October/November 2026 Newsletter

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations & best wishes to Miss Duffy and her partner Colin on the birth of their baby boy, Cillian.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who sent in a filled shoebox for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Forty shoeboxes were filled by families from Aghamore N.S. These will be dropped off to the collection point in Claremorris and will be distributed to children in less well off circumstances in time for Christmas.

Sports Update

Football Children from 1st-6th Class enjoyed football training with Martin Carr, the East Mayo Football Games Promotion Officer, for the last six weeks.

Hurling Shaun Morley, Mayo Hurling development Coach, will be working on Hurling skills with children from 1st-6th Class every Tuesday for the next six weeks.

Water Safety

Rosie O' Regan from Water Safety Ireland visited our school on Tuesday, 6th October. All classes received a talk on Water Safety and she also did some practical lifesaving skills work with the children on the yard.

Screening

Breda Connolly, HSE Nurse, will carry out vision and hearing screening with children in Junior Infants on Wednesday, 18th November.

School Photographs

Memory Lane has extended the free delivery offer for parents until **this Friday**, for any parents who may have missed this deadline.
You can avail of free delivery on orders placed by **Midnight, Friday the 6th of November.**

Active Schools

Before mid-term break we successfully completed our first Active Schools initiative 'Running Around the EU'. We reached many different cities and had great fun! 3rd and 4th class were our overall winners clocking up a super 1,350km. Altogether Aghamore NS ran 3,675km. Well done to all pupils! We recently established our Active Schools Committee which will run until January. We will form a new committee in February for the remainder of the school year. The committee is made up of one child from each class. Congratulations to Keelan and Katie (Infants), Cathal & Ella-Jane (1st & 2nd), Julia & Selina (3rd & 4th) & Kyla & Jason (5th & 6th). We will be communicating, meeting and working collaboratively to promote physical activity in our school in the hopes of achieving an Active Schools Flag. If there is anyone with skills or expertise in a particular area, e.g.dance, yoga, sports, zumba etc. we would be delighted if you would come on board as part of the Active School Programme.

Our Work at School

Junior and Senior Infants are busy learning new songs and Junior Infants have just started to get homework for the first time. Children from First to Sixth Class are working hard on learning the tin whistle. Please continue to encourage your child to complete school work and homework to the best of their ability and to practise the tin whistle at home.

Halloween Dress Up

There were many fun and scary creatures around Aghamore N.S. on the day of the Halloween break! Children and staff had great fun and a huge effort was made by all. Check out our scary looks on the website https://www.aghamorens.ie/

Primary Curriculum Training

School will be closed for pupils on Tuesday, 17th November to facilitate staff training in the Primary Curriculum Framework.

Christmas Concert -Save the Date!

We will have our Christmas Concert on Friday, 11th December in the GP Room in the school. Infant Classes & First and Second Class will perform in the morning and 3rd-6th Class will perform in the afternoon. Each classroom will perform separately and we will give you a time for each performance nearer the date.