



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter #8

18th December 2018

A Chairde,

As this is the final newsletter of 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all and your families a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and every health and happiness for the New Year. I know Santa will be very busy visiting lots of deserving boys and girls in Monkstown over the holidays!

I would like to thank you all most sincerely for your co-operation and support in 2018. As the year draws to a close, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many achievements of the pupils and the school. It has been a year of many changes from a staffing point of view and we have welcomed many new families into the SBN family. It has been another year of transformation both inside and outside the school – specifically with the school gardens and the beginning of the classroom renovation project. Huge parental and staff support were involved in developments at all levels and I am deeply indebted to you all. It has been wonderful to work with such polite, eager and engaged pupils, such talented, dedicated and motivated staff, and positive, supportive and enthusiastic parents. I look forward to working with you all again in 2019 and am excited about the opportunities it will bring us all as a school community!

Finally, at this time of year we remember those in our families and our school community who are no longer with us, and watch over us from above. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílis. Our thoughts and prayers are also with families in our own community, and in communities nearby who face difficult challenges this Christmas. Go gcuití Dia sibh go léir.

Nollaig Shona faoi shéan is faoi mhaise dhaoibh go léir agus guím gach rath oraibh don athbhliain!

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaiagh & Foireann na Scoile



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Christmas Show will take place in the school hall at **11am SHARP on Thursday 20th December 2018**. We hope that those able to attend enjoy the show! Classes will perform in order from Junior Infants to 6th Class. It should last no more than one hour and should be over by 12midday.

Entry & Seating

Doors open @10:40am, and no earlier, through the main doors only. While all are welcome, please consider that with 200+ pupils and 140+ families, audience space will be limited. As in previous years for performances in the halla, we suggest just 2 adults per family attend, to prevent overcrowding. Due to this restricted space & limited seating, again as with previous years, it will not be suitable for babies and young children. Tim McSweeney will kindly be making a DVD recording, which will be made available, so that younger siblings, grandparents and working parents do not miss out! Thank you for your understanding and consideration with this matter!

As it is an informal affair as mentioned above seating is limited and it will not be reserved. There will be standing room also!

Photographs & Videos

Please remember that any photographs or videos taken on your own personal devices at the Christmas concert are **STRICTLY** for personal use only and must not be uploaded to any website that can be viewed by others (e.g. Facebook, You Tube or other social media sites). As you can appreciate this is due to Child Safeguarding and Data Protection legislation and aims to protect all of the children in our school community. We appreciate your co-operation with this. We hope you enjoy the show!

After the Concert:

Traditionally, parents choose to take their children home after the Christmas show, which you are of course welcome to do again this year.

We would ask that you wait until after the full concert has finished, so as not to disturb performances. Pupils may then be collected from the classroom and signed out using the 'SIGN-OUT' sheet, which the teacher will have in their room. If your child is going home with another parents, or grandparent, please ensure the class teacher is aware of this, by sending a note saying who has permission to sign out your child. The school will be open until 2:30pm, as usual and 1.30pm for Infant classes, for those who cannot be collected.

Upcoming Dates

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| Thursday | 20 th Dec 2018 | 11am Informal Christmas Show (Halla) |
| Friday | 21 st Dec 2018 | School closes for Christmas at 12midday |
| Monday | 7 th January | School re-opens for Term 2 |
| Monday | 14 th January 2019 | Additional Closure for Staff In-service |
| Tuesday | 22 nd January 2019 | 7pm: Confirmation Commitment Ceremony |
| Wednesday | 23 rd January | 5 th & 6 th Class Confirmation Retreat |
| Friday | 25 th January 2019 | 7:30pm Cookery Demonstration |
| Thurs & Fri | 21 st & 22 nd February | School Closure: Midterm Break |
| Monday | 11 th March 2019 | 10:30am Confirmation: 5 th & 6 th Class |
| Friday & Mon | 15 th & 18 th March 2019 | School Closure (St. Patrick's Weekend) |
| Friday | 12 th April 2019 | School Closes at 12midday for Easter |



STUDENT COUNCIL 2018/19

Thank you to everyone who so kindly and generously donated to the St. Vincent de Paul food appeal. Thanks to your generosity lots of families in Cork will have a better Christmas.

FRIDAY: On Friday please come to school wearing your Christmas jumper and/or pyjamas for our Movie Day. If possible, please bring a donation for the Cork Simon Community, a very worthy cause. Thank you again to Dara Headworth from Fifth Class who suggested Friday's competition, provided the prizes and nominated the charity. Maith thú, Dara.

Finally the Student Council wants to wish every family a very happy and holy Christmas and to thank them for their continuing support and generosity. We look forward to working hard again in 2019.

ON SALE – SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

For those of you who have not yet had a chance to purchase our School Calendar for 2019, it is now available for purchase through the school office! **The calendar costs just €10! It will also be on sale on Thursday at the school concert.**

If you wish to pay using Credit / Debit Card, please contact the office and we can forward you a payment link. Payments can also be paid by cash.

The Parents Association

3RD CLASS CARRIGDHOUN GAA BLITZ

Well done to our 3rd Class Boys' Team who represented us so well at the recent finals of the Carrigdhoun GAA Blitz, held in Riverstick Community Hall. They were unfortunately not victorious on this occasion. Many thanks to Eoghan Walsh and Eoin Barry from Passage West GAA for their attendance on the day and for managing the team so well. Thanks to Mr. Walsh and Mr. Murphy for preparing the team.

WEST MIDLAND THEATRE PANTOMIME

The West Midland Theatre group performed their pantomime 'Old King Cole' for Junior Infants to Fourth Class today in the halla on Dec 5th. It was a very entertaining, action packed show with plenty of audience participation and was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

SCIATH NA SCOL SPORTS QUIZ

Well done to our Fifth and Sixth Class teams – Liam, Laoise, Cian and Conor - who participated in the Sciath na Scol sports quiz in the Rochestown Park Hotel last Wednesday. Maith sibh!

COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

"Entertaining at Home" – A Cookery Demonstration, with award winning chef, Mark Doe, will take place in Monkstown Golf Club. **at 7:30pm on Friday 25th January 2019.**

Tickets cost just €20 for this event. Tickets are available:

- Through Scoil Barra Naofa School Office
- Passage West Pharmacy
- Paula O' Brien 087-2417032
- Beckie Coole 0872452940

If you wish to pay using Credit / Debit Card, please contact the office and we can forward you a payment link. Payments can also be paid by cash.

Many thanks to the group of parents who are organising this event – all proceeds will be going towards the 'Classroom Renovation' Fund.

*Entertaining
at Home*

COOKERY Demonstration

with Award Winning Chef

Mark Doe



Friday Jan 25th @ 7.30pm
Monkstown Golf Club
€20 includes tasting plate

Raffle on the Night

Tickets available from:

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In Aid of Scoil Barra Naofa Classroom Renovation



Scoil Barra Naofa
Monkstown, Co. Cork.

HOMEWORK CLUB TERM 2

Homework Club will commence from **Tuesday 8th January 2018** once minimum numbers have been met **until the week of 8th April**. We will contact you on Mon 7th of Jan, if we do not have the minimum number (6) for any given day.

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| Tuesdays (14) | €70 for Tuesdays only | From Jan 8th – April 12th |
| Wednesdays (13*) | €65 for Wednesdays only | From Jan 9th – April 13th * |
| Thursday (12**) | €60 for Thursdays only | From Jan 10th – April 14th ** |

** No homework club: Wed 20th Feb,*

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Homework Club will only operate on days where the minimum no. of 6 pupils is met.

Please complete the form attached to the Newsletter email or available in the office, indicating child/ren's name, class, days they will be attending etc and return by **Friday 21st Dec.**

CRAFT CLUB – TERM 2



Craft Classes will take place on Wednesdays from 2:35pm to 3:45pm. Craft Classes are open to all pupils **from 2nd Class to 6th Class**. 2nd Class pupils will make a beginner's knitting group. All other classes will have a choice of craft.

The new half term of Classes will start on Wednesday 9th January will run every until Wednesday 13th Feb.

The cost of 6 weeks of classes is €35 (6 x €5 per class PLUS €5 for materials etc). All money goes towards school fundraising, and is non refundable once paid.

As all of the existing members of craft club have re-signed **PLACES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED**. So new members will be accepted on first come, first served basis.

FORMS (attached to this email, or available through the office) **MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS FRI 21st DEC.** (Payment can be made after Christmas, but forms, must be returned before the holidays). Thank you for your support.

PLAYBALL

There will be **NO Playball** this week - 17th & 18th of December. Playball will begin again after the Christmas holidays on the 7th and 8th of January 2019.

CRIB SERVICE – CHRISTMAS EVE

The Children's Liturgy group are organising a Christmas Eve Blessing of the Crib Service. It will take place on (Monday 24th) Christmas Eve at 3pm in Sacred Heart Church, Monkstown. All are welcome. This family service will also feature Monkstown's Big Little Choir, of which many of our pupils are members.



DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION

Douglas Credit Union Scheme has finished for 2018.

It will recommence on Thursday 10th January 2019 and **every Thursday there after from 12:45pm-1:15pm in the school hall.**

Pupils are encouraged to develop the habit of saving small amounts regularly.

SHAMROCK BOYS' ACADAMEY

Shamrocks boys Academy continues every Friday night from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Marine College Ringaskiddy, Monkstown NS student welcome. We will be back after Christmas on Friday 18th January.

SHAMROCKS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

Looking for an indoor winter activity? Training moves indoors this week for our underage ladies on Thursday 6.30-7.30pm at the Maritime College, Ringaskiddy for all ages from age 5 up. Junior Ladies training from 7.30 -8.30pm - looking for mums to join us this season. No prior experience needed and new members are always welcome!

Follow us on Facebook or Text 0872280425.

PASSAGE WEST GAA

Fun Packed GAA Training - Under 6 & 7 Boys and Girls -All Welcome

**UNDER 6
BOYS AND
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
ADRIAN WHYTE
086-2272979**

**HURLING - SUNDAYS 10:30
FOOTBALL - FRIDAYS 7:00**

**UNDER 7
BOYS**

**CONTACT: CONOR QUIGLEY
087-2777959**

**HURLING – SUNDAYS 11:30
FOOTBALL – FRIDAYS 6:30**

**UNDER 7
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
DAVE MAXWELL
087-9879604**

CAMOGIE - FRIDAYS 5.30

**UNDER 7
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
KAREN ALLEN**

FOOTBALL - MONDAYS 4.45

PASSAGE AFC – SOCCER ACADEMY

Every Saturday – Maulbawn Astro Pitch

Boys & Girls

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| U9 (2010) | 12.00-13.30 | Contact Ronan Meagher | 087-6458672 |
| U8 (2011) | 13.30-15.00 | Contact Declan Carroll | 086-6738819 |
| U7 (2012) | 15.00-16.00 | Contact Colm Linehan | 087-6755663 |
| U6 (2013) | 15.00-16.00 | Contact Mike Flannery | 087-1377770 |

