



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter #10

29th January 2019

A Chairde,

I hope you are all wrapped up warm as this cold spell continues! As always the Board of Management will keep you informed if there are any weather related health and safety concerns, which might prevent the school from opening on time / at all any morning.

On frosty / icy morning, paths and steps will be salted by staff – however, we would appeal to parents on these mornings, to walk younger children into school, rather than leave them unaccompanied on the footpaths around the school. We would encourage everyone to be cautious and careful on such mornings. If path usually used to enter the school to the halla each morning, is deemed unsafe for foot traffic, the upper entrance to the school will be opened. Staff will be in place to advise on these mornings.

The Board of Management will endeavour to open the school on time (8:30am) each morning, with adequate supervision for arriving pupils. If there is any circumstance, where it might be safer for pupils to arrive later (e.g. allow time for roads to thaw), you will receive a TEXT MESSAGE at the earliest possible opportunity, informing you of the later opening time. A text message will also be send, along with communication by email, social media and website, as soon as possible, in the event that the school will be remaining closed. If you do not hear anything from the school, you can assume that normal opening times apply,

We do appreciate that the location of each family home is different, and some roads or driveways etc may present challenges that are different to the school's. So please use your own judgement to assess whether it is safe for you to travel or not. If you wish, you could make a call to the school to let us know that your child will be late.

Stay Safe! Coiméad Slán!

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaiagh & Foireann na Scoile

Upcoming Dates

Friday	1 st February 2019	11am Credit Union Quiz Douglas
Tuesday	5 th February	Basketball Blitz 6 th Class
Thursday	7 th February	4 th Class: Grandparents Day
Mon-Fri	11 th -15 th February	Friendship Week
Tuesday	19 th February	Junior Infants Vaccinations
Thurs & Fri	21 st & 22 nd February	School Closure: Midterm Break
Monday	11 th March 2019	10:30am Confirmation: 5 th & 6 th Class
Mon-Fri	11ú – 22ú Márta 2019	Coicís na Gaeilge
Friday & Mon	15 th & 18 th March 2019	School Closure (St. Patrick's Weekend)
Friday	12 th April 2019	School Closes at 12midday for Easter

COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

Congratulations to every body who was involved in the organising of the “Entertaining at Home” – Cookery Demonstration, with award winning chef, Mark Doe, last Friday Night in Monkstown Golf Club. What a wonderful evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all!

For anyone who could not attend, the recipe sheet which was provided on the night is attached to the newsletter email, or available through the office!

Special thanks to the organising committee: Paula O' Brien, Paula Granby, Nora Uí Shuillebháin, Karen Boylan, Helena Slattery, Gillian Carroll, Fionnuala O' Connell, Beckie Dwyer and Annette Foley.

Many thanks also to Chef Mark Doe for such a wonderful demonstration, to Monkstown Golf Club for allowing us use of their premises, Fr. Con for being such a wonderful entertaining M.C. on the night, P.M. Cooney & Maurice Healy for their assistance setting up the Golf Club and all of the generous sponsors of raffle prizes.

Finally a huge thank you to everyone who supported in any way, either by attending or purchasing raffle tickets. **A tremendous €3,780** was raised for the classroom renovation funds! This now means the school will be able to renovate the 2nd Class room over the Easter Holidays!

Maith sibh go léir agus míle buíochas!

6TH CLASS BASKETBALL BLITZ

We wish our 6th Class boys and girls teams the best of luck in the Basket Ball Blitz which will take place next Tuesday 5th February in Neptune and Parochial Hall. Details to follow once confirmed– provisional departure time 8:30am.

The bus will cost €5 per child. A payment link has been sent to parents of all pupils that will be attending. Payment can be made by cash through the office also. Go n-éirí libh!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION: BAG PACKING APPEAL

Scoil Barra Naofa will be doing a fund-raising bag pack at Dunnes Stores - Douglas Court on **Friday 1st Feb (6-9pm) and Saturday 2nd Feb (10am-6pm)**.

We are looking for helpers (**must be aged over 14**) to volunteer for a 2 hour slot. This is an easy way to get involved and support the school. Please email pa@scoilbarranaofa.ie with your preferred day and time or text Gillian (0860473857) or Paula (0876373398). Much appreciated!

GRANDPARENTS DAY – 4TH CLASS

4th Class will welcome their Grandparents for Grandparents' Day on Thursday February 7th at 11am. We are looking forward to a wonderful morning together.

DIGITAL LEARNING PLAN

As part of our School Self Evaluation Process (SSE), staff are engaging on an ongoing basis with the Digital Learning Guidelines for schools. The self-evaluation process is designed to help schools manage the transformation of Teaching and Learning with digital technology and will help staff to upskill in order to effectively apply digital technologies to the learning process.

As part of this process we ask for feedback from our school community – staff, parents and pupils, in order to gather evidence and help us focus our action plans. The school has drawn up a (constantly evolving) Digital Learning Plan, which has been re-drafted to reflect this evidence.

The Digital Learning Plan 2018-2021 has been posted to our school website, along with a summary of the findings from the survey's, which informed the plan. It can be accessed using the link below:

<https://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/school-self-evaluation-digital-learning-plan/>

TRAFFIC & PARKING

There have been a number of concerning incidents recently near the school, where dangerous driving or parking has been reported to us in the office. The Board of Management continues to liaise with An Garda Síochána and the Local Area Office of Cork Co. Council, in our efforts to improve the situation in any way possible.

While we appreciate and understand that the school's physical location limits viable parking alternatives, we would appeal to road users to take note of the following:

- **DO NOT PARK ON THE FOOTPATH:** Pupils use the footpath on a daily basis to walk to/from the school and to/from the playground, where parents are waiting. When you park ON the footpath, you are blocking their route and forcing our pupils around the parked car, blindly out onto the road, potentially into the face of oncoming traffic. It is also a traffic offence to do so.
- **DO NOT PULL UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD:** Many cars are pulling up in the middle of the road (both going up Church Hill and down Fairy Hill) in order to allow children to get out of / get into cars. While I understand that there is limited space outside for set down, this practice is very dangerous for all involved.
- **DRIVE SLOWLY** on approach to the school and on the roads around the school.
- **DO NOT BLOCK** the entrances to houses/ roads such as Sydenham Terrace etc.
- If you drive a larger vehicle (4x4), parking on the hill may not be suitable, as your vehicle may be blocking the hill.

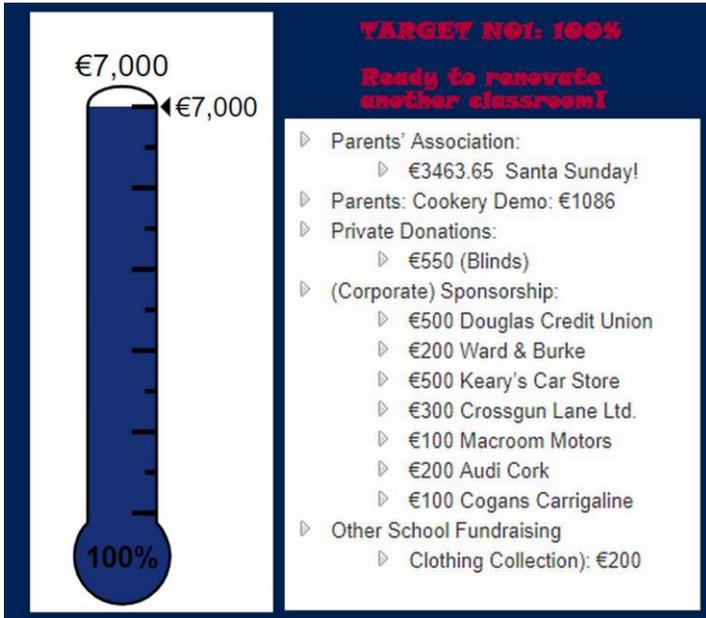
The health and safety of our pupils and all in our school community is a priority and we would appeal to everyone to work together to ensure that the roads and footpaths around the school are as safe as they possibly can be for our pupils and all road users.

ALADDIN CONNECT

SBN is delighted to announce that we will shortly roll out the Aladdin Schools Connect to parents of children in our school. The school already uses the Aladdin Schools software service for administrative purposes and Connect will give you secure access to messages from the school and to details of your child's attendance, test results, reports cards etc. via secure login from your internet browser or Aladdin Connect App.

Please read the attached letter with more information. **It is very important that you take the time to read it as some families may need to contact the school in relation the family sharing setting.** If you have any questions about this or any other aspect of Aladdin Connect, do not hesitate to contact us here in the office on 021-4842159.

FUNDRAISING NEWS



In FANTASTIC news we have reach **100% of our 1st Target** in our Fundraising Drive. Thanks to all of the above mentioned groups and companies who helped us reach our goal so quickly! The 2nd Class Classroom will be renovated over the Easter holidays as a result! Mile Buíochas!!



TARGET NO 2 – We are already 46% of the way there!!! Thanks to the Cookery Demonstration last Friday, and a private donor who has already paid for the blinds, we already have €3,244 in the kitty towards renovating an addition classroom (one of the infant rooms)!! At this rate, fingers crossed we might be in a position to do this over the summer holidays!

CIRCLE OF SAFETY PROGRAMME

On Wednesday 16th January Caroline Casey from Cork County Council worked with 4th, 5th and 6th Class on water, road and farm safety. These pupils are all now equipped to engage in peer learning with the younger classes – Watch this space!. The school will also earn a Safety Flag for participating in this Safety Programme and we look forward to collecting this.

- ▷ Parents: Cookery Demo: €2694
- ▷ Private Donations:
 - ▷ €550 (Blinds)
- ▷ (Corporate) Sponsorship:
- ▷ Other School Fundraising

Many thanks to parent, Lisa Hanna for researching the programme and putting SBN in contact with Caroline. Mile Buíochas!

WEST CORK MUSIC – PERCUSSION DUO WORKSHOP

On Thursday 17th Jan, we welcomed **Bangers and Crash Percussion with Caitriona Frost and Alex Petcu** to Scoil Barra Naofa. Caitriona and Alex, put on two workshops to show off all that percussion has to offer. The world of percussion is incredibly vast and there are thousands upon thousands of percussion instruments in existence today. The aim of this workshop was to introduce our students to some of these instruments, to raise their curiosity and give them a taste of music-making through both observation and direct participation. All classes very much enjoyed the wonderful musical experience. – Míle Buíocha Caitriona agus Alex!

TEXACO CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

Entries to Ms. Ní Bhéara by **Friday Feb 15th**. All details available on www.texacochildrenart.com. Please complete a "Home" application form (available on the website) if artwork is completed at home and attach securely to the back of your child's artwork. "School " application forms (also available on the website) are only for artwork completed as part of your child's class art lessons. Copies of both application forms are also available from Ms. Ní Bhéara. Entries can also be posted yourself to reach the Texaco Children's Art Competition by Feb 28th.



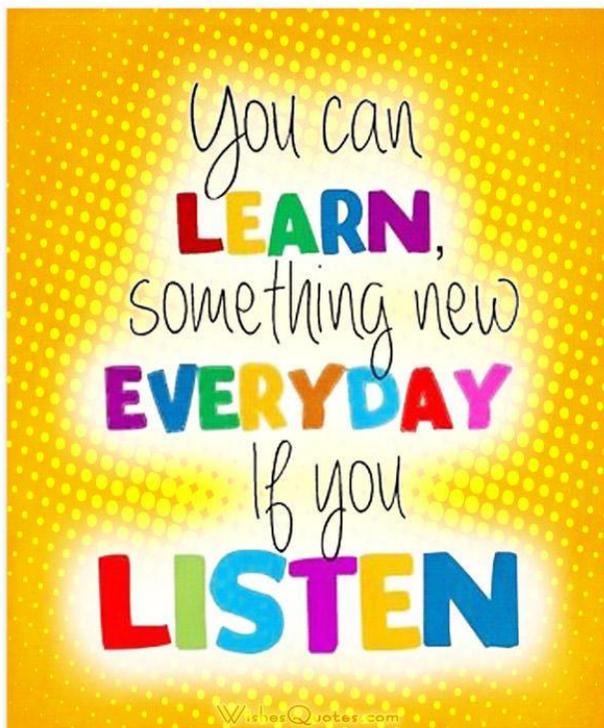
JUNIOR INFANT VACCINATIONS

A team from the HSE will visit the school on **Tuesday Feb 19th 2019** to administer the 4-in-1 & MMR Boost Vaccinations, between 9:30am and 1pm. An email was sent last week to parents of Junior Infants in relation to this. Appointments will be sent directly to parents by the HSE Immunisation Team. A parent will need to be present on the day at the appointment time with your child.

Prior to the appointment time, parents should enter the school by the MAIN DOOR. They can then collect their child from Junior Infants classroom and bring them towards the library. There will be a waiting area outside of the library where the HSE Nurse will liaise with you. Once the vaccination process is complete, the nurse will indicate how long you will need to remain in the waiting area, before accompanying your child back to Junior Infants. We would ask all parents to exit again through the MAIN door.

If you have any question or queries the school office will unfortunately not be able to help! Please contact Cork Immunisation Office South Lee: 0214923840; 021 4923214 with your questions.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY....



CLASS EXPENSES

The link for the payment of the Second Installment will be emailed today, and will continue to be automatically emailed on the same day as the newsletter. We would be very grateful if this payment could be made during Term 2, before our Easter Holidays – April 12th. As always, payments can be made using the online system, over the phone with Jen in the office, or by cash / cheque or card in the office. Thank You!

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

PLACEMENT

On 4th of February next we welcome Mr. Hodgins, who as part of Professional Masters of Education will be on placement in the school until the Easter Holidays, initially working with 3rd Class until early March and there after with 5th Class. Fáilte romhat.

PASSAGE WEST GAA CLUB

Congratulations to Passage West GAA Club who have achieved GOLD standard for the 2018 Benchmarking 2020 Vision initiative. The club has progressed from Bronze in 2016, to Silver in 2017, to GOLD in 2018. A great achievement for all involved – Well done!

We are delighted that the coaching initiative in Scoil Barra Naofa had a part to play in this achievement. Many thanks to Eoghan Walsh and Michael O' Donovan and the other coaches who have provided coaching to our pupils since September, as well as Eoin Barry for his professional approach to the organisation of the coaching. Míle Buíochas & Comhghairdeachas!



DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION

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

Best of luck to our two 5th Class teams and our 6th Class team who will represent the school at the local chapter of the Credit Union Quiz this Friday 1st February! Go n-éirí libh!

TRAFFIC DISRUPTION AT GLENBROOK

Ward and Burke Construction and Irish Water wish to advise the community of the following traffic arrangements for the R610 at Glenbrook during works beginning on Saturday 12th January 2019.

Working Hours

Weekdays: Monday to Friday

Morning Peak until 9.30 a.m.

9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

9.30 p.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Weekends: Saturday and Sunday

7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

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Traffic Management System

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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.

SHAMROCKS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

**NEW Members wanted for our growing club:
Age: 5-18+yrs**

**Winter Indoor Training:
Maritime College - Ringaskiddy**

Times: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Tuesday	U10/U12	6.30-7.30pm
	U14	7.30-8.30pm
Thursday	U6/U8	6.30-7.30pm
	U16/Juniors	7.30-8.30pm

**For more information
Contact: 087-2280425**

*Learning
New skills*



*Building
Confidence*

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