



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter 6th June 2018

A Chairde,

We are in the last month of the school year and it is set to be a busy one, with school tours, Active Week and many other exciting activities planned.

I hope you all had a lovely extra-long weekend and have enjoyed the good weather. Teacher's will be reducing homework over the next few weeks, with no homework for the last couple of weeks of term. Hopefully, families will have the opportunity to enjoy the fine weather as a result!

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaigh agus Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING DATES

Fri 8 th June	Student Council Cake Sale
Mon-Fri 11 th – 15 th June	Active Week (School Sports Day on Fri 15 th)
Mon 18 th June	6 th Class – Junior Entrepreneur (Dublin)
Thurs 21 st June	6:30pm PA Sports Night

REMINDER - SCHOOL TOUR DATES:

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	Thurs 14 th June

REMINDER: CALENDAR 2018/2019

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

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

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

SWIMMING

A note regarding Swimming for next term has been sent home with the pupils of Senior Infants, First, Second and Third Classes.

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

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 8th** 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.**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS – MAY

Well done to May's winners of the Principal's Awards! Maith sibh go léir!

- **Elise Breen** (1st) for always giving 100% in class, for being kind and caring and making the class laugh with her sense of humour;
- **Beth Barry** (1st) for being such a dependable, hardworking student; for trying hard to succeed and learn even if she gets stuck and also for her beautiful handwriting.
- **Billy Hanna** (2nd) for improving his listening skills and for co-operating in class, for trying his best and improving his concentration
- **Grace Garcia** (2nd) for her consistent good work, her pleasant and kind nature and for always trying her best.
- **Ella Dinan** (3rd) for her positive attitude and diligent nature, for her consistency in her work and for brightening up the classroom with her smile
- **Alex Meagher** (3rd) for working hard and trying his best, for being very kind and thoughtful to others and for always having a smile on his face.
- **Ellen Bruen** (4th) for always giving 100% in class, for her beautiful handwriting and her kindness to others;
- **Daniel Garcia** (4th) for his excellent participation in class, for his great work and interest in Maths., his kind and helpful nature and for always trying her best.
- **Sarah Finnegan** (5th) for always being so polite, helpful and well behaved, always trying her best and making great progress with her handwriting
- **Killian Peterson** (5th) for being such a diligent and independent worker, for showing good initiative and for his fantastic knowledge in the areas of SESE and Art.
- **Cian Gill** (6th) for improvement in focus and concentration, good progress in Maths. and English. and development of responsibility for his learning;
- **Simone Jennings** (6th) for her musical and dramatic skills, her helpfulness and good humour, the improvement in her behaviour and application and particularly her progress in Maths.

SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

Each child's Annual School report form will be issued by email, on Friday 15th June 2018. Due to GDPR, the school report card will be in a password protected PDF file. You will receive the password in a separate email.

If you require a hard copy of the school report card also, or have not provided us with an email address, please send a STAMPED ADDRESSED envelope to your child's teacher (one per child) before Thursday 14th June. These will then be posted on Friday. Thank You!

RAISING OF GREEN FLAG

Last Thursday, we welcomed Cllr. Marcia D'Alton to the school for our Green Flag Raising Ceremony. Junior Infants opened the ceremony with a fantastic performance, that really captured our excited. After the Green School Committee and Cllr. D'Alton spoke with us, we all went outside to see our 5th Green Flag being raised! Each class got a homework pass as part of the celebrations!

Well done to everyone involved in this great achievement, especially our Green School Committee, Ms. Flannery, Ms. Dwyer, Mrs O' Dea and all of our pupils. Many thanks to Cllr. D'Alton for taking time out of her busy schedule to raise our flag! We look forward to seeing photographs of the Green Flag Ceremony in the Carrighoun next week!

GDPR

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

LENREC CLOTHING COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to our recycled clothing collection. Over 580kg of clothing was collected, which should raise over €200 for the school! Thank You!

WELL BEING WEEK

We recently enjoyed Well Being Week in Scoil Barra Naofa, where additional emphasis is placed on emotions and mental health. All classes took part in extra activities, with emphasis on the theme that "Talking Makes Us Stronger". The ISPPC Headbombz Programme form the core of many of the activities undertaken by classes.

Additional mindfulness and breathing exercises will be undertaken across the class levels. The Health Promotion Squad also co-ordinated a Gratitude Tree for display in the school. We hope that all our students benefitted from the week and learned valuable tools which they can use every day! Thanks to Ms. Mulrooney, Ms Matthews and the Health Promotion Squad for organising the week!

NEW JUNIOR INFANTS

Last week we welcomed our new Junior Infants to the school where they had a fun filled afternoon of dance, song and games with Ms. Marshall. We look forward to seeing them again next September!

CITY SPORTS

Our athletes had a fantastic day in CIT last Friday, producing amazing results!

In the morning the girl's team had a fantastic start to the day. Beth Barry and Miyah Delea came first in their races and Lily Horgan, Tara McSweeney, Edith Hanna and Tia Delea came second in their races. The senior relay team (Simone Jennings, Lucy McCarthy, Nicole Dinan and Lily Horgan) took first place and our girls were the overall winners in their division!!!

Miyah Delea came 2nd in her County Championship Quarter Final race, while Beth Barry won her county championship quarter final race – meaning she advanced even further to the County Champion's Final. Beth came third in the final – making her the 3rd fastest U8 Girl in County Cork - a fantastic achievement!

In the afternoon on the boy's team Charlie Lester, Daniel Horgan and Matthew McCarthy came first in their races. Noah White and Cian Power came second in their races. The junior relay team (Daniel Horgan, Cathal Lee, Blake Fitzgerald and Cian Power) came second and the boys were also the overall winners in their division!

The day was rounded off with great performances by Matthew, Daniel and Charlie in the county quarter finals. We are very proud of the achievements of all our athletes. Maith sibh go léir!

PORT OF CORK

Last Thursday Fifth Class had their boat trip around the harbour – their prize for entering the Port of Cork competition. The class filled three rib boats. They passed by Cobh and Crosshaven on the trip. Thankfully the weather stayed dry for them. So if you heard a lot of laughing and screaming from the harbour on Thursday morning, it was probably them! They had a fantastic time! Thanks to Port of Cork for a wonderful trip!

1ST & 2ND CLASS – GAA BLITZ

First and Second Classes took part in a Gaelic Blitz recently in Shamrocks GAA grounds. They played in mixed teams against Ringaskiddy and Shanbally. The weather was amazing and all the children commented on how much fun they had! Our thanks to Shamrocks for hosting the Blitz!

4TH CLASS & CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT

Ms. O Leary recently undertook some very interesting lessons in English with Fourth class in May. The children learned about the work of The Chernobyl Children's Project and about the difficulties still faced by children in the Chernobyl area. As part of this work the children each wrote a letter to Adi Roche explaining all about their work in class and asking her many interesting questions. The children addressed the envelope and Ms O Leary provided them all with stamps so that they could post the letters if they so wished. Many children did just that.

To our surprise and delight Adi Roche personally wrote a lovely letter back to Fourth class. A copy of the letter we received from Adi Roche is available on our website.

<http://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/4th-Class-Letter-From-Adi-Roche.jpg>

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Sports Night

The Annual Parents' Association Family Sports Night is to be held in Monkstown Golf Club on **THURSDAY 21ST JUNE AT 6:30PM.** All are welcome to enjoy the evening with us!

Help needed!!

We are looking for a generator for the school sports night. If anyone has one that we could borrow for the evening, please let us know.

We are also looking for gazebos that we could borrow for the evening.

Please contact Kathryn Jones: kathrynjones48@gmail.com if you can help us out.

School Garden Helpers Needed - Friday Mornings

We are delighted to have 4th class helping in the garden every Friday morning from 9-10am. We also need more helpers. If you are able to spare an hour to help us with weeding and planting, we would love to see you there.

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

STREET FEAST MONKSTOWN



MONKSTOWN STREET FEAST

Lets Get Together...

Bring your own picnic to the park!

Sunday, June 10th

1 - 4 pm

Fun for all.....

Magician + Ice Cream Van

Music at Hazelhurst

Table & Chairs Provided • Free Event

(Please bring home all waste, keep Monkstown tidy)

