



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter

13th March 2018

A Chairde,

I hope you all enjoyed the unexpected mid-term 'SKI' Holiday at the beginning of the month and that everyone got through the Red Weather alert unscathed! We have loved hearing about and seeing photos of the snow men built around Monkstown!

We have reached the end of Term 2 already! Time has flown! I hope you all enjoy St. Patrick's weekend and wish you all a happy and holy Easter Holiday. Bainigí taitneamh as!

*Mise le meas,
Ciara Ní Bhuaigh agus Foireann na Scoile*

UPCOMING DATES

12ú – 23ú Márta	Seachtain na Gaeilge
An Déardaoin 15ú Márta	Rang 3 – Athletics Blitz (Neptune)
An Aoine 16ú Márta	Lá Glas & Ceolchoirm – Seachtain na Gaeilge
An Luan 19ú Márta	School Closure (in lieu of St. Patrick's Day)
An Aoine 23ú Márta	SBN's Got Talent
An Aoine 23ú Márta	12midday School Closure for Easter Holidays
An Luan 9ú Aibreán	8:50am Re-opening after East Holidays
An Aoine 13ú Aibreán	School Closure (Staff Training)

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS (February)

Well done to the recipients of February's Principal's Awards :

- Aimee O'Herlihy (Rang 1) for being such a diligent worker, being extremely reliable and having a beautiful personality.
- Luke Meagher (Rang 1) for listening to his teacher, following the rules and for being kind, caring, considerate and very funny!
- Louis O' Neill (Rang 2) for concentrating more, working well in class and for being polite and kind.
- Séan Cash (Rang 2) for his enthusiasm, hard work, thoughtfulness and good manners.
- Bo Parkes (Rang 3) for her consistency and diligence across all subjects, her wonderful nature, beautiful joined writing and superb tables.
- Daniel Horgan (Rang 3) for fantastic work on spellings and handwriting, overall improvement in concentration and effort and for brilliant tables.
- Laoise Kelly (Rang 4) for wonderful class participation, kindness to others and always doing her best.
- Grace Hartigan (Rang 4) for beautiful handwriting, excellent attention and participation in class and for excellent effort in Maths.
- Aoibhe Killeen (Rang 5) for being such a happy, co-operative and diligent girl, always displaying an excellent attitude to school, showing great initiative and taking pride in her work.
- Ronan O' Keeffe (Rang 5) for being a pleasant and friendly boy, showing great motivation and enthusiasm in all subjects especially Maths.
- Maya Coughlan (Rang 6) ar a cuid oibre crua, iompar agus feabhas den scoth i ngníomhaíochtaí cur i láthair.
- Cathal McCarthy (Rang 6) ar a chuid iarrachtaí, díograis agus scileanna díospóireachta.

Maith sibh go léir!

FIRST CONFESSION: RANG 2

Well done to Rang 2 who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Tuesday night 6th March, for the first time! Many thanks to Ms. Mulrooney and Fr. Seán & Fr. Con for preparing them so well for the ceremony! Maith sibh!

6TH CLASS FAI SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Best of luck to 6th Class in the FAI Soccer Tournament in Carrigaline today! Go n-éirí go geal libh!

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE – 12Ú -23Ú MÁRTA

Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh go léir i dtogha bhúr sláinte agus ag baint taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge! Tá na páistí agus foireann na scoile go léir ag déanamh ard-iarracht de bheith ag úsáid a gcuid Gaeilge timpeall na scoile! Déan iarracht é a úsáid sa bhaile fresisin! Beidh ceolchoirm beag ar siúl ar scoil ar an 16ú Márta agus beidh gach rang ag glacadh páirt le dán / amhrán srl. **Beidh cead ag na páistí éadaí glasa a chaitheamh ar an Aoine!** Maith sibh!

*Seachtain na Gaeilge will be marked in SBN from 12th- 23rd March. Everyone in the school – pupils and staff alike – will be making a huge effort to use the Irish they have! Why not try to speak some more Irish at home also? There will be an informal ‘concert’ in school on this Friday 16th March, with every class performing an Irish poem or song etc. **Pupils may wear green clothes on Fri 16th as part of our ‘Lá Glas’!** Míle Buíochas!*

3RD CLASS ATHLETICS BLITZ

Following their recent involvement with Cork Primary Schools Athletics Programme, 3rd Class pupils will be taking part in an Athletics Blitz which will be held in NEPTUNE Stadium, on Thursday next 15th March 2018, from 11am-2pm.

The class will be travelling by bus and will depart from the school before small break. The event is due to be finished around 2pm, so hopefully they will be back to the school by 2:30pm, as normal. If they are delayed we will send a text to inform you.

Pupils will need to wear their school tracksuit & trainers/runners and should have plenty of water & their lunch to bring with them (in a small bag).

Each pupil will be asked to bring a €5 contribution towards the bus to Ms. Matthews before next Thursday 15th. We hope that all pupils will enjoy the day and have benefitted from their involvement in the programme.

ENGINEERING WEEK: 6TH CLASS

Sixth Class had a very interesting visit last week from Kevin Murray, father of past pupils Aisling and Joseph. Kevin spoke about the work of different types of engineers and described many of the projects he has been involved in. We look forward to a return visit when he will judge their design projects! Go raibh maith agat, Kevin!

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

We had an extended Friendship Week this year in Scoil Barra Naofa due to our unexpected snow days. It ran from February 26th to 9th March. All classes throughout the school incorporated the theme of Friendship into various subjects including Art, Creative Writing, Poetry, Stories, RE, SPHE and Drama. Pupils were invited to take part in a secret buddy system. Each pupil had to take extra special care of their secret buddy throughout this time and the names were revealed on the last day. We also took extra time to reflect on the yard and playtime to encourage pupils to look out for one another and make sure everyone is included in games. We had a competition on the theme of Friendship from First Class all the way up to Sixth Class. The winners were announced at the assembly today and each winner was awarded a Homework Pass. The winners were:

- First Class : Declan Earle and Beth Barry
- Second Class : Freya Boylan and Mark Barry T
- Third Class : John Hegarty, Tia Delan and Darragh Killeen
- Fourth Class : Lauren Coughlan and Steve Lyons
- Fifth Class : Lena Garcia and Sam McDonnell
- Sixth Class : Lucy McCarthy and Adam O' Flynn

Well done to everyone who took part in our competition. Remember to be kind to your friends. Always treat them with respect. You need to be a friend to have a friend.

RSE LESSONS

All parents should have received an email on **20th February**, outlining the lessons (of a sensitive nature) that will be taught at your child's class level as part of the RSE. If you feel you did not receive it, please check for an email on that date, with subject "**RSE & STAY SAFE**". Alternatively please contact the office on 021-4842159, and we will re-send it. Thank You!

END OF TERM / CONCERNS

As we reach the end of Term 2, it is often a good point to reflect on the great work done in all classes by all pupils and teachers so far this year.

If you do have any concerns or queries regarding your child's education, or indeed about any other aspect of school life in Scoil Barra Naofa, **please remember your first port of call is the class teacher**. Do make an appointment with the class teacher and they will be only too happy to discuss any concern with you and address any issue immediately. Remember, if we are not aware of a concern then we cannot address it. So please do speak with the class teacher as soon as possible.

Should you continue to have concerns, or any questions, please free to contact Iníon Uí Bhuaigh, after speaking with the class teacher.

DOGS ON PREMISES

A reminder to all parents (and anyone collecting) that it is preferable if only Guide Dogs or Service Dogs were they only dogs on school premises. The school has been made aware that some of our younger pupils **are afraid of dogs**, and also some pupils have allergies, and **therefore it would be best if dogs were not brought onto school premises**, to ensure the safety and happiness of all of our pupils.

We appreciate that this is not always possible. We are aware that many parents or childminders take the opportunity to walk their dog, when collecting and that many pupils are excited and delighted to see their dog waiting for them after a day at school. This is a wonderful sight, but unfortunately, this joy felt by some, is not felt by others – so if you are waiting by the gates with a dog, **please ensure that your dog is on a leash** and remains close to you,

At Infant's collection time in particular, especially with the tight space on the path - meaning that young children and dogs would be in close proximity - it would be best if dogs WERE NOT brought down into the 'collection line'. There may be alternative places for the dogs to wait at this time, outside the school gates, or where there is more space.

We very much appreciate everyone's co-operation in ensuring everyone's happiness in this regard. Míle Buíochas!

STUDENT'S COUNCIL

2nd, 3rd and 4th Classes were excited to receive their delivery of new books for their in-class libraries this week. These books were purchased with monies raised through the Christmas Card sales and the Movie Day before Christmas. Well done to everyone and we hope you all enjoy reading your new library books.

We are all looking forward to and excited about SBN's Got Talent which will be held on Friday 23rd March! The very best of luck to all of the acts!!

GREEN SCHOOLS NEWS

Congratulations to the winners of February's Golden Lightbulb – 4th Class and the Golden Boot winners – Fifth Class.

Our WOW walk on Wednesdays continues and please continue your efforts with your waste free Wednesday.

Our application for our 5th Green Flag – for Biodiversity – is due this month and we are busy getting it ready to send off very soon!

INTERNET

We are THRILLED to say that our internet is fully operational again! Repairs were carried out last week and we are optimistic that it is the end of our internet woes! Fingers crossed! Thank you all for your patience over the past 3 months!!!

CLASS EXPENSES

Thank you to all those families for your support in paying Class Expenses so promptly! For those with outstanding payments, please keep in mind the additional payments such as School Tours and Book Rental Costs, which will be due in Term 3.

We are very much indebted to those families who also choose to support the school by making a voluntary contribution. Míle Buíochas ó chroí.

CRAFT CLUB

Due to the snow days, there will be only 4 classes of the 5 signed up for, completed before the Easter Holidays. As a result, the final class of this round of classes will take place on Wednesday 11th April - the first Wednesday back after the Easter holidays. The final term of classes for craft club will take place after this on Wednesdays from 2:35pm – 3:45pm and forms will be available before the Easter holidays for these.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Forms for Term 3 of Homework Club, open for pupils from 1st-6th Classes will be circulated this week. Please return them before the Easter Holidays (23rd March) so that we can ensure we have numbers to go ahead with classes on each day – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2:35pm-3:35pm. Please contact the office for further information

SCIENCE: 3RD CLASS

Third Class enjoyed a day of activities and experiments at the Lifetime Lab last Thursday. Under the theme 'Exploring our Ocean' they investigated properties of water and learnt about sea creatures in our oceans. A great time was had by all!

SHAMROCKS GAA BOYS ACADEMY

Our Fun boys Academy continues indoors to the NMCI Ringaskiddy on Friday nights for February and March. All Monkstown NS students welcome.

- U5 to u8 - 6.30 pm to 7.30pm
- U9 to u11 - 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Our schools coach Anthony Shannon continues his coaching with the school classes each Friday.

PASSAGE WEST GAA

FUN PACKED GAA TRAINING ----- UNDER 6 BOYS & GIRLS

Passage West GAA Club / Sunday mornings 10.30am



MONKSTOWN BAY SAILING CLUB

Applications now being taken for 2018 sailing course. Open to children age 7+.

For more information checkout www.mbsc.ie or contact Jane Hughes 0872118270 / janehughes29@gmail.com



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MONKSTOWN TENNIS CLUB are running an introductory tennis coaching class for unior infants after Easter. The class will take place on a Wednesday for six weeks from 18th April until

Wednesday 23rd May 2.00pm-2.45pm. Cost will be €30 for 6 weeks. All participants will have to pay a nominal membership fee of €20 also for insurance purposes. If you are interested in taking part or have any queries please email your child's details to joannepower2011@yahoo.ie or call her on 087 2719549.