



# SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

## Newsletter #11

12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

A Chairde,

Thank you all for your support over the snowy and icy mornings over the past few weeks. While it can be a challenge to get staff safely to site, in order to assess whether it is safe to open or not, we were very grateful of the support of the whole school community over those few days.

As always if the forecast suggests any deterioration in weather, we will keep in contact with parents by text & email, as well as social media. We will always endeavour to open the school as normal, (or with a delayed opening time) but it is important that every family makes their own safety judgements based on their own local situations. Please God, that is the end of the snow and ice for this year.

Next week the school is closed on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> for midterm break. We hope that all of our pupils and staff enjoy a lovely midterm.

*Mise le meas,*

***Ciara Ní Bhuaiagh & Foireann na Scoile***

### **Upcoming Dates**

Mon-Fri	11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> February	Friendship Week
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> February	Junior Infants Vaccinations
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Skipping Workshop (All Classes)
Thurs & Fri	21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School Closure: Midterm Break
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	7:30pm Supporting Children's Mental Health PA organised Seminar for Parents
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	3pm Credit Union Quiz (Rochestown Park)
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	7:30pm First Confession (2 <sup>nd</sup> Class)
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	10:30am Confirmation: 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class
Mon-Fri	11ú – 22ú Márta 2019	Coicís na Gaeilge

Friday & Mon	15 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	School Closure (St. Patrick's Weekend)
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	Lismore Mobile Science Unit (All Classes)
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	Global Citizenship Workshop (Green Schools)
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Junior Guzzler Science Workshop (Snrs-2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Senior Science SEAI Workshop (3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> )
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	NCBI Clothing Collection
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	School Closes at 12midday for Easter

## **ALADDIN CONNECT**

Over the next few days you will receive a text/email message containing your registration link for Aladdin Connect (Please see the attached information letter which was initially distributed two weeks ago). There will be **one link per parent** which will allow the parent to access information for all their children in the school from one user account. **Please do not forward this text/email or share this link as this is a unique registration code for each parent** for your child/children in this school. During registration you will choose a password that will be used in conjunction with your email address to securely access the Aladdin Connect going forward.

If you choose you may share your own contact details with other parents of children in the same class as your children, but please be reassured **that this information will not be shared unless you choose to share it** – it will be your choice on set up to share / not share.

Once you are registered you will be sent an email with links to download the Aladdin Connect App for your mobile device. The main advantage of using the App is to receive immediate alerts for app messages sent by your school. For those with Smart phones, Downloading the App is highly recommended to enhance both the parent and school's Connect experience. If you do not have a smart phone, you will continue to receive text messages as you do now.

By default both parents will have access to view their child's contact information. If for any reason you do NOT wish to share your personal contact information within the family circle or if you have concerns regarding your particular family setup, please contact the school **immediately in confidence** to discuss or have this facility restricted.

Please also contact the school know if your email address or phone number has changed recently, or if when registered you notice any incorrect information. Please do not hesitate to contact Jen in the office, if you have any questions.

# **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING REVIEW**

To: Staff, Parents, Parents' Association & Wider School Community

The Board of Management of Scoil Barra Naofa, Monkstown wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of 04/02/2019
- This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department of Education's 'website [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

Signed  Date 04/02/2019 Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Date 04/02/2019 Principal

Our full Child Safe Guarding Statement is available to view on the school website: <https://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/child-protection-policy-2/>

## **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: JANUARY**

Well done to the Principal's Award Winners for January for all of their hardwork, kindness, great manners, efforts with Gaeilge, school work, homework, friendships and so much more! We are very proud of you all and your achievements!

1st Class:	Jack Cunningham	&	Edith Hanna
2nd Class:	Freya O' Connor	&	Declan Earle
3rd Class:	Seán Cash	&	Faye Ryan
4th Class:	Alexa Creighton	&	Cian Power
5th Class:	Grace Hartigan	&	Blake Fitzgerald
6th Class:	Aoibhe Killeen	&	Ellen Clarke

Maith sibh!

## **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Many thanks to the parents and past pupils who volunteered their time last weekend to assist with bag-packing fundraising in Dunnes Stores. €501.32 was raised in just 5 hours! Maith sibh agus míle buíochas!

## **SEMINAR: SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING**

A seminar on 'Supporting parents to support their children's mental health and wellbeing' will take place in Scoil Barra Naofa (hall) on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7:30pm. It has been organised by the PA.

This programme supports parents to encourage and promote positive mental health and wellbeing in their children. The programme also explores how the building of resilience in children helps them to manage and cope with the day to day stresses of life as they occur.

Parents who attend this session will:

- Explore the factors that influence mental health and wellbeing in their child
- Learn how to build and nurture resilience within their own child
- Be given tips on how best to support their child's positive mental health and wellbeing.

It is such an important issue for families in our school community, with many parents reporting increasing anxiety and stress levels in their children. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## **GRANDPARENTS DAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> CLASS**

Grandparent's Day for grandparents of Fourth Class was celebrated last week. A Prayer Service, led by Father Seán was followed by a concert. Many grandparents enjoyed singing along to 'When I'm 64'! The children gave their grandparents a tour of the school and showed them the wonderful projects they had done about their grandparents. The very enjoyable morning finished off with a cup of tea provided by Fourth Class parents and cakes made by the children. A big thank you to all who made Grandparents Day 2019 a great success. Special thanks to Ms. Ní Bhéara and Audrey for all their hard work! Maith sibh go léir!

## **6TH CLASS BASKETBALL BLITZ**

Well done to our Boys and Girls Basketball teams who took part in the Basket Ball Blitz last Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February in Neptune and Parochial Hall. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all. Maith Sibh

## **CREDIT UNION QUIZ TEAMS**

Well done to our 3 quiz teams who represented the school so well on Fri 1<sup>st</sup> February at the Douglas Credit Union Teams.

The Over 11 6<sup>th</sup> Class team of Ellen Clarke, Liam O' Flynn, Killian Peterson and David McSweeney, and 5<sup>th</sup> Class Team of Blake Fitzgerald, Tony Geraghty, Noah O' Keeffe and Daniel Garcia represented the school extremely well in their section.

Massive congratulations to our Junior Under 11 Team made up of Lucy Heffernan, Scarlett Peterson, Rita Mae Brown and Cian Barry who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Section. **In exciting news they have been selected to represent Douglas Credit Union in the Cork Chapter Credit Union Quiz** on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Maith sibh!! We wish them the very best of luck!!

## **SKIPPING WORKSHOP**

We will be having a Skipping Workshop on Wednesday next, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Ropes are available on the day for purchases. Junior and Senior Infants may buy ropes during their session. Exact money should be put in an envelope with their name. Children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes can purchase ropes at 2:30pm.

Children's Ropes: €6 each; Adult Ropes: €8 each; Family Rope: €10each; Extenders €3 each.

## **CRAFT CLUB**

Next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February will be the final class of our current block of Craft Club.

Craft Club is open to pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class. The next round of classes will commence on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2019, after school. There will be 6 weeks of classes and they will cost €35. (€5 per week plus €5 for materials). If you wish to enrol or re-enrol your child(ren) in Craft Club, forms are available from the office. (They will be distributed at Craft Club this week and next). **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

Payment can be made by cash/cheque or by requesting a payment link from the office! Thank you as always for your support. All proceeds go towards the school. Thank You to Bean Uí Bhuaigh also for giving so generously of her time!

## **GOLF TASTER**

First, Second, Third and Fourth Classes enjoying a golf taster last Wednesday. A great time was had by all! Thank You to Mima Dunne and CGI Supporting Golf and Cork Sports Partnership for the wonderful experience!

## **TEXACO CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION**



Entries to Ms. Ní Bhéara by this **Friday Feb 15th**. All details available on [www.texacochildrensart.com](http://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.. Appointments will be sent directly to parents by the HSE Immunisation Team.

**A representative from the HSE has been in contact with the school today (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>) to say that appointment times are being posted today.** They were delayed in posting due to recent industrial action, so they apologise for the short notice.

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.

## **HEALTH PROMOTION SQUAD: FRIENDSHIP WEEK**

This week is “Friendship Week” in Scoil Barra Naofa.

We look forward to a wonderful week of activities that will highlight positive friendships in school and in life! Thank You all for your kindness and friendship this week and every week!

### **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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **JUNIOR INFANT FAIRY DOORS**

Thank you to the Transition year students in St. Peter's Secondary School in Passage West for their fantastic fairy doors. Junior Infants enjoyed painting them with their buddies. Next week they will decorate them before placing them in the school garden. Maith sibh!

## **VISITS FROM PARENTS**

### **JUNIOR INFANTS - Pilot**

Junior Infants were so lucky to have a visit on Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> from Elsa's Dad Brian O' Connor, who is a pilot with Aer Lingus. He told them all about his work, showed them how to get a plane to take off and brought in lots of model airplanes. Everyone loved it and got to try on a real pilot's hat. A most sincere thank you to Mr. O'Connor!

### **1<sup>st</sup> Class – Chinese New Year**

Yvonne Clarke (Maeve's Mom) came to 1st Class last week to tell them all about Chinese New Year. They learned about the lion dance, the money packets, Chinese clothes, Hong Kong, Chinese customs and even learned how to say Happy New Year in Chinese and how to count! Yvonne brought in noodles and they ate them with chopsticks. Yvonne gave everyone money packets with Chinese money in them to celebrate the New Year. They learned so much and had so much fun. Thanks so much for your time and effort Yvonne!

### **6<sup>th</sup> Class – Internet Safety**

Many thanks to Susan O' Flynn (Liam's Mom) who visited 6<sup>th</sup> Class last week as part of Internet Safety Month, to discuss cyber safety and responsible online behaviours. We know that the pupils of 6<sup>th</sup> Class enjoyed and benefited from the presentation. Mile Buíochas, Susan

## **SPHE, RSE & STAY SAFE**

As part of our regular review of school Subject Plans and policies, a review of our SPHE (Social, Personal & Health Education) whole school plan is underway this school year. Our RSE (Relationship & Sexuality Education) Policy has also been reviewed. The teaching of the more sensitive topics in relation to RSE usually takes place in March & April each year. You will receive an email after midterm to inform you in advance of what topics will be covered at your child's class level and will include links so that you can view the lessons. If you have any questions in relation to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or the Principal.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT DVD**

Limited copies of the Christmas Concert DVD are still available for purchase in the School Office. Each DVD costs €7. (More will be available depending on demand). Please contact the office if you wish to have a payment link sent to you, or alternatively €7 can be sent to the office in an envelope with your child's name on it.

Many thanks to Tim McSweeney for recording and producing the DVD. Míle Buíochas.

## **FUNDRAISING: CLOTHING COLLECTION**



# **NCBI**

**Supporting Services for  
People with Sight Loss**

**SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April!**

In case you are doing any spring cleaning over the next few months, please keep in mind that our next fundraising clothing collection will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Our clothing collection will now be in aid of the National Council for the Blind Ireland, as well as for school fundraising.

The NCBI supports 224,000 people in Ireland who experience severe problems with their eye sight including blindness. The donations from the clothing drive will be sold in their 110 Charity Shops nationwide, and those that cannot be re-sold are recycled.

Clean Clothing, Linen, Curtains, Belts, Handbags and (pairs) of shoes can be donated, in tied large plastic bags. Unfortunately no cushions, duvets, pillows, socks, underwear or soiled rags can be accepted.

As always times will be made available the day before and the morning of the collection that bags can be dropped to the school – watch this space! Thank you for your support!



## **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.

## **NATIONAL PARENTS' COUNCIL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A NPC South Regional Assembly Event will be held in the **Vienna Woods Hotel, Glanmire, Cork** on **Saturday the 2nd of March 2019** from **11am to 4pm** (Tea/Coffee will be available from 10.30am).

NPC would like to invite parents of primary school children to attend this event looking at the issue of '**Technology in Education: Preparing Children for the Future**'.

Join us to hear experts discuss Technology in Education and the impact it can have on preparing our children for the future, followed by a consultation with parents in order to inform NPC's position when advocating on behalf of parents.

This event is free of charge and all parents of children in primary school are welcome to attend. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

## **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.

## **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**

# **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**

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

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

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New skills*



*Building  
Confidence*

## **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

# LET'S GO SUMMER CAMPS

## CARRIGALINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Easter Camp: 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Camps:

8<sup>th</sup>-12 July

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July

22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July

More details on [www.letsgo.ie](http://www.letsgo.ie) or on 021-4877111.



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Fee:	Easter Camp	Summer Camp
1st child	€90	€105
2nd child	€80	€90
3rd child	€70	€75

Further 10% discount for two weeks when booked at the same time

**HOW TO APPLY**

- **BOOK ONLINE** - [www.letsgo.ie](http://www.letsgo.ie) - pay deposit or pay in full
- **COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM** (download from our website)
- Enclose €20 deposit per child per week for Summer & Easter Camp (Cheques made payable to Let's Go! Summer Schools Ltd) and return completed form together with deposit as soon as possible to our office.
- The balance of the fee is paid on the first morning.
- Please note all deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

**Contact us**  
Office: Let's Go! Summer Schools Ltd.  
Rustic House, Sraleigh, Waterfall, Near Cork T12 YPA9  
Info line: 021 487 7111  
Email: [info@letsgo.ie](mailto:info@letsgo.ie)  
Website: [www.letsgo.ie](http://www.letsgo.ie)

**What you need to bring to camp:** Runners and sportswear (to include a long sleeve top and trackcut legs or equivalent for certain activities), packed lunch, lots of drinks, rainwear or sunscreen depending on weather.

**Booking Conditions:**

- Payment is regarded as acceptance of the booking conditions.
- Any participant without contact is deemed by the Camp Manager to be absent for the full extent of the programme and no refund will be made.
- Cancellation policy (check website for details)
- The programme will operate to the highest safety standards; we shall not be responsible for any injury, death or actions taken occasioned by the program whatsoever on the part of the Camp Director or its employees.
- We at Let's Go! Summer Schools Ltd reserve the right to modify the programme of activities in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Let's Go! Summer Schools Ltd has full public liability cover for all activities undertaken. Please note that active participation in the use of the equipment or particular inflatable equipment involves climbing walls, spider tower and slide & all summer camps is risk and experienced staff let's go operate the activities with Health & Safety key to the operation of these events. Personal Accident Insurance against injury, accident or loss whilst on camp is the responsibility of the client.
- Photographs and other footage may be taken for promotional reasons.
- Permission is granted to seek medical treatment in the event of an accident.
- Let's Go! accept no responsibility for items withdrawn or damaged on the premises.
- We shall not be responsible for any children left unattended at risk venue. ES summer camps are held after camp hours.
- All participants must be 5 years or more for child camps and over and attending primary school.

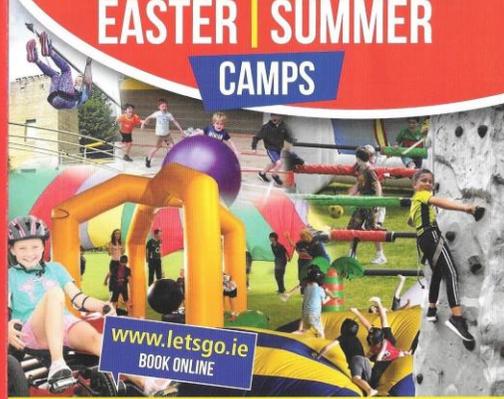
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**Summer Camps:**  
Wk 1: 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Wk 2: 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Wk 3: 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July

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