

SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter #7

4th December 2018

A Chairde,

Christmas cheer has landed in SBN. Santa Sunday set the tone & classrooms are now being decorated, trees going up and special guests from Santa's workshop are visiting some classrooms for December! It will be a busy time in the school, with Christmas concert preparation, the Pantomime for Junior classes and lots of exciting activities!

Míle Buíochas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaigh & Foireann na Scoile

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday	5 th December	Junior Infants – 4 th Class Pantomime
Friday	7th December	School Closure
Friday	7 th December	3 rd Class Boys Blitz
Thursday	20th Dec 2018	11am Informal Christmas Show (Halla)
Friday	21 st Dec 2018	School closes for Christmas at 12midday
Monday	7 th January	School re-opens for Term 2
Monday	14 th January 2019	Additional Closure for Staff In-service
Tuesday	22 nd January 2019	7pm: 5 th & 6 th Class Confirmation Commitment Ceremony
Wednesday	23 rd January	5 th & 6 th Class Confirmation Retreat
Friday	25 th January 2019	7:30pm Cookery Demonstration

3RD CLASS CARRIGDHOUN GAA BLITZ

Well done to 3rd Class Boys on reaching the semi-finals of the Carrigdhoun Indoor Football Blitz, this Friday 7th December 2018 in Riverstick Sports Hall.

12.30pm is the time given for our semi-final. Go n-éirí libh!

SCIATH NA SCOL FINAL - DVD

A DVD of the Sciath na Scol Final can be ordered from the office. The cost is €20. Please send in money by Thursday to the office and we must order from Brendan Barry on that date, to have orders delivered by Christmas. Thank You!

JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR PROJECT



Cards 4 All From Us to You

For all occasions

Hand Designed by the pupils of 6th Class

Includes:

Birthday cards – fill in your own ages

Thank You Cards, Get Well Soon cards, Good Luck Cards, Communion Cards & Confirmation Cards

1 pack of cards for €8, 2 packs for €14.

Available from 6th Class



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS - NOVEMBER

Congratulations and well done to all of the well-deserved winners of this month's Principal's Awards. Each of the recipients has worked so hard and achieved their goals this month! They made great efforts with quality and presentation of their school and homework, as well as impressing teachers with their great manners, behaviour, and kindness to others. We are very proud of you all! Keep up the fantastic work! Maith sibh go léir!

Rang 1: Maisie Hanna & Alissa Fleury

Rang 2: Miyah Delea & Luke Meagher

Rang 3: Roxy Parkes & Óran Power

Rang 4: Honor O' Mullane & Lynn O' Sullivan

Rang 5: Dara Headworth & Elly Murphy

Rang 6: Eve Gardiner & Sarah Finnegan

SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS SHOW

This year's Christmas Show will be an informal medley of class performances, which should last approximately one hour. It will take place in the school hall at **11am on Thursday 20th December 2018**. All are welcome, but please keep in mind, as it is an informal affair, that there will be limited seating, with many of the audience standing!

STUDENT COUNCIL 2018/19



Christmas Food Appeal:

Tis the season to be giving. As Christmas approaches we wish to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas, which is to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. With this in mind each class will be asked to put together a box of non-perishable food . You can donate tinned foods, tea, coffee or any food that has a long shelf life. These food hampers will be donated to families in need for Christmas. Mr Reynolds, a volunteer with St Vincent de Paul and grandad to two past pupils (Anna and Charlie Cullinane) will collect the food on **Friday December 14th**. Please, buy one extra item when you are doing your shopping. Thank You!

Christmas Jumper & Movie Day:

Thanks to a fantastic suggestion from Dara Headworth in 6th Class, Friday December 21st is going to be Crazy Christmas Jumper Day at school. Pupils may wear their pyjamas and/or Christmas Jumpers and there will be a prize for the craziest Christmas Jumper in each class. The prizes have been very kindly donated by Dara and his family. **Each child is asked to bring in a donation which will all be forwarded to Cork Simon Community.**

On that day also we will have a movie day at school. Children are asked to bring in an age appropriate Christmas DVD. Each class will then vote and pick a movie. On the day of the holidays children from Juniors to 2nd may go to see any of the movies downstairs. Pupils upstairs may move between 3rd and 5th. 6th class are going to have their own class movie. It is a fantastic day at school, the Omniplex comes to Scoil Barra Naofa.

ON SALE – SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

The fabulous school calendar organised by the Parents' Association landed just in time for Santa Sunday!!! For those of you who missed it, or looking for more, it is now available for purchase through the school office! The calendar features all of our pupils and is a great size – with each month having its own page – plenty of space to write in family and school events! **The calendar costs just €10** and is available through the office!

If you wish to pay using Credit / Debit Card, please contact the office and we can forward you a payment link. Payments can also be paid by cash.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION: SANTA SUNDAY

Many thanks to all of the families who attended Santa Sunday. We hope that you all enjoyed meeting Santa and all of the activities! Thank you all for your support!

A huge thank to the following:

- All of the local businesses who sponsored prizes for the Raffle and games
- The parents and staff who donated their time and gifts
- The Student Council and all of the pupils who helped out on stalls on the day
- The wonderful choir who volunteered some of their time to sing festive Christmas Carols so beautifully
- Passage West GAA for their assistance with yard games

And last but most importantly

- Santa for taking time out of his very busy schedule to visit the boys and girls of Scoil Barra Naofa

Thank you all for your support!

The Parents Association

THANK YOU TO THE PA

On behalf of the school community, a huge thank you to the Parents' Association Committee, especially Gillian Barry and Paula Granby, for organising such a wonderful day for the school community. It was a fantastic day, thoroughly enjoyed by all! A lot of work went in behind the scenes organising and preparing - Mile Buíochas!!

SAVE THE DATE – COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

“Entertaining at Home” – A Cookery Demonstration, with award winning chef, Mark Doe, will take place in Monkstown Golf Club at 7:30pm on Friday 25th January 2018..

Tickets cost just €20 for this event. Tickets are available:

- Through Scoil Barra Naofa School Office
- Passage West Pharmacy
- Paula O' Brien 087-2417032
- Beckie Coole 0872452940

If you wish to pay using Credit / Debit Card, please contact the office and we can forward you a payment link. Payments can also be paid by cash.

Many thanks to the group of parents who are organising this event – all proceeds will be going towards the 'Classroom Renovation' Fund.

*Entertaining
at Home*

COOKERY Demonstration

with Award Winning Chef

Mark Doe



Friday Jan 25th @ 7.30pm
Monkstown Golf Club
€20 includes tasting plate

Raffle on the Night

Tickets available from:

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In Aid of Scoil Barra Naofa Classroom Renovation



Scoil Barra Naofa
Monkstown, Co. Cork.

PAYMENTS

A gentle reminder text will be sent today to those families with outstanding payments for Term 1: Class Expenses Instalment, Confirmation Expenses, or After School Classes Payments. With only three weeks left in term, we would be extremely grateful if these payments could be made before the end of Term. Payments can be made through the office, or using the online system. Please contact the office if you have any difficulties. Thank you as always for your support.

NEW BLINDS IN ALL CLASSES!

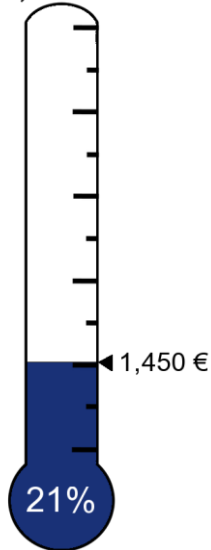
We are extremely grateful to a local benefactor who approached the school recently, offering to cover the cost of putting new blinds into all of the other classroom – which would have cost the school in excess of €3,000.

New red blinds were installed last Saturday by Coleman Blinds and all of the pupils and teachers are absolutely thrilled! The addition of the blinds really gives a lift to all of the rooms, while we are waiting to roll out the full renovation to each room.

Míle Buíochas – táimid fíorbhuíoch!!!

FUNDRAISING: EXCITING NEWS – 21% SO FAR!

7,000 €



- €550 - Private donor (Blinds) as already been covered.
- €200 - The Clothing Collection
- €500 - Douglas Credit Union – Thank You!!
- €200 – Ward & Burke Construction Lts
€1450

Almost 21% of €7,000 has been raised so far! Watch this space as the fundraising from Santa Sunday & other events gets added! Very exciting times ahead!!!

Many thanks to Ward & Burke Construction Ltd (involved with Irish Water works in the locality) for donating €200 to the Classroom Renovation Project! Míle Buíochas!

NEW SIGN: JOHNSON & JOHNSON



“Táimid i dtús ár reatha!” We have the world before us!

Thank you to Johnson & Johnson for commissioning their graphic design company – Limelight Media to design, print and install the wonderful inspirational signage, now installed on the stairwell wall near the lower entrance. It is a wonderful addition to the school environment – bright, colourful and inspirational as each child walks past it on their way into school every day!

Thanks to Mike Flannery (Dad of Muireann & Conor) for organising Johnson & Johnson’s involvement. Míle Buíochas!



SLÁN LEAT & GO RAIBH MAITH AGAT!

This week we say goodbye and thank you to four fantastic women, who have been part of our team here in the school this year.

Shirley Matthews and Lorna Howard have been working in the school since July, through SECAD, mainly focused on the school garden and grounds until the weather turned colder. Thanks to these two hardworking ladies, the ideas of the Garden Committee were realised, and the school grounds transformed. As the winter weather set in, they were part of the classroom renovation team. They have been an invaluable support to us here in SBN, helping us realise our vision for the school. Míle Buíochas Shirley agus Lorna – go n-éirí go geal libh don todhcahí.

Sophie Bahl and Hillary Kelleher have been working with Junior and Senior Infants as part of their UCC Early Childhood Studies placements. They have been wonderful additions to the team! Go raibh maith agaibh agus go n-éirí libh!

GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



Well done to 6th Class on being the winners of the first ever “Waste Free” Lunch award for the month of November!

Remember to keep up the efforts reducing the amount of wrapping or packaging with your lunch by using re-useable containers and bottles when possible and less cling film, plastic, tinfoil etc.

Well done to Isabella Walsh who won the raffle for those who collected phones and batteries to be recycled during November!

Maith sibh go léir!



DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION

Douglas Credit Union Scheme will continue **every Thursday from 12:45pm-1:15pm in the school hall**. Pupils are encouraged to develop the habit of saving small amounts regularly.

SHAMROCK BOYS' ACADAMEY

Shamrocks boys Academy continues every Friday night from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Marine College Ringaskiddy, Monkstown NS student welcome.

We will be back after Christmas on Friday 18th January.

SHAMROCKS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

Looking for an indoor winter activity? Training moves indoors this week for our underage ladies on Thursday 6.30-7.30pm at the Maritime College, Ringaskiddy for all ages from age 5 up. Junior Ladies training from 7.30 -8.30pm - looking for mums to join us this season. No prior experience needed and new members are always welcome!

Follow us on Facebook or Text 0872280425.

PASSAGE WEST GAA

Fun Packed GAA Training - Under 6 & 7 Boys and Girls -All Welcome

**UNDER 6
BOYS AND
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
ADRIAN WHYTE
086-2272979**

**HURLING - SUNDAYS 10:30
FOOTBALL - FRIDAYS 7:00**

**UNDER 7
BOYS**

**CONTACT: CONOR QUIGLEY
087-2777959**

**HURLING – SUNDAYS 11:30
FOOTBALL – FRIDAYS 6:30**

**UNDER 7
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
DAVE MAXWELL
087-9879604**

CAMOGIE - FRIDAYS 5.30

**UNDER 7
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
KAREN ALLEN**

FOOTBALL - MONDAYS 4.45

PASSAGE AFC – SOCCER ACADEMY

Every Saturday – Maulbawn Astro Pitch

Boys & Girls

U9 (2010)	12.00-13.30	Contact Ronan Meagher	087-6458672
U8 (2011)	13.30-15.00	Contact Declan Carroll	086-6738819
U7 (2012)	15.00-16.00	Contact Colm Linehan	087-6755663
U6 (2013)	15.00-16.00	Contact Mike Flannery	087-1377770