Successes and Achievements in 2022-2023

Month	Achievement
August 2022	 Opening of our Sonas Class for pupils with ASD including a multi-sensory room and soft playground area; Tractor and Vintage Day Fundraiser for start-up costs associated with the Sonas Class which raised €6,827.45.
December 2022	Publication and official launch of our local History and folklore collection 'Tracing Our Past: Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe' in conjunction with our whole school 'Celebration of Christmas'
January 2023	Sonas Class moved into their new classroom on the completion of the building and renovation works on the former Junior Classroom.
March 2023	 School band came first overall in the Mountrath St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 50th Anniversary of its inception; School band played on the main stage of the National Concert Hall in Dublin as the culmination of their participation in the Primary Ensemble Project in conjunction with the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Fashion Show Fundraiser organised by the Parents' Association which raised €4,450 to develop our IT infrastructure for pupils.
May 2023	School awarded a Curious Minds Gold Award for STEM-one of only four schools in Laois to receive this award in

	the school year 2022-2023.
June 2023	 School awarded 'Blue Star' flag status following 5th & 6th Class' engagement with the Blue Star Programme on the E.U; 5th & 6th Class were awarded a Pushkin Trust Award for their participation in the 'Pushkin Trust Programme' in 2022-2023 and the exploration of the theme of 'Reforestation of the Imagination' Pupil I.T infrastructure developed as outlined above; Full grant of €3,950 under the Community Support Fund to purchase and install a basket swing in our soft playground area. IT infrastructure for pupils developed as follows