



## **SCOIL BARRA NAOFA**

### **Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

A Chairde,

As we enter our final six weeks of the school term, life in the school becomes very busy. The majority of classes are engaged with the Standardised Tests at the moment. Next week we will be celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> Green Flag and the athletics squad will be heading to City Sports. A busy run in to our final long weekend before the end of term!

Next week we will also welcome our newest members of the school community – our incoming Junior Infants and their parents.

**A reminder that we will be closed this Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, as the school will be used as a polling station.**

*Mise le meas,*

*Ciara Ní Bhuaign agus Foireann na Scoile*

### **UPCOMING DATES**

Mon-Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> May	Well Being Week
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class GAA Blitz (Shamrocks GAA)
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closure – Referendum</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Lenrec Clothing Collection
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm Incoming Junior Infant 2018 Information Evening
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	1:45pm-2:20pm Reception Afternoon for J.I. 2018
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	1pm-2:30pm Laura's Uniform Shop (Halla)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Cork City Sports
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School Closure (Extended Bank Holiday Weekend)</b>
Mon-Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Active Week (School Sports Day on Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> )

## REMINDER - SCHOOL TOUR DATES:

Junior & Senior Infants	Rumley's Farm	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> June
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Crafty Hands & Mario's	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> June
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Eco Adventures, Aghada	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> June
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Eco Adventures, Aghada	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> June
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Walking Tour of Cork	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> June
6 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ballyhass Lakes	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> June
	Walking Tour of Cork	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> June

## **BOOK RENTAL**

A reminder that all forms for the Book Rental Scheme for 2018/2019 MUST be returned to the school office by **WEDNESDAY 1st June 2018**. Unfortunately, late forms cannot be accepted.

Míle Buíochas, Carla, *Sandra, Emma & Gail, Book Rental Committee*

## **REMINDER: CALENDAR 2018/2019**

The following are some important dates for the 2018/2019 School calendar:

<b>Friday</b>	<b>31st August 2018</b>	<b>School Re-opens after Summer Holidays</b>
Mon-Fri	29th Oct – 2nd Nov	October Midterm Break
Friday	7th December	School Closure
Friday	21st Dec 2018	School closes for Christmas at 12 midday
Monday	7th January 2019	School Re-opens after Christmas
Thurs & Fri	21st & 22nd Feb 2019	School Closed – Midterm Break
Fri & Mon	15th & 18th March 2019	Extended St. Patrick's Weekend
Friday	12th April 2019	School closes for Easter at 12midday
Monday	29th April 2019	School re-opens after Easter
Monday	6th May 2019	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Fri & Mon	31st May & 3rd June	Extended June Bank Holiday Weekend
Friday	28th June 2019	School closes at 12midday for Summer

***Parents will be informed of any additional closures as soon as the school becomes aware of them.***

## **RETIREMENT NEWS**

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of **Claire Galvin, our school secretary**, effective from the end of term. She has provided the school with 18 years of devoted service. I don't know how we will get along without her! While she will be sorely missed, we wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with her over the next six weeks.

Claire's attention to detail in the office, her organisational and administrative skills, along with her tremendous work ethic has been invaluable to the entire school community. In addition to her incredible competence and skill, she has been a friend to all in the school, with her easy manner and sense of humour!

I'm sure you will all join with me in extending best wishes to Claire Galvin, as she embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life! Go n-eirí go geal leat, a Chláir!

## **REMINDER: STAFFING FOR THE 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

Junior Infants:	Ms Lisa Marshall
Senior Infants:	Ms. Edel Dwyer
1st Class:	Ms. Geraldine Kelly
2nd Class:	Ms Sharon Mulrooney
3rd Class:	Ms Kim Matthews
4th Class:	Ms. Mairéad Ní Bhéara
5th Class:	Ms. Áine O' Connell ( <i>Teacher to be appointed during summer months</i> )
6th Class:	Ms. Miriam Murphy
SET:	Mr. Diarmuid Murphy, Ms. Therese Flannery, Mr. Gerard O' Connell
SNAs:	Audrey Cassidy, Jacqui Scriven, Mary Hannigan, Susan Lambe

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

Our uniform supplier – Laura's of Douglas, will be in the school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm-2:30pm. They will provide a discount that day and that week in store. Price list is attached.

## **WELL BEING WEEK**

This week is Well Being Week in Scoil Barra Naofa, where additional emphasis is placed on emotions and mental health. All classes will be engaging in extra activities, with emphasis on the theme that “Talking Makes Us Stronger”. The ISPCC Headbombz Programme will form the core of many in-class activities.

Additional mindfulness and breathing exercises will be undertaken across the class levels. The Health Promotion Squad are also co-ordinating a Gratitude Tree for display in the school.

We hope that all our students will benefit from the week and will learn valuable tools which they can use every day!

## **SUN SAFETY**

It is not often that we have the sun shining in Ireland, but none the less safety in the sun should be a priority for all from April until September every year.

As per the text message sent last week, the school would encourage sun safety with the following:

- **SUN CREAM:** No matter the weather each morning, sun cream should be applied to your child(ren). 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, 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.

## **RAISING OF GREEN FLAG**

Our recently awarded 5<sup>th</sup> Green Flag for Biodiversity will be raised next **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May**. There will be a special assembly to mark the occasion. **Children may dress up in Green Clothing, or as a living creature (to mark biodiversity!)**.

After the assembly, weather permitting, the green flag will be raised by a special guest. All classes will receive a homework pass, as a reward for their hard work towards achieving the flag! Maith sibh!

## **CITY SPORTS**

Next week **on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>**, our athletics teams will participate in Cork City & County Sports in CIT. We wish them the very best of luck!

A note with more information will be circulated to parents of the athletes in the coming days. As usual, the meeting point is the entrance of the GAA pitches in CIT.

- The girls' team will meet Iníon Uí Bhuaigh and Mr. O' Connell at 9:45am SHARP.
- The boys' team will meet Iníon Uí Bhuaigh and Mrs O' Dea at 1:35pm SHARP.

Pupils will enter the pre-race and racing areas with the teachers. Parents WILL NOT be able to accompany the team and MUST enter the general spectators' area with other parents.

If you have any questions or need to contact the Iníon Uí Bhuaigh on the day, please ring the **school mobile on 0867035900**. Best of luck to the team!

## **STUDENT COUNCIL – BAKE SALE**

The Student Council have decided that the last fundraising event this year will be a cake sale for Breakthrough Cancer Research.

The cake sale will be held in the halla **11am- 1pm on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>** and all proceeds will go to the Cork based research company.

Any child who brings in cakes on the day will get a homework pass. This year the stipulation is that the **cake MUST be baked and not bought**.

The Student Council reps will tell the classes all of the exact details closer to the time. Hopefully we will raise lots of money for this very worthy cause.

## **FIRST COMMUNION**

Congratulations to the pupils of Second Class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Our thanks to their teacher Ms. Mulrooney, Fr. Seán and Fr. Con who prepared them so well for their big day. Our thanks also to Audrey, Mary, Jacqui, Susan, Hilary, Roger, Martin and Vivian and all who helped with the preparations. We are also very grateful to Christopher Hennessy for his musical accompaniment and to the Parents who were involved in the 'Do this in Memory of Me' programme during the year. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

**DVDS** - These were delivered last Friday.

**PHOTOGRAPHS** - Christine McCarthy, Photographer, has delivered photographs of the Communion Ceremony to the office. They will be available to view and/or purchase for the next week or so.

- There is a 4"x 6" photograph of each child making their First Holy Communion. There is also a photograph of each child "doing their job". Finally, there are several miscellaneous photographs taken before and during the ceremony - children individually or in groups etc.
- Cost: €5 for one photograph; €3 for a second photograph (€8 for 2photos); €2 each for 3rd or subsequent photograph (€10 for 3 photographs and so on). Reprints (or an extra copies of a specific photo) cost €3 per photograph.

The office will be merely facilitating the viewing of the photos and will collect payment on purchase also. However, any queries or requests for reprints - should be made directly to Christine on 0872180112.

## **GDPR**

As part of GDPR, the school is seeking consent (again!) from all parents in relation to receiving texts, emails, and other electronic correspondence (school reports etc.) from the school and other aspects of data storage and protection. Letters will be sent home today, seeking these permissions. We will also be asking you to provide email addresses and phone number again, so that we can ensure that we the correct contact details on file. ***Please fill in a form for EACH CHILD*** and return ASAP.

Both parents should sign where possible. ***In the case of any parent who may not have access to the form sent home with your child, feel free to email the school instead, stating in this email that you provide consent to continue receiving emails from the school and providing your current contact details.*** This email will then be printed and put on file. Thank You!

The school's Data Protection & Record Keeping Policy is being updated to reflect GDPR, and will be made available as soon as ratified. Thank you for your co-operation with this!

### **PORT OF CORK**

Well done to Fifth Class, Mrs. O' Dea and Mary who participated in the Port of Cork Schools Initiative for 2018. As a result of their efforts the class received a certificate of participation and will be treated to a boat trip around the harbour, compliments of the Port of Cork. Comhghairdeas!

### **OLYMPIC RUNNER – LIZZIE LEE**

Olympic runner Lizzie Lee kindly visited Senior Infants on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. She gave them great tips on keeping healthy and fit. Thanks to Alissa's mum Aoife for organising the visit.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS – GAA BLITZ**

Shamrock's GAA Club are organising a GAA Blitz for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes of the parish schools on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> from **11:30am-1:30pm**.

Pupils will need:

- To wear appropriate footwear, sun cream, sun hat etc.
- Bring their gumshield.
- Bring a small bag with water & a snack

**All parents are invited to spectate, if they wish.** Monies collected in September/ for the postponed blitz, will be used as a contribution towards the bus now. Bainigí taitneamh as an lá!

### **4TH & 5TH CLASS – GAA BLITZ**

Last Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Passage West GAA club organised a GAA Blitz for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Classes with Star of the Sea N.S. All our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Thanks to Ronan Harrington, Emma Harrington and Kealan O' Flynn and all of the coaches from Passage West GAA for training our pupils across the year. Míle Buíochas.

## **SWIMMING**

Next year's 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Classes will attend swimming in Term 1. Payments for swimming lessons for the 2018/19 school year are collected in June, as swimming classes commence almost immediately upon our return to school in September. The note in relation to this will be distributed in early June.

## **CLASS EXPENSES**

Many thanks to those families who have forwarded Class Expenses payments this year. It is very much appreciated. We hope that your children have benefitted and continue to benefit from the range of activities and resources that these payments help us provide to our pupils. For those with payments outstanding we would very much appreciate if you could forward these as soon as possible. We are very much indebted to those families who also choose to support the school by making a voluntary contribution. Míle Buíochas ó chroí.

## **LENREC CLOTHING COLLECTION**

Lenrec Clothing Collection will take place on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of May**. All proceeds raised will go towards school fundraising. Items should be brought to the school library

- Before 9:00am on Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May.
- From 2:30pm-3:30pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- 8am-9pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May (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 for your support.

## **LOST & FOUND**

Any unclaimed jackets, jumpers, hats etc. in our lost and found will be donated to the LENREC Clothing Collection next week.

If your child is missing an item of clothing, please check LOST & FOUND, which is located in the blue presses beneath the trophy cabinet. Anything not claimed by Thursday will be put into the collection. Thank you!



## **SCHOOL KITCHEN**

As you are aware 2018 has seen a revamp of the school staffroom so that it can double as a functioning kitchen for our pupils. It has already been used by some classes and small groups, and those trials have informed how we are moving forward.

As a staff, we are currently collaboratively working on drawing up our *SBN School Plan for Nutrition & Cooking*. We hope that the plan, will in a spiral approach, place an emphasis on kitchen hygiene, kitchen safety, the language of cooking, healthy eating, the process of cooking and kitchen and dining etiquette, increasing in complexity as pupils move up through the school.

We are currently also gathering a bank of relevant and school appropriate recipes, so as to ensure progression with regards to the increasing independent involvement of pupils, skill sets and enjoyment of the fruits of their labour! As you can imagine, it is quite a process to create our own 'School Plan' for this programme, but we hope to be ready to begin the first steps of its roll out in the 2018/2019 school year. We will update the school community further then.

Many thanks to the SBN PA for their sponsorship of the ovens and equipment purchased over Christmas. A portion of funds recently raised through the Money Trail has & will be spent on necessary equipment. We have also received donations from parents of some excellent quality new and used kitchen equipment – Thank you for those!!

We hope that once the school cooking and nutrition programme is fully up & running, it will help arm our pupils with an array of knowledge and life skills that they will be able to use now and into the future! Thank you as always for your support.

## **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **Sports Night**

**SAVE THE DATE** - The Parents' Association Sports Night is to be held in Monkstown Golf Club on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 6:30pm**. All are welcome to enjoy the evening with us!

## **Garden**

The Garden Committee have been hard at work in recent weeks and you might notice some positive changes already! Trees and flowering plants have all been planted. New hanging baskets are in place. The Sensory Garden has been weeded and tidied. Vivian has been hard at work, re-designing and re-building the flower beds by the upper yard, and power washing surfaces.

4<sup>th</sup> Class & Ms Ní Bhéara had their 'green fingers' in action last Friday morning, assisting the volunteer gardeners! We are looking forward to more good weather so that more of our pupils can get involved!

Watch this space for more developments! Many thanks to Aoife O' Mahony, Holly Warren, Val Mulcahy and the many other parents who have volunteered their time to help with this project! Mile Buíochas!

## **SBN SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP**

### **Scoil Barra Naofa Summer Camp**

**Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Sport, Games and Fun for all ages!!!!**

**Booking Forms available in the school office.**

**Or phone 0874100350 for enquiries!**

## **SCHOOL SECRETARY REQUIRED**

School secretary required for Scoil Barra Naofa, Monkstown N.S.

Approximately 25-30 hours per week.

Start date: Pending Essential Garda Vetting – from late June 2018 onwards.

- Experience and referees essential.
- Key responsibilities include: Reception duties; Secretarial duties; Administration duties, including financial / day to day school accounts; Enrolment; Other tasks.
- Strong organisational, communication and interpersonal skills required.
- Ability to initiate, plan and work on own initiative required, along with the ability to work in a team environment with Principal and other staff.
- Excellent ICT & Computers skills essential, including proficiency with Microsoft office suite; ECDL certification preferred. Knowledge of software such as Aladdin & Thesaurus an advantage but not essential.
- GDPR awareness and associated confidentiality required.

Letter of Application & CV (including experience, qualifications & referees)

FAO: Principal, Scoil Barra Naofa, Monkstown,

**before 5pm Wednesday June 6th, 2018.**

Enquiries to 021-4842159.

## **STREET FEAST MONKSTOWN**

'Bring your picnic to the Park.'

A free community event is being held in the carpark of Monkstown playground on June 10th at 1p.m. It is a fantastic opportunity to get together and have some fun for both young & old! We look forward to seeing you there! More details to follow in the next newsletter.

## **SHAMROCKS GAA BOYS' ACADEMY**

Our Fun Boys Academy has moved to Friday nights to our pitch in Shanbally. Boys born 2007 - 2013 on Friday evenings from 6.45pm to 7.45pm All Monkstown NS students welcome.

## **SHAMROCKS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB**

Shamrocks Ladies Football Club

Training continues, Shamrock's Pitch Shanbally

U6/8+U10+U12+U14 Tues 6.30-7.30pm.

U16+Junior (Ladies) Thurs 7-8pm

Big welcome to all!

## **PASSAGE WEST GAA**

GAA Training for Under 6 Boys and Girls

Passage West GAA Club

Sunday Mornings 10:30am – Weather Permitting