



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter

10th April 2018

A Chairde,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter Holiday and return well rested for our final term! It is always a busy one, with school tours, Active Week, Well Being Week, First Communion, standardised testing and many other varied activities! Please keep an eye on our school calendar and read each newsletter carefully so that you don't miss any upcoming events!

Please also note that an additional school closure has been added to our school calendar – the school will be closed on Friday 25th May 2018, as the school will be a Polling Station for the Referendum.

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaign agus Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 12 th April	11am 6 th Class Concern Debate
Friday 13 th April	School Closure for Staff Training
Fri 4th May & Mon 7th May	School Closure (Extended Bank Holiday Weekend)
Sat 12 th May	10:30am First Communion (2 nd Class)
Friday 25th May	School Closure – Referendum
Mon 4th & Tues 5th June	School Closure (Extended Bank Holiday Weekend)

SCHOOL TOURS

Your child will bring home an envelope today outlining the details of the School Tour(s) for their class! The tours will be held in June, but we are very conscious of the expenses of Term 3 (First Communion, Book Rental etc.) so are trying to space out collections for families.

Please return the signed permission slip(s) and payment(s) in the relevant envelope by **Wednesday 2nd May.**

As always you are welcome to make payment by bank transfer – but ensure you state TOUR & your child's name in the narrative so it can be correctly accounted for.

Junior & Senior Infants	Rumley's Farm	Thurs 28 th June
1 st & 2 nd Class	Crafty Hands & Mario's	Tues 12 th June
3 rd Class	Eco Adventures, Aghada	Tues 19 th June
4 th & 5 th Class	Eco Adventures, Aghada	Mon 18 th June
5 th Class	Walking Tour of Cork	Wed 13 th June
6 th Class	Ballyhass Lakes	Wed 27 th June
	Walking Tour of Cork	Fri 15 th June

DEBATING

Best of luck to our Sixth Class debaters, Ryan Nolan, Annamarie Harley and Cathal McCarthy in their semi-final of the Concern Primary School Debating Competition. They will debate against Glounthane N.S. this Thursday! Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh!

BOOK RENTAL

Books lists and details of the pricing for the 2018/19 school year book rental scheme will be circulated in mid-May. Payment for the Book Rental Scheme will need to be returned to the school by Fri 1st of June.

Many thanks to Carla James and Sandra Moynihan, along with Gail Sheil and Emma White for their hard work in organising what is a fantastic scheme for families. Go raibh maith agaibh!

STUDENT COUNCIL

The 2018 SBN's Got Talent show was simply incredible. The 10 acts were fantastic and displayed supreme talent, poise and confidence on stage. Each one of the acts would have been a very worthy winner but unfortunately only one act can win. The 2018 winners were the Yellow Tigers from 4th Class: Cathal, Cian, Blake and Daniel. They performed a highly entertaining and hilarious chicken dance. Congratulations to our winners and indeed to all the acts who kept the audience spellbound in the halla.

A big thank you to the other pupils without whom the show would not have been possible. Our backstage crew of Sophie Jones and George Pritchard did an amazing job on microphones and sound. The two presenters Liam O 'Flynn and Josh Walsh were confident and supremely professional (Ant and Dec watch out). Our amazing judges Sarah Finnegan, Kyle Joyce and Faye Heffernan aka Demi Lavato, Kim Jun Un and Anna Geary contributed hugely to the entertainment.

Overall it was a fantastic show enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. A huge thank you to Ms. Marshall for all her hard work preparing the show!

ATHLETICS BLITZ

Third Class participated in an Athletics Blitz before the Easter Holidays as part of their Athletics coaching programme organised by Cork Sports Partnership. The Blitz included a shuttle run, javelin, long jump, target throw and relays. Bhí spórt mór acu!

SOCCER BLITZ

Well done to Sixth Class who took part in the FAI Primary School 5's Soccer Blitz in Carrigaline before the Easter Holidays with help from Sabrina, George, Liam and Andrew. A great time was had by all. Our thanks to Mr. Murphy for organising the event.

GARDEN

Some very exciting work has begun in our gardens with Apple & Juniper Trees being planted and some camellias due to be planted, thanks to the hard work some of our parents. We are looking forward to drawing up some further plans soon! Many thanks to Aoife Fleury, Holly Warren, Valerie Mulcahy and Barbara Coakley for their hard work so far on the gardens. Some weeding and planting will be done on Friday mornings (weather permitting) over the next few weeks if anyone is available to give a hand!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS - MARCH

Well done to all our Principal's Award winners for March:

- Aisling O' Mullane (1st) for always making an effort to contribute to class discussions, for her kindness and consideration to others and lighting up the room with her smile
- Christopher Granby (1st) for his dedication to every task he sets his mind to and for always being helpful, honest and reliable and a friend to all in class.
- Mark Hallissey (2nd) for improving his listening and concentration in class and for making a good effort in class during Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Sam O' Flynn (2nd) for working well in class and for making a good effort during Seachtain na Gaeilge.
- Ruth Thomas (3rd) for her constant diligence and enthusiasm, for fantastic contribution and participation in class, especially in Gaeilge
- Joel Aherne (3rd) for excellent contribution and participation in class, particularly Gaeilge and for great effort at the tin whistle.
- Rita Mae Browne (4th) for excellent focus and participation in class, for lovely handwriting and always trying her best
- Isabella Murray (4th) for her wonderful contribution to class, her positive attitude and always trying her best.
- Deirbhile Quane (5th) for her excellent attitude, her excellent leadership skills and all her hard work
- Harry Clarke (5th) for being a very pleasant student with a sense of humour enjoyed by all and for making a great contribution to class.
- Sophie Jones (Rang 6) ar a cuid iarrachtaí, obair chrua agus freagracht
- Faye Heffernan (Rang 6) ar a cuid eolais ghinearálta, léitheoireacht agus obair chrua.

CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club recommences this Wednesday 11th for the final week of the block of classes paid for in Term 2. (This week is the make up week for the class missed due to the snow).

A new (and final) block of classes will commence on Wednesday 18th of April for 6 weeks until Wed 23rd May. Forms available in the office.

HOMWORK CLUB

Homework Club will recommence today (Tuesday 10th) and will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until the last week of May. Forms available in the office.

LENREC CLOTHING COLLECTION

Lenrec Clothing Collection will take place on Monday 28th of May. All proceeds raised will go towards school fundraising. Items should be brought to the school library before 9:00am on that morning. They can be dropped in also from 2:30pm on Thursday 24th May, as well as 8am-9pm on Friday 25th May (as the school premises will be open for the Referendum).

Please donate all your clean unwanted clothes also bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys. Wearable clothes will be recycled and re-used and other items will be recycled for items, such as, industrial wipes or soundproofing. NO HOUSEHOLD BRIC A BRAC.

Thank you as always for your support.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Bhí gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla ar siúl againn i Scoil Barra Naofa do Seachtain na Gaeilge. Rinne gach duine sár-iarracht ag baint triail as an Ghaeilge. Bhí ealaín, dramaíocht, ceol agus damhsa ar siúl againn trí mhéan na Gaeilge. Bhí Trath na gCeist agus biongó ar siúl agus bhí ceolchoirm againn ar an hAoine. Bhí an spórt againn! Comhghairdeas le buaiteoirí na gcomórtais – Tara Hayes agus Beth Barry (Rang a hAon), Sophia White agus David O' Connor (Rang a Dó), Cian McDonnell agus Romy Barry (Rang a Trí), Elsie O' Flynn agus Daniel Garcia (Rang a Ceathair), Abby O' Neill agus Andrew O' Connor (Rang a Cúig), Maya Ryan, Josh Walsh, Lucy McCarthy, Nicole Dinan, Ryan Nolan agus Cian Gill (Rang a Sé). Maith sibh!

We had lots of very exciting activities in SBN for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Everyone made a huge effort to use their Irish. There were art, drama and dance activities held using the Irish language. There was a table quiz and Bingo and a 'Ceolchoirm' in the hall on Friday 16th March. We had great fun! Congratulations to the winners of the competitions held in classes. Well done!

RSE & STAY SAFE

RSE (Relationships & Sexuality Education) lessons and the Stay Safe Programme are mandatory elements of our SPHE Curriculum. These are currently being will be taught. Each family received an email last month outlining the sensitive topics that will be taught at your child(ren)'s class level. If you did not receive the email, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child(ren)'s class teacher.

CLASS EXPENSES

Many thanks to those families who have been so prompt in making Class Expenses payments. It is very much appreciated. For those with payments outstanding we would very much appreciate if you could forward these as soon as possible. We appreciate that this Term is a busy one and other payments for Tours and Book Rental will be due. If you wish to discuss any of the payments - please don't hesitate to contact Iníon Uí Bhuaigh.

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

6TH CLASS SCIENCE

Well done to our Sixth Class pupils who participated in a 'Design and Make' Competition before Easter. Great ingenuity and creativity was shown by all the children. We saw building projects, engineering projects and science projects! Deciding on three winners was a difficult task. We were delighted to have local engineer, Kevin Murray, on hand, to give us the benefit of his expertise. Congratulations to the winners – Sophie Jones, George O' Keeffe and Lily Horgan. Maith sibh go léir agus go raibh maith agat, Kevin!

Sixth Class also hosted a Science day before Easter for their buddies in Junior Infants today. They investigated sinking and floating, magnets, wind power, static electricity, lava lamps, volcanoes, catapults, egg dropping and even saw a crocodile operated by computer and a homemade recorder. A fun day was had by all!

CARETAKER

Martin, our hardworking and talented caretaker, will retire next month after 9 years in Scoil Barra Naofa. We wish Martin the very best of luck in his retirement and look forward to marking this special occasion with him. Míle Buíochas, Martin!

After an extensive recruitment process, we are delighted to welcome Vivian Prout as our new caretaker. Vivian will commence his new role in early May. Fáilte romhat!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Money Trail

As the Parents' Committee we are delighted to run the Money Trail again this year as a fund raiser for the School.

Last year in 2017, we raised €1,125 through the children's efforts and the money was put towards the garden supplies and plants installed by a volunteer team from Novartis which was organised and coordinated by Fionnuala Langford, mum of Lucy, Beth and Emily O'Connell. We were really proud of the children and their great achievement. Senior Infants won the award for collecting the most loose change in their jar.

This year – we will follow the same plan. All classes are encouraged to fill up their JAR with as much loose change as they can. All coins welcome.

Jars will be in classes from today until Thursday April 26th. **The class with the fullest jar will win a HOMEWORK PASS for all.**

Many thanks to our Principal, Teachers and parents for working with us on this joint initiative. As well as raising funds for the school, let's encourage the children to have some fun on the way!

Communion Blazer Fittings (2nd Class Boys')

The fittings for the Communion Blazers for the boys of 2nd Class will take place this **Thurs April 12th** 2:30pm. The fittings will be held in Ms. Dwyer's Senior Infant Classroom.

COMMUNITY FIRST AID

There is a free public CPR Awareness and training day being hosted in Carrigaline on the 15th of April.

It will be held from 10am – 6pm in Carrigaline Court Hotel on Sunday 15th April.

All are welcome!!

More details on: <https://www.facebook.com/events/158758758167276/?ti=icl>

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

PASSAGE WEST GAA

GAA Training for Under 6 Boys and Girls

Passage West GAA Club

Sunday Mornings 10:30am – Weather Permitting