



## Brannoxtown C.N.S.: Updates for Parents & Children

30 August 2022

### Enrolment and Class Allocations

We welcome two new teachers to our team this year: Lyndsey Regan and Peadar Mac an tSionnaigh. Peadar is Special Education Teacher (SET) for Terms 1 and 2. Síle Cunnane will take-up the SET post from Term 3. Current enrolment is 73 children, allocated across three mainstream classrooms:

- Junior Classes, Room 2: Múinteoir Deirdre (Junior & Senior Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> Class)
- Middle Classes, Room 4 (upstairs): Múinteoir Lyndsey (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class)
- Senior Classes, Room 1: Múinteoir Sarah (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class)

<p>Deputy Principal</p>  <p><b>Múinteoir Deirdre</b> CLASSROOM TEACHER Junior Classes</p>	 <p><b>Múinteoir Lyndsey</b> CLASSROOM TEACHER Middle Classes</p>	<p>BCNS Principal</p>  <p><b>Múinteoir Sarah</b> CLASSROOM TEACHER Senior Classes</p>
 <p><b>Múinteoir Peadar</b> SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ( SET)</p>	 <p><b>Suzanne</b> SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT ( SNA)</p>	<p>School Secretary</p>  <p><b>Liz Kavanagh</b> SCHOOL OFFICE Tuesdays 10am-3pm</p>

**BCNS Staff: 2022/2023**



## Office Hours

Liz Kavanagh, School Secretary will be in the School Office and available for parents **every Tuesday, from 10am to 3pm.**

## Parent-School Communications

Parents can contact the school:

- To notify your child's teacher of absence/appointment: Message the teacher using ClassDojo.
  - ClassDojo is a free platform that connects teachers, students, and parents. Teachers use it to post photos and videos on the Class Story. At BCNS, parents use it to message teachers about planned/unplanned absences. We ask parents to download the free ClassDojo app, available for Android and iOS devices. Your child's teacher will send you an invitation (by text) to join your child's class on ClassDojo.
- To request a meeting to discuss your child's progress and development: Email the school: [brannoxtowncns@kwetb.ie](mailto:brannoxtowncns@kwetb.ie).

## Uniform

Navy and blue are our uniform colours. The uniform includes a *School Tracksuit* for all children. Children from 1<sup>st</sup> class upwards, wear their tracksuit three days each week and wear the formal uniform on the other two days. Tracksuit days follow children's schedule for Physical Education (PE), Visual Arts (Art) and Drama:

- **School Tracksuit Days: Monday, Tuesday and Friday**
- **School Uniform Days: Wednesday and Thursday.**

During fine weather, children can wear plain navy/black shorts to school. To avoid losing uniform items, please ensure your child's name is clearly printed inside jumpers and sweatshirts as well as jackets and coats.

## General Purpose Sub

The General Purpose Sub contributes to the cost of your child's learning including:

- The BCNS Homework Journal
- Art and crafts supplies and educational resources
- Supplementing tours and trips off-site and visitors to enrich children's learning

For 2022/2023, the General Purpose Sub is €100 for the first child and €90 (each) for subsequent siblings, to a maximum of €250 for one family. Staged payments are welcome. Each payment will be receipted by Class Dojo message/Aladdin text and parents will receive a written receipt when the full contribution is paid. We ask families to complete payment by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## Payments - Uniform & General Purpose Sub

School crests are now in-stock. Pre-paid crests will be distributed to children this week. New crest orders can be sent to your child's teacher using ClassDojo message.



Parents can make payments (cash/cheque) for the crest and sub:

- By visiting the school during Tuesday's Office Hours.
- By giving your child the payment for his/her class teacher. Please write the following on the outside of the envelope:
  1. Child's name
  2. Cash amount
  3. Purpose of payment.

### Green School: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

Brannoxtown CNS is a Green School. This year, we are asking children to bring food packaging and wrappers home in their lunchbox. In the next few weeks, all children will discuss and agree further actions to *reduce, reuse and recycle*.

### Healthy Eating Policy

Brannoxtown CNS is a Healthy School. Instead of assigning a 'treat day', we focus on healthy eating throughout the week, aiming for a balanced diet and avoiding over-processed foods. Our school is a nut-free zone for all classes.

### School Services

Sinéad Leydon is Manager of *The Learning Tree*, providing a range of School Services at BCNS including Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club, Holiday Camps and Preschool (ECCE). School Services are based in the 1885 school-house and outdoors. Sinéad can be contacted directly by parents of the school – details below.



**Sinéad Leydon**  
THE LEARNING TREE  
Manager & Provider



**The Learning Tree**  
School Services at BCNS

<p>Breakfast Club operates Monday to Friday 7.40am - 8.40am Breakfast served until 8.15am Play Activities and drop off to school at 8.40am €10 per morning or €40 per week.</p>	<p>After School Club operates Monday to Thursday 1.30pm - 4.30pm Homework support and supervision Free play, arts and crafts, sensory activities and outdoor play are some of the choices available for children. €8 for 1 hour €14 for 2 hours €20 for 3 hours.</p>
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The Learning Tree Preschool  
Our Free Preschool ECCE operates term time 9am - 12pm.  
We offer a holistic approach to Early Years Learning, we are a play based preschool with an emphasis on the importance of child led learning and outdoor play.

For more information please contact Sinéad Leydon on 0873201730

**BCNS School Services: September 2022**



## Brannoxtown C.N.S.: School Calendar 2022-2023

### School Day:

<b>Drop-off:</b>	8:40am – 8:50am
<b>School begins:</b>	8:50am
<b>Snack:</b>	10:15am – 10:40am
<b>Lunch:</b>	12:15 – 12:50pm
<b>School ends:</b>	1:30pm for children in Infant Classes 2:30pm for children from First to Sixth Class

### Junior Infant phased enrolment:

1. Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30 to 11:00 (Bring snack only)
2. Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September:	8:50 to 11:00 (Bring snack only)
3. Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September to 16 <sup>th</sup> September:	8:50 to 12:00 (Bring snack & lunch)
4. Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September onwards, normal schedule:	8:50 to 1:30 (Bring snack & lunch)

### School Holidays:

Calendar Event	School Closure Dates (Inclusive)		Re-opening Date
	From:	To:	
School begins	Monday 29/08: Junior Infants only (9:30-11:00) Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August: Junior Infants and new students (9:30-11:00) Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August: All children		
October Mid-Term <b>One week closure</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November, 2022
Winter/Christmas Break <b>Two-week closure</b>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December (*Half-day)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2023
St. Brigid's Day (New Public Holiday) <b>One day closure</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February		Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February, 2023
February Break <b>One week closure</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
St. Patrick's Day <b>One day closure</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023
Spring/Easter Break <b>Two-week closure</b>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March (*Half-day)	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April, 2023
May Bank Holiday <b>One day closure</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023
June Bank Holiday <b>One day closure</b>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Summer Break	Begins: Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June (*Half-day: 11:50am)		Summer Break

\*Half-day collection: 11:50 for Junior Room children & siblings. 12 noon for all others.