



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter 19th June 2018

A Chairde,

Time flies when you are having fun! I cannot believe that we are at the end of the school year once again! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that played a part in making 2017/2018 such a successful one here in the school.

I would like to thank all of the teachers, the SNAs, our ancillary staff, Claire, Martin, Vivian and Roger, the entire parent body, the Parents' Association, particularly Kathryn Jones, Chairperson of the PA and all members of the Board of Management. I would most especially like to thank our pupils for being the enthusiastic, eager to learn, mannerly, creative, charming bunch that they are – Míle Buíochas! Well done to you all on another fantastic year and we look forward to another great one next year.

We would like to **take a moment to say a fond farewell to the Class of 2018**, our current 6th Class, as they prepare to move on to secondary school. There will be celebrations in coming weeks, but for now I would like to wish them the best of luck in their futures. You will always be a part of the Scoil Barra Naofa family – we will always be interested to hear where you have gone and what you have achieved. Be sure to come back and visit us! We are incredibly proud of you all. Go n-éirí go geal libh go léir.

Last, but most definitely not least, I would like to on behalf of the entire school community, **extend our best wishes to Claire Galvin, as she retires** and embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life! After almost 20 years dedication to the school, we look forward to celebrating Claire's retirement with her, over the next fortnight. On a personal note, it has been a great privilege to work 'next door' to Claire for the past four years. She will be sorely missed. Go n-eirí go geal leat, a Chláir!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to having you all safely back with us on FRIDAY 31st AUGUST at 8:50am.

Míle Buíochas ó chroí,

Ciara Ní Bhuaigh agus Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING DATES

Thurs 21 st June	6:30pm PA Sports Night
Tues 26 th June	7:30pm 6 th Class Concert
Wed 27 th June	6 th Class Tour – Ballyhass Lakes
Thurs 28 th June	Junior & Senior Infants Tour – Rumley's Farm
Thurs 28 th June	10:30am 6 th Class Graduation Mass
Friday 29 th June	12midday Closure for Summer holidays

CALENDAR 2018/2019

Friday	31st August 2018	School Re-opens after Summer Holidays
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

SWIMMING

Forms and payments should be returned **by TOMORROW Wednesday 20th June**.
Thank You!

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

All school report cards were issued by email last Friday. If you did not receive an email or have an issue opening the document, please contact the office. Thank You!

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT 2018

Please find attached the Board of Management's Annual report. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Board of Management for their support and hard work over the last school year.

ENROLMENTS 2018/2019

Enrolment for 2017/18 was 212 pupils. Projected enrolment for 2018/19 is approx 205.

As many of you will be aware, some families in our school have during the year or will be during the summer moving out of the area. We wish them all the very best of luck in their new schools and communities. Go n-éirí go geal libh go léir!

As a result we have places now available in a number of our classes, namely **next year's 1st Class, 2nd Class, 3rd Class and 6th Class**. If you know of any families moving into the area, or families interested in transferring to our school, please be sure to encourage them to contact the office to enquire further. Míle Buíochas!

PARENTS VOLUNTEERING – GARDA VETTING

Many thanks to all of the parents who have volunteered in the school over the past school year. Without your assistance, many of the school events or activities could not go ahead, so we deeply appreciate your support. Míle Buíochas!

Due to legislation brought in over the past few years, all school personnel and volunteers, **including parents who are volunteering, should be Garda Vetted through the school**, especially those who:

- Assist with supervision at swimming (Parents of 1st – 4th Class)
- Give lifts to pupils to matches etc.
- Volunteer in school library
- Volunteer in school gardens
- Are member of PA Committe
- Assist at PA or school organised events – E.g. Hallowe'en Disco, Santa Sunday, Sports Night, Healthy Eating Week, Communion Reception

While in most of these scenarios, the pupils will remain under the supervision of the teacher, ensuring Volunteers (parents and external volunteers) are Garda Vetted when interacting with children, is an essential component of our Child SafeGuarding Policy.

The summer is an ideal time to have the Garda Vetting process completed, as it takes at least a month to be processed. **If you feel you will be in a position to volunteer, next year, and have not been Garda Vetted, please ensure that you complete a form BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.**

The Garda Vetting form is available through the office. Thank You!

JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR SHOWCASE

Sixth Class travelled to the RDS for the first Junior Entrepreneur Showcase Day yesterday. The children had a fantastic day, chatting to other entrepreneurs about their companies, listening to well known national entrepreneurs and enjoying mentalist David Meade's show in the afternoon. They were fortunate enough to chat to John Brennan, renowned Kenmare hotelier and star of 'At Your Service' about their product and were thrilled to be short listed in the 'Genius' category! All children were awarded a specially commissioned Junior Entrepreneur medal. Maith sibh!

GDPR

Please return any outstanding consent forms as soon as possible! Thank you!

ACTIVE WEEK

Last week was Active Week in Scoil Barra Naofa. We got off to a great start on Monday morning with games and dance in the yards and halla before the start of school. On Monday we had gymnastics with Colm and rugby with Eugene along with some wellie throwing! On Tuesday we did basketball and went down to the park for a tug of war. On Wednesday we started with WOW and Fifth Class did a walking tour of the city. We also did Gaelic. Second Class played in a Gaelic Blitz on Thursday and we did Gaelic and Basketball in the yard. Sixth Class took their buddies to the playground later in the day. On Friday the Parents Association' came in to play games with the Junior and Senior Infants. First, Second and Senior Infants did Irish Dancing and after break we headed up to the Golf Club for our annual Sport for all Day. We had lots of fun with egg and spoon races, sack races, wheelbarrow races and three legged races. The lower classes had a teddy bears' picnic! We had a great week with lots of fun! Our thanks to the teachers who organised all the different activities and to the parents who generously helped out. Mile buíochas. Keep active, keep healthy!

SCHOOL TOUR 1ST & 2ND CLASS

First and Second Classes had a wonderful school tour in Midleton last week. They really enjoyed making their own pizzas and dough balls in Marcos! They were delighted to have their own freshly baked pizzas for lunch. It was lots of fun. They also had a pottery workshop in Susan's ceramics. Here the children worked with clay in many different ways and made beautiful ceramic creations. They are waiting for the clay to dry in the kiln and are looking forward to collecting their masterpieces in the near future. A really enjoyable and educational day all round!

STUDENT COUNCIL

On behalf of the entire school community we thank them for all their hard work and compliment them on their achievements throughout the year! The Student Council were very busy working on ALOT of other exciting and important activities and fundraisers.

- Enable Ireland Hallowe'en Costume Fundraiser
- Breakthrough Cancer Research Cake Sale
- Christmas Can Appeal for St Vincent de Paul
- Reading Month
- SBN's Got Talent

CAKE SALE – BREAKTHROUGH CANCER RESEARCH

The Student Council wish to thank all of the amazing bakers of Scoil Barra Naofa who brought in cakes recently. The selection and quality was astounding. All pupils who brought in cakes enjoyed a well-earned homework pass! The pupils from the Student Council and Fifth and Sixth Class who helped with the setup, selling and tidy up were fantastic. They worked so hard all day to ensure that all classes were catered for.

Thanks to the generosity of parents, children and staff our cake sale on **Friday June 8th raised €450**. The proceeds will go to a very worthy cause, Breakthrough Cancer Research, which is based on the Western Road in Cork. It was a fabulous day at school and was enjoyed by staff and pupils alike. Our thanks to Ms. Marshall for her organisation of the event. Míle buíochas!

CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club ended for the year at the end of May. We would like to thank all of the pupils who attended across the year – we hope you have enjoyed, learned and benefitted from the classes – keep up your craft work across the summer! We look forward to hopefully seeing new and familiar faces next year.

Sincere thanks to Bean Uí Bhuaigh who gives of her time to Scoil Barra Naofa completely voluntarily, and ensures that Craft Club is such a success.

We are also very grateful to the parents who have supported Craft Club. As you are aware, the proceeds go entirely to school fundraising. We are delighted to have raised over €2,000 approx through the Craft Club this school year. The majority of this money was put towards the recent significant investment in sensory equipment for the school.

Míle Buíochas!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Family Sports Night in SBN... The count-down is on for Thursday 21 June, 2018

One of the highlights of the School year has come around again. SBN's Family Sports night is this Thursday from 6.30pm in the Golf Club Practice Field. Children have a chance to participate in class and family races all designed to bring families and the School closer together and to encourage physical activity for all.

We urge all families to generously support the event.

The Parents Association are responsible for preparing and running the evening on behalf of all parents.

Thanks to those of you who have stepped forward already with generous offers of help. It is so appreciated.

Right now, we would really value more help in the following areas:

- Donations of cakes and buns etc for the cake sale;
- Donations of individual biscuits or buns for the tea/coffee stand;
- Second hand books in good condition for the Book sale.
- Shelters/gazabo's suitable for providing cover.

Please drop any books to the School and text either Kathryn (087 2725730) or Assumpta (086 3811759) with offers of confectionary donations and availability of shelters.

Thanks again to all Parents, Principal and Teachers for all their support.

School Garden

If anyone is free to help out in the garden this Friday from 9am - 10.30am, we would love to have some extra help. Parents and grandparents welcome! 4th class have been busy weeding, planting and learning about the garden.

We are currently applying for some grants to help us develop the garden further. If you know of any grants or company volunteering programmes that we could apply for please email Aoife at aoifepascale@hotmail.com .

CHASE

On behalf of the Ringaskiddy Residents Association, I wish to say a massive thank you to all in Scoil Barra Naofa, Monkstown N.S for hosting the 'Jersey Day' last Friday. We are thrilled with the money that you have raised (€370 to date) and we really appreciate your support.

Sue Ní Mhathúna, Ringaskiddy Resident's Association

SBN SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Monday July 2nd – Friday July 6th, 2018

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

Booking Forms available in the school office.

Or phone 0874100350 for enquiries!

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 pupils welcome.

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!

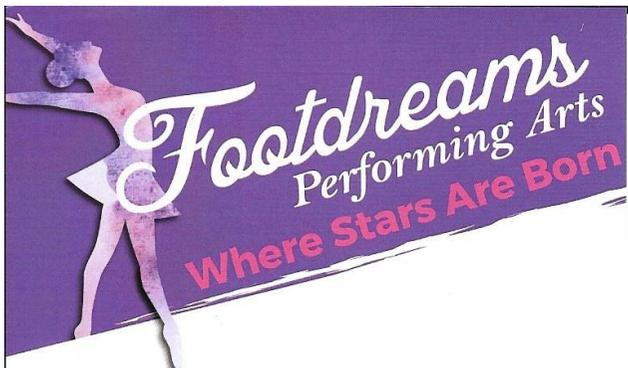
PASSAGE WEST GAA

GAA Training for Under 6 Boys and Girls! All Welcome!

Passage West GAA CLUB.

Sunday Mornings 10:30am – Weather Permitting

Footdreams



**Passage PACE Centre
Thursdays**

4.00pm (3-5yrs) Dance

4.45pm (6-9yrs) Dance

5.30pm (10-13yrs) Dance

6.30pm (7-12yrs) Drama

**Now Open
For Registrations**



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