to do the following independently:

- **Take off and put on their own coats, jumpers and gloves.**
- **Open and close their school bags.**
- **Open and close their lunch boxes and drinks.**
- **Peel oranges and open yogurts/packages independently.**

If your child is unable to do any of the above, we would appreciate it if you could practice these skills at home.

Contact Us

Please arrange to meet with any of us through the office or by sending in a note in with your child.

Any smaller messages can be also given through the office or via a note.

If you have a note please remind your child to give it to the teacher as there isn't time for the teacher to check the bags.

Learning to Live Together

Be on time and be prepared

Be Fair, Be Friendly

Talk in the right way at the right time

Sit when working, walk when moving

Always do your best

Restorative Questions

What happened?



What were you thinking of at the time?

What have you thought about it since?

Who has been affected and in what way?

How could things have been done differently?

What do you think needs to happen next?

Learning to Live Together - Yard

Be Fair, Be Friendly

Kind Hands, Kind Feet, Kind Words

We tell a teacher if there is a problem

We stay in our own yard

We always do what a teacher asks

Additional Information

- One child each week receives star of the week in assembly. A child gets star of the week for many reasons, such as making progress with their work, trying their best and being a good friend. Each week many children are deserving of this reward but sadly we can only pick one child per week!
- Birthday party invitations can not be distributed in class as it would be unfair if some children that are not invited. Please arrange invitations outside of school.
- A member of our SET team will be working with all the Junior Infants this year. Throughout the year, these teachers will be working with the children in small groups to develop fine motors skills, language skills, pre-writing and pre-reading skills.
- Parent teacher meeting will be held in Term 2 for Junior Infants.
- Please note that children should not bring toys to school, we have lots of educational toys here for the boys and girls to play with.

**We look forward to a
great school year
2023-2024 in Scoil na
Naomh Uilig**