



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Nuachtlitir #145

9ú Aibreán 2019

A Chairde,

This is the final newsletter of Term 2 ... how time has flown. Wishing you and your family a very happy and enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all back, rested and ready for a very busy Term 3, which will be full of exciting events such as the First Holy Communion, School Tours, Sports Days etc. Bain taitneamh as na laethanta saoire.

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuagh & Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday	10 th April 2019	NCBI Clothing Collection
Friday	12 th April 2019	School Closes at 12midday for Easter
Monday	29 th April 2019	8:50am Return to School
Monday	6 th May 2019	School Closure – Bank Holiday
Saturday	11 th May 2019	10:30am First Communion
Friday	24 th May 2019	Expected School Closure (Elections)
Thursday	30 th May 2019	Cork City Sports
Fri & Mon	31 st May & 3 rd June	School Closure (Bank Holiday Weekend)

SCHOOL TOUR DATES:

Details of Tours are in Attached document

Wednesday	5 th June 2019	6 th Class Walking Tour of Cork
Tuesday	11 th June 2019	5 th Class Walking Tour of Cork
Monday	17 th June 2019	1 st & 2 nd Class: Mardyke Arena
Monday	24 th June 2019	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th : Let's Go Trabeg
Wednesday	26 th June 2019	Junior Infants – Tír na Sí Open Farm
Thursday	27 th June 2019	6 th Class: Kinsale Outdoor Education Tour

2019/2020 DATES

The dates for the 2019/2020 School Year & holidays are available on the school website <https://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/events/> . We will return to school 8:50am on Monday 2nd September 2019.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Our Summer Uniform (**school** shorts and polo t-shirt, with **school** hoodie/**school** sweatshirt), can be worn in **Term 3 on days when the weather is appropriate!** Míle Buíochas!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS: MARCH 2019

Well done to the Principal's Award winners for March:

First Class:	Sadie Crowley &	Olle Peterson
Second Class:	Isabella Walsh &	Christopher Granby
Third Class:	Morgan Kelleher &	Sophie Gunn
Fourth Class:	Dylan Stuart &	Aobha Lee
Fifth Class:	Sarah Hallissey &	Laoise Kelly
Sixth Class:	Harry Clarke &	Caoimhe O' Brien

We are very proud of the hard work, great efforts and your achievements over the month of March! Maith sibh go léir !

COICÍS NA GAELIGE

Comhghairdeas do bhuaiteoirí na gcomórtais – Maith sibh!

N. Shóisearacha :	Timmy Murphy agus	Sadie Bruen
N. Shínsearacha :	George Foy agus	Keelin O' Herlihy
Rang 1 :	Isabel Cush agus	Charlie Warren
Rang 2 :	Aimee O' Herlihy agus	Luke Meagher
Rang 3 :	Grace Garcia agus	Tom Killeen
Rang 4 :	Lauren Dinan agus	Joel Aherne
Rang 5 :	Sarah Hallissey agus	Tony Geraghty
Rang 6 :	David McSweeney agus	Laoise Moynihan

CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual photos are still available for parents to view in the school office, and to purchase if desired.

SUN SAFETY

As we now have entered April, sun safety should be a priority for all from now until September every year.

The school would encourage sun safety from April – September with the following:

- **SUN CREAM:** No matter the weather each morning, sun cream should be applied to your child(ren) from April onwards. By yard time at 11am, the weather may have changed and the sun may be out. Equally, our skin can still burn through cloud!
- **SUN HATS / CAPS:** Pupils are encouraged to wear / bring sun hats to school daily from April – September. **PLEASE ENSURE THE NAME IS CLEARLY ON THE HAT.** These can be kept in your child's bag during the day, and worn during yard time, nature trails, field trips, tours, working in the gardens etc.

Educating children at a young age about the dangers of UVA and UBA rays and how to be stay safe in the sun is hugely important. While teachers will be engaging in lessons on this in Term 3, as part of a safety module, it is important that families discuss and support this also. Some wonderful advice can be found on

<http://www.sunnydaysmelanomacancerawareness.ie/> Thank you for your support.

PA: 'ROOT FOR LOOT' FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PA 'Root for Loot' Fundraiser. **€820 was raised** – thank you to everyone for their generosity. These funds will go towards the Parents' Association events in Term 3 – the Communion Reception, Sports Night, Graduation Disco and Ice-cream Van for all.

Well done to Junior Infants who were the class who brought in the most coins and won a homework pass!

SBN Parents' Association

SCIENCE VISITS & WORKSHOPS

Third Class enjoyed a trip to the Lifetime Lab on 28th March where they participated in a marine themed workshop. Fun curriculum linked activities took place and all children were awarded an Explorers Certificate of Participation at the end of the day. Maith sibh!

Yesterday 3rd, 4th and 6th classes welcomed Fergal from Lifetime Lab for a specially designed workshop which covered the science of energy and climate change through participation in experiments and playing the 'energy game' – all around it was very hands on and fun! The workshop covered several strands of the science curriculum such as energy and forces and environmental awareness and care. Fergal will be working with Juniors to 6th Class today! Mile Buíochas, Fergal!

GREEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE: UPDATE

On Monday 1st April the Green School Committee welcomed Linda and Aaron from 'Mind the Gap' productions who performed their interactive drama 'It's Not Fair' followed by a workshop for 5th class and the members of the Green School Committee. The themes of global citizenship and Fairtrade were explored. Go raibh maith agaibh!

Waste Free Wednesday Lunchbox

We have re-introduced our Waste Free Wednesday lunchbox efforts. To have a lunchbox that is as waste free as possible, using recyclable containers and wrappings on Wednesdays and other days if possible. This is part of maintaining our Green Flag. This has been going very well. The winning class from every month gets the Waste Free lunchbox Award and a Homework Pass.

STUDENT COUNCIL: SBN'S GOT TALENT

The Student Council are delighted that SBN's Got Talent will take place on Friday 12th April, the day of the Easter Holidays. Rehearsals are well underway! Best of luck to everyone that is considering taking part! We look forward to a brilliant show!

SWIMMING 1ST-4TH CLASS 2019/2020

A reminder that if any parent would like your name to be added to the roster of parents who have made themselves available to the school to assist with supervision at swimming, please contact the office. Thank you all, as always for your support.

EARLY MORNING ARRIVALS

It has been noted that some pupils have been arriving VERY early in the past few weeks. There is no need for such an early arrival & pupils should not be on school grounds (unless accompanied by an adult) before 8:30am, as they **will not** be supervised. Supervision is in place in the hall from 8:30am onwards, but not before.

The Board of Management does not take responsibility for any child before 8:30am, and therefore pupils should not be on the grounds before then. We would ask all parents to please bear this in mind. While appreciating the time constraints & pressures that many families face in the mornings, your co-operation with this is hugely appreciated.

LOST & FOUND – CLOTHES & COATS!

Ahead of tomorrow's clothing collection – a reminder to please check lost and found for any lost items as they will be donated to the collection in the morning.

CLOTHING COLLECTION - TOMORROW!!!

There will be a fundraiser recycled clothing collection in aid of SBN & the National Council for the Blind Ireland, tomorrow **Wednesday 10th April at 9:00am**. Clothes can be dropped off to Scoil Barra Naofa library:

- **Tuesday (Today!)** **9th April** **2:30pm- 4pm**
- **Wednesday (Tomorrow!)** **10th April** **8am-9am**

The donations from the clothing drive will be sold in NCBI 110 Charity Shops nationwide, and those that cannot be re-sold are recycled. Clean Clothing, Linen, Curtains, Belts, Handbags and (pairs) of shoes can be donated, in tied large plastic bags. **Unfortunately NO cushions, duvets, pillows, socks, underwear or soiled rags** can be accepted.

Thank you for your support!



PARKING

A reminder to please be mindful of where you are parking, whether outside the school or further up/down the hill. Please remember that An Garda Síochána will continue to do spot checks in the vicinity & issue to fines to those parked illegally i.e. parked on footpaths etc.

Many thanks to everyone who has been so supportive in keeping our pupils safe on the footpaths before and after school.

HOMEWORK CLUB TERM: 3

If you are interested in sending your child to Homework Club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays **for 5 weeks from April 30th – May 28th**, please contact the office for a form before this Friday 12th April.

Homework club will only go ahead if a minimum number of six pupils on a given day is reached. Homework Club costs €5 per day.

CRAFT CLUB – TERM 3



Firstly a reminder that there is **NO CRAFT CLUB THIS WEEK.**

Our final four weeks of Craft Club will take place after Easter **from May 1st to May 22nd inclusive**, on Wednesdays from 2:35pm to 3:45pm. Craft Classes are open to all pupils from 2nd Class to 6th Class. New members are welcome.

The cost of 6 weeks of classes is €25 (4 x €5 per class PLUS €5 for materials etc). All money goes towards school fundraising. Forms are available through the office & must be returned by this FRI 12th April. Payment can be made via Aladdin ePayments – please contact the office for a link. Thank you for your support.

Finally a massive ‘Míle Buíochas’ to Bean Uí Bhuaiigh for volunteering her time every week at craft club. Go raibh maith agat!

ALADDIN CONNECT

A gentle reminder to parents that have not yet signed up to Aladdin Connect to please do so. If you cannot find your access code or registration link, simply contact the office here by phone or email and we will re-issue one.

The school would **STRONGLY recommend that at least one parent has signed up for Aladdin Connect before May 2019**, as Standardised Test results and School Reports will be issued via Aladdin Connect in June 2019.

CLASS EXPENSES & TERM 3 EXPENSES

Many thanks to the majority of parents who have forwarded class expenses payments in Term 1 and Term 2 as requested. A gentle reminder to those parents with outstanding payments – links will be re-issued today. Míle Buíochas for your support!

A reminder also that the following payments will be coming up in Term 3:

- Information about our Book Rental Scheme and payments will be issued in **May**;
- Information re: to Swimming Programme and payments will be issued in **June**.

SHAMROCK BOYS’ ACADAMEY

Every Friday evening in Shanbally from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, Gaelic Games in a Fun and fast paced environment, continues each week until the end of June, Monkstown NS students welcome.

Organised by
41st Cork Passage West Scout Group

SMART PHONE BASED
**EASTER EGG
HUNT**

TEAS,
COFFEES,
& CAKES
FOR SALE
ON THE DAY!

€10
PER
GROUP

START AND REGISTRATION ON
THE DAY AT THE FATHER
COLLINS CENTER

(OLD STAR OF THE SEA Nat. Sch., Passage West)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

10AM-3PM • GROUPS OF UP TO 4 CHILDREN

Parent or Guardian Required for each Group

★
EVERY CHILD IN A GROUP GETS AN EASTER EGG!

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TO BOOK YOUR PLACE LOG ON TO
TO WWW.PASSAGESCOUTS.COM OR TEXT 087-1705028

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Booking Closing on Thurs 18th April

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:



**PASSAGE WEST
SCOUT GROUP**

Passage West Scout Group are running an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 20th April 2019 as part of a fundraiser for the Bumbleance.

PASSAGE WEST GAA

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

**U6 BOYS &
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
JUNE HAMILL 087-2265971**

**UNDER 7
BOYS**

**CONTACT:
ADRIAN WHYTE 086-2272979**

**UNDER 8
BOYS**

**CONTACT:
CONOR QUIGLEY 087-2777959**

**UNDER 7-8
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
DAVE MAXWELL 087-9879604**

**UNDER 7 -
8 GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
KAREN ALLEN 087-8532552**

**HURLING & FOOTBALL -
SUNDAYS 10:30**

**HURLING - SUNDAYS 11:30-
12:30PM**

FOOTBALL - FRIDAYS 7-8PM

**HURLING: TUESDAYS 7-8PM
FOOTBALL: FRIDAYS 6:30-
7:30PM**

CAMOGIE - FRIDAYS 5-6PM

**FOOTBALL - MONDAYS 4.45-
6PM**

SHAMROCKS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

SHAMROCKS LADIES GAA



FOOTBALL CLUB



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

NEW Members wanted for our growing club:

Age: 5-18+yrs

Winter Indoor Training:

Maritime College - Ringaskiddy

Times: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Tuesday U10/U12 6.30-7.30pm
U14 7.30-8.30pm

Thursday U6/U8 6.30-7.30pm
U16/Juniors 7.30-8.30pm

For more information

Contact: 087-2280425

Learning
New skills



Building
Confidence

PASSAGE AFC – SOCCER ACADEMY

Every Saturday – Maulbawn Astro Pitch

Boys & Girls

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