



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter #9

15th January 2019

A Chairde,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you enjoyed a happy and peaceful Christmas with your families. It is great to see so many smiling faces back in school ready to take on 2019 with renewed energy and excitement!

An exciting term lies ahead with school events relating to the Communion & Confirmation on the horizon, Internet Safety Month, Friendship Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge and many other events planned for this term. We hope everyone enjoys and benefits from these!

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaiigh & Foireann na Scoile

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday	16 th January	4 th -6 th Classes Circle of Safety Programme
Thursday	17 th January	West Cork Music Performance
Tuesday	22 nd January 2019	7pm: Confirmation Commitment Ceremony
Wednesday	23 rd January	5 th & 6 th Class Confirmation Retreat
Friday	25 th January 2019	7:30pm Cookery Demonstration
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	11 ^ú – 22 ^ú 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

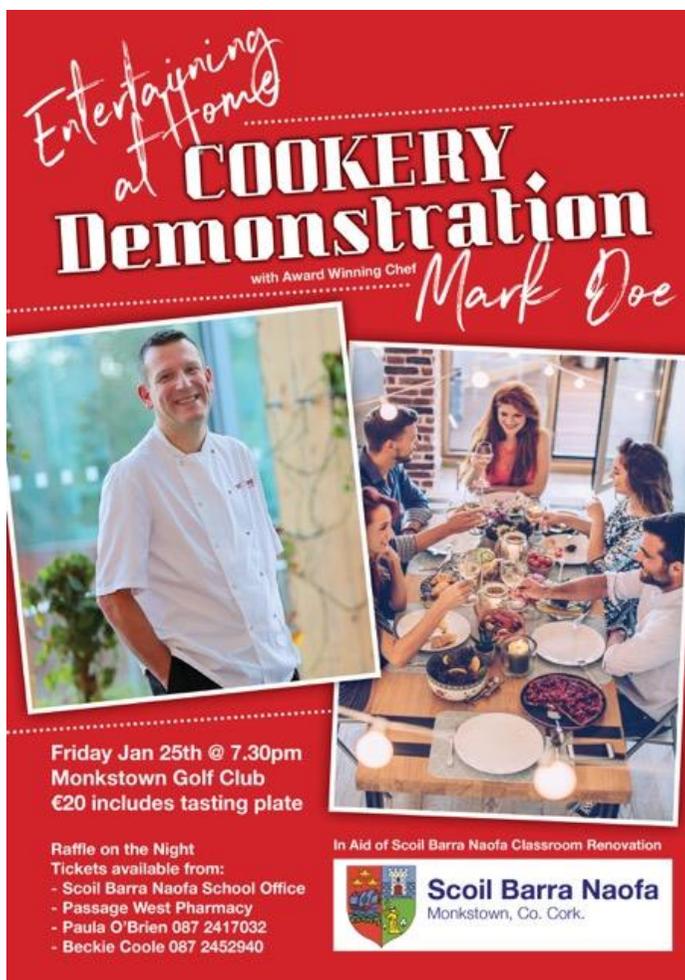
COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

“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 2019.**

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

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



The poster features a red background with white and gold text. At the top, 'Entertaining at Home' is written in a white cursive font. Below it, 'COOKERY Demonstration' is in large, bold, white block letters. Underneath, 'with Award Winning Chef Mark Doe' is written in a smaller white font, with 'Mark Doe' in a larger cursive font. The central part of the poster contains two photographs: on the left, a portrait of chef Mark Doe in a white chef's coat; on the right, a group of people sitting around a dining table with food and drinks. At the bottom left, the event details are listed in white text. At the bottom right, there is a logo for Scoil Barra Naofa and a note about the event's purpose.

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:
- Scoil Barra Naofa School Office
- Passage West Pharmacy
- Paula O'Brien 087 2417032
- Beckie Coole 087 2452940

In Aid of Scoil Barra Naofa Classroom Renovation

 **Scoil Barra Naofa**
Monkstown, Co. Cork.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS – DECEMBER 2018

Congratulations and well done to all of the winners of the final Principal's Awards of 2018. Each one of these pupils worked so hard towards achieving their goals in December! Great efforts were seen with the quality and presentation of their school and homework, as well as impressing us all with their positive attitudes, great manners, behaviour, and kindness towards others. Maith sibh go léir!

Rang 1:	Maeve Clarke	&	Oisín Quigley
Rang 2:	Penny Foy	&	Matthew Sheehy
Rang 3:	Lily Moynihan	&	Jamie McGinty
Rang 4:	Thomas Coughlan	&	Lauren Dinan
Rang 5:	Daisy Mulcahy	&	Scarlett Peterson
Rang 6:	Laoise Moynihan	&	Tara McSweeney

STUDENT COUNCIL 2018/19

Thank you to everyone who so kindly and generously supported the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Cork Simon Community on the day of the Christmas holidays. €223.50 was raised for this great cause.

Many thanks again to Dara Headworth for the great idea and for donating the Selection Boxes as prizes! Well done to everyone who took part! We hope you all enjoyed the movie day.

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!

CIRCLE OF SAFETY PROGRAMME

We look forward to welcoming Caroline Casey from Cork County Council who will work with 4th, 5th and 6th Class tomorrow on water, road and farm safety. These class will then be equipped to engage in peer learning with the younger classes. The school will also earn a Safety Flag for participating in this Safety Programme.

WEST CORK MUSIC – PERCUSSION DUO WORKSHOP

Bangers and Crash Percussion with Caitriona Frost and Alex Petcu will perform in Scoil Barra Naofa on Thursday Jan 17th. Two members from the Bangers and Crash Percussion Group, Caitriona and Alex, take to the stage 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 is to introduce 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 will attend the workshops. We look forward to a wonderful musical experience.



children's art

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TEXACO CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

Entries to Ms. Ní Bhéara by **Friday Feb 15th**. All details available on www.texacochildrensart.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.

INTERNET SAFETY MONTH



January is Internet Safety Month is Scoil Barra Naofa. As many children have received phones, tablets and devices over the Christmas Holidays we feel it is very important to highlight again the importance of monitoring your child's use of the internet at home.

While we are a pro-technology school, we also aim to educate students and parents of any potential risks, such as cyber-bullying etc. We would like to remind parents that the minimum age for all social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Viber, Whatsapp etc. is 13 years and 16years for others. Therefore, technically, no child in our school should have such accounts. If your child has their own account on any of the above, we would advise you to talk to them. It may be best that these accounts are disabled until your child has reached the appropriate age

Primary school pupils would not be considered socially mature enough to understand the complexities of social interactions via social media. The act of one friend receiving a message and another not receiving it, could be misunderstood as isolating a classmate. They may unintentionally (or indeed deliberately) hurt each other's feelings in the way they interact online or speak about each other online. It is the school's strong opinion that pupils should not be using these social media accounts at their age, and if they do, they should be monitored and supervised closely.

A reminder also about the importance of supervising GAMING activity, and specifically games such as FORTNITE. The game is rated PEGI 12, meaning that it isn't suitable for children under 12 though its larger than life graphics and cartoony gameplay mean that a lot of parents think that it is suitable for a younger child to play. Please see <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/explainers/explained-what-is-fornite/> for further explanation about 'Fornite', and advice for parents. Please also see the attached leaflet: <http://bit.ly/forniteleaflet>.

Across the month of January we will be supporting pupils in school as best as possible with age appropriate internet safety lessons. [webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) will be the primary source for material for lessons, and teachers will also be using the 'My Selfie' Programme amongst others to discuss and explore this important area with pupils from 1st-6th Class.

Your influence as parents, and putting firm structures in place is vital. The hours at which your child has access to their device is important. It is important to discuss this topic with your child, and supervise and monitor their internet usage. www.webwise.ie , is also a very useful tool for parents, who might want to learn more about children and the internet / social media / gaming etc.

FLU

As you are all well aware we are in the thick of flu season.

Please remember that if your child is showing symptoms of the flu, do not send them to school and keep them at home. At times like this it is vital that you ensure your child has their 'toilet bag' up to date, including tissues, hand gel and their own face cloth sized towel, which is washed regularly.

All of these will help limit the spread of germs! Stay healthy!

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDERS - CARS

Recent tragic events around the country, some of which happened on the grounds of a school, have made this a poignant time to remind all parents and childminders about road safety and in particular about safely parking outside the school.

Given the school's location on a hill, we would ask ALL DRIVERS to ensure that their **handbrake** is definitely on when you park and before you exit your vehicle.

We are conscious that the next round of road closures will disrupt many of our families transport route to school. The school has liaised with Ward & Burke and local councillors to attempt to provide a practical solution for families – but unfortunately none was forthcoming to date.

When parking or travelling near the school, please be conscious of where you are parking, of our neighbours near the school, of other road users and most importantly pedestrians, especially younger pedestrians, who may not be in your line of sight due to their height..

The school will be working with all classes in the coming days and weeks to remind about walking on the path, wearing high-vis jackets or bag covers, especially this term amongst other aspects of road safety. It is important that this message is emphasised from home also & that parents and staff lead by example with this where possible.

Thank you for your help and co-operation. We hope that all of our school community has a safe 2019.

AFTER SCHOOLS CLUBS - TERM 2

Homework Club: Now running on **Tuesdays only** from 2:30pm-3:35pm. Unfortunately did not have minimum numbers for Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. Contact the office for more information.

Craft Club: Wednesdays 2:30pm-3:45pm; 2nd - 6th Class. For further information, contact Iníon Uí Bhuaigh.

Other:

- Montforts Musical Theatre Classes 4-12 year olds – Monday: More information from: montfortcollege.com
- Playball: Contact Ronan 0876529724 / www.playballkids.com/franchise/539
 - Junior Infants – Mondays 1:30pm – 2:25pm
 - Senior Infants – Tuesdays 1:30pm - 2:25pm.
- Tae Kwon Do: Fridays 2:30pm. Contact Mark Buckley 086-8220107

FUNDRAISING NEWS

€7,000



Many thanks to those of you who were so supportive of our fundraising drive in 2018. We have been overwhelmed by the school community's generosity.

The school received a private donation in December, for the specific purpose of purchasing new pupils' furniture in classrooms! Míle buíochas ó chroí as ucht an bhflaithiúlacht seo!

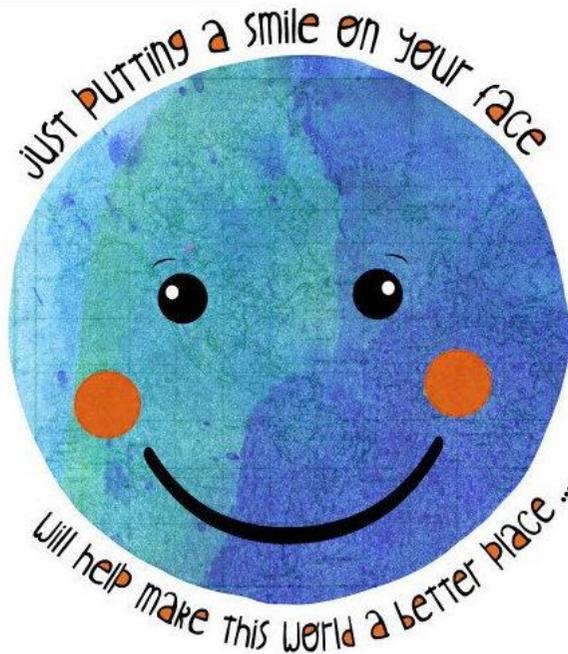
The school received two corporate donation in December, which has meant we are now at 32% of our target – with €2250 of €7,000 needed to renovate another classroom, raised.

Many thanks to **Keary's CarStore** who kindly donated €500 to Scoil Barra Naofa's Classroom Renovation Fund! Míle Buíochas!

We are also very grateful to **Crossgun Lane Ltd** for their kind donation of €300 towards the classroom renovation project. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

With the proceeds from Santa Sunday soon to be added to the Classroom Renovation Fund and future events being held and private donations explored, we expect to be in a position to renovate another classroom over the Easter Holidays!! (Finger crossed!)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY....



CLASS EXPENSES

Thank you to all families who have assisted the school in covering their child's class expenses – we hope that your child has benefitted from (and will this term continue to enjoy) the many activities they contribute towards – Basketball, gymnastics, tag rugby, Folk Dancing etc. I know many parents have found the Pupil Personal Accident Insurance invaluable following an injury (either at home or school). The Class Expenses payment goes towards covering all of these costs and more.

The link for the payment of the Second Installment will be emailed today. 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.

CONFIRMATION ROBES

The order for sizes for the robes that pupils will wear at their Confirmation Ceremony on March 11th must be sent this week. If parents of 5th and 6th Class have not already done so, please check email sent Monday 7th Jan with instruction regards measuring correct size and forward the size for your child to the office, either by writing a note with size in your child's journal or by emailing oifig@scoilbarranaofa.ie . Thank You!

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

Mornings 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

STOP AND GO SYSTEM

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A full 24 hour closure will be required for the first two weekends of the works to facilitate the construction of a manhole at Riverview Terrace.



DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION

Douglas Credit Union Scheme will recommence on Thursday 17th January 2019 and **every Thursday there after from 12:45pm-1:15pm in the school hall**. Pupils are encouraged to develop the habit of saving small amounts regularly.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP - MONKSTOWN

The next Children's Liturgy in Sacred Heart Church, Monkstown, will take place on Sunday 20th January at 11:30am mass. All are welcome to join!

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

SHAMROCKS LADIES GAA FOOTBALL CLUB

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**

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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