

SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Nuachtlitir #13

12^ú Márta 2019

A Chairde,

Tá Seachtain (nó Coicís I ndáiríre!) na Gaeilge á chéilliúradh againn i SBN an seachtain seo agus an seachtain seo chugainn. Bí linn ag iarraidh do chuid Ghaeilge a úsáid gach lá. Ní líofacht atá á súil againn ach iarracht!! Is fíor an seanfhocal “Is fear Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste!!” *Seachtain na Gaeilge (or fortnight of Irish technically) is happening in SBN this week and next. We hope you will join us in trying to use your Irish everyday. We are not expecting fluency – just effort! As the Irish saying goes – “Broken Irish is better than clever English” – i.e. the effort to speak our native tongue is important!*

Bainigí go léir taitneamh as an deireadh seachtain speisialta ag céilliúradh ár gcúltúr agus Naomh Pádraig! Beidh an scoil dúnta ar an Aoine 15^ú agus an Luan 18^ú! *We hope you all enjoy the long weekend celebrating our culture and honouring St. Patrick. A reminder that SBN will be closed this Friday 15th and Monday 18th!*

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaiagh & Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING DATES

Mon-Fri	11 ^ú – 22 ^ú Márta 2019	Coicís na Gaeilge
Thursday	14 ^ú Márta 2019	Lá Glas & Ceilí
Thursday	14 ^ú Márta 2019	Hurling/Camogie Blitz (Passage West)
Friday & Mon	15 th & 18 th March 2019	School Closure (St. Patrick’s Weekend)
Friday	22 nd March 2019	Lismore Mobile Science Unit (All Classes)
Thursday	28 th March 2019	3 rd Class: Lifetime Labs (Early departure)
Monday	1 st April 2019	Global Citizenship Workshop (Green Schools)
Monday	8 th April 2019	Junior Guzzler Science Workshop (Snrs-2 nd)
Tuesday	9 th April 2019	Senior Science SEAI Workshop (3 rd -6 th)
Wednesday	10 th April 2019	NCBI Clothing Collection
Friday	12 th April 2019	School Closes at 12midday for Easter

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Fifth and Sixth Class pupils who were confirmed yesterday by ArchBishop Coveney in the Sacred Heart Church. All of their hard work and preparation could be seen during the fantastic ceremony – well done to you all! We hope that they and their families enjoyed their very special day.

Our thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this such a special occasion especially their class teachers, Ms. Miriam Murphy and Mr. Jack Walsh.

We are also very grateful to the priests of the Parish, Fr. Seán and Fr. Con, organist Mr. Hennessy, the choir from 3rd and 4th Classes, along with their teachers Ms. Ní Bhéara, Ms. Ryan, Ms. Treharne and Mr. Hodgins.

A huge mile buíochas must also go to Mary, Audrey, Claudia & Jacqui for the lovely artwork, the Sacristans and the Altar Society who decorated the church so beautifully and Georgina McHugh who organised the floral arrangements! Mile Buíochas!

Thanks also to Vivian and Roger who were crucial to the set up and to Jen in the office for the smooth running of operations behind the scenes and for her work on the fabulous booklet. We deeply appreciate the efforts of everyone involved who helped make this day so special for the children. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Please note that the Confirmation DVD and Class photographs can still be ordered through the school office on 021-4842159

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS: FEBRUARY

Congratulations and well done to all of our Principal Award winners in February. We are so proud of all of the hard work and great efforts that they put in with their school work, homework as well as working to relationships with their teachers and class mates have been positive. Maith sibh go léir!

Rang 1 : Maggie Murphy & Fionn Fitzgerald

Rang 2: Finn Whitty & Beth Barry

Rang 3: Tom Killeen & Maisie Crowley

Rang 4: Rian Moynihan & Keira Price

Rang 5: Ana Daly & Cian Barry

Rang 6: Killian Peterson & Ellen Price

COICÍS NA GAEILGE

This week and next we celebrate Coicís na Gaeilge, where all classes will be involved in extra activities through Irish and an extra special effort will be made to use Irish in the classrooms.

We will be having a 'Lá Glas' and ceilí on **Thursday this week (14th) and the children may wear green clothes to school**, if they wish! Bainigí taitneamh as!

PA

Our Parent's Association committee would like to remind all parents that the PA committee have an email address if you wish to contact the committee, please feel free to contact us on: pa@scoilbarranaofa.ie

Many thanks to the parents who donated some china tea-cups recently. Once again, if anyone has any ends of sets or spare sets of china, which they no longer need, the PA would be delighted to receive donations of these. Thank You!

SCHOOL GARDEN: LIDL SEEDS

If parents have any of the free herb seeds that are being given away with shopping from Lidl at the moment, which they do not need, the school Garden committee would be delighted to take them off of your hands – so that we could grow in our herb bed! Míle Buíochas!

SEMINAR: MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Our thanks to our PA Committee for organising the recent seminary on '**Supporting parents to support their children's mental health and wellbeing**'. For those of you who were unable to attend on the night, please find attached to the Newsletter email, the brochure which was circulated by the NPC on the night.

If you ever have any concerns in relation to your child, and in particular your child's mental health and wellbeing, do not hesitate to chat to staff in the school and we will direct you as best as we can. Your GP should be your first port of call also, as they will be able to advise you best.

You can also contact St Patrick's Mental Health Services on 01 2493333
Email: info@stpatmail.com www.stpatricks.ie or the National Parents Council Helpline 018874477 (Email: helpline@npc.ie) for further advice and support.

HURLING / CAMOGIE BLITZ

This will take place in Passage West GAA this Thursday 14th March. The panel from 5th & 6th Class has been selected by Mr. Walsh and those pupils will travel by bus. A contribution towards the cost of **the bus of €2 per player** would be appreciated.

The Blitz will begin at 11am, and pupils will be back to the school by hometime, 2:30pm. Best of luck to the teams!

2ND CLASS – FIRST CONFESSION

Congratulations and well done to the pupils of 2nd Class who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Thursday 7th March in Sacred Heart Church, Monkstown. Thank you to Ms. Mulrooney, Mary and Fr. Seán for preparing the pupils so well.

CREDIT UNION QUIZ TEAM

Congratulations to our Under 11 Quiz Team - Lucy Heffernan, Scarlett Peterson, Rita Mae Brown and Cian Barry **who placed 4th** in the Cork Chapter Credit Union Quiz, on March 3rd in Rochestown Park Hotel! Comhghairdeachas! We are so proud!

EASON SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Good luck to Killian Peterson (Sixth Class) who will participate in the first round of the Eason Spelling Bee Competition tomorrow Wednesday 13th March in Christian Brother Junior School. Go n-éirí an bóthar leat, Killian!

HEALTH PROMOTION SQUAD: FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Well done to all of the pupils who took part in the activities during our recent friendship week. Maith sibh! Well done to the winners of our Friendship Week Competitions:

Senior Infants: Cadhla McDonnell & Jamie Boylan

1st Class: Danielle Price & Alissa Fleury

2nd Class: Freya O' Connor & Iseult O' Mullane

3rd Class: Morgan Kelleher & Faye Ryan

4th Class: Thomas Coughlan & Bo Parkes

5th Class: Daisy Mulcahy & Isabella Murray

6th Class: Harry Clarke & Ronan O' Keeffe

THOUGHT OF THE DAY....



The pupils of Scoil Barra Naofa will know this as Iníon Uí Bhuaigh's favourite Irish Seanfhocail: "Níl saoi gan locht" ... which literally means there is no wise man with out fault – i.e. **Nobody is perfect!**

We all make mistakes – young and old – we are human. We do our best and work hard, and sometimes despite all of the preparation – we still hit a road block or make a mistake.

It is important that our pupils learn that we do not expect perfection from them – we ask for their very best effort – but we understand that they will make mistakes. Some pupils can become fixated on 'everything being perfect' and can be very upset when they 'make a mistake. We try to help these pupils develop resilience, and acceptance that making mistakes is a natural part of life – and that actually sometimes we learn more from our mistakes. We try to help our students understand that it is their reaction to their mistakes that matters, not the mistake itself. We do our very best to learn from it, and move forward as positively as possible.

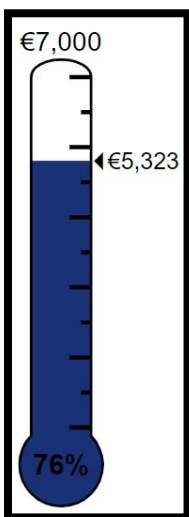
Sometimes it is important to remind ourselves as adults – as parents, as teachers – that nobody is perfect. Just like our pupils, it is important to accept this, and to learn from and move on from any mistakes as positively as possible. It is also important to remember that - "To err is human, to forgive is divine.". Be kind to yourself and one another! And remember, "Níl saoi gan locht"!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

It has been an exciting fortnight in the school from a fundraising perspective with THREE unexpected private donations being received.

- **€1000** private donation was received in February!
- **€200** was received in early March from a private donor.
- A third private donation of **€400** was received only yesterday! Míle Buíochas to all of the above!

Christmas Concert DVD: Massive thanks also to Tim McSweeney and the many parents who purchased it - **€130** was raised for the school so far as a result.



This brings our current total raised for Classroom Renovation No 3 at **€5232, which is 76% of our next €7,000 target.**

As always, thank you all for your support, and as ever if anyone has any leads or suggestions with regards to potential fundraising (specifically corporate donations), we would be thrilled to hear of these in the office.

FUNDRAISING: CLOTHING COLLECTION



SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday 10th 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 10th 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!

ALADDIN CONNECT

There has been FANTASTIC feedback from parents in relation to Aladdin Connect which many parents signed up to since our last newsletter. We hope many more parents will sign up in the coming weeks.

One registration link per parent was issued on Tuesday 12th February. If you cannot find your link, just contact the office and we can re-issue it.

Some parents have signed up for Aladdin Connect, but have not yet verified their number, or download the app – we would encourage parents to complete those steps also!

Features of Connect which parents find useful:

- Ability to amend contact details, emergency contact names and numbers etc.
- Receive Noticeboard Messages from Class Teacher / School
- Permanent access to your child's Annual School reports
- Access to your child's attendance and ability to input reason for absence.
- Access to a calendar of upcoming school / class events
- Access to your child's homework (Junior & Senior Infants only at the moment)
- Access to your child's standardised test results (May 2019 onwards)
- Access to ePayments page and see history of payments made
- Booking of Parent Teacher Meeting (November 2019)

The school would **STRONGLY recommend that at least one parent has signed up for Aladdin Connect before May 2019**, as School Reports will be issued via Aladdin Connect in June 2019 and we will be using Aladdin Connect to schedule Parent Teacher Meetings in Oct/Nov 2019.



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.

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

**U6 BOYS &
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
JUNE HAMILL 087-2265971**

**HURLING & FOOTBALL -
SUNDAYS 10:30**

**UNDER 7
BOYS**

**CONTACT:
ADRIAN WHYTE 086-2272979**

**HURLING – SUNDAYS 11:30-
12:30PM**

**UNDER 8
BOYS**

**CONTACT:
CONOR QUIGLEY 087-2777959**

**FOOTBALL – FRIDAYS 7-8PM
HURLING: TUESDAYS 7-8PM
FOOTBALL: FRIDAYS 6:30-
7:30PM**

**UNDER 7-8
GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
DAVE MAXWELL 087-9879604**

CAMOGIE - FRIDAYS 5-6PM

**UNDER 7 -
8 GIRLS**

**CONTACT:
KAREN ALLEN 087-8532552**

**FOOTBALL - MONDAYS 4.45-
6PM**

SHAMROCKS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

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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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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: 23rd-26th April

Summer Camps:

8th-12 July

15th-19th July

22nd-26th July

More details on www.letsgo.ie or on 021-4877111.