



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Nuachtlitir #14

26^ú Márta 2019

A Chairde,

As we approach the end of March, and the sun begins to peep out at last, the feeling of Spring is definitely in the air and the promise of summer not being far away lingers also! It has been a very busy month in SBN and as we prepare for the last three weeks of term, many more exciting activities and lessons are planned! We hope everyone enjoys the bright days ahead!

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaiagh & Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday	28 th March 2019	3 rd Class: Lifetime Labs (Early departure)
Friday	29 th March 2019	1 st -6 th Class City Sports run off
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
Monday	29 th April 2019	8:50am Return to School
Monday	6 th May 2019	School Closure – Bank Holiday
Saturday	11 th May 2019	10:30am First Communion
Friday	24 th May 2019	Expected School Closure (Elections)
Thursday	30 th May 2019	Cork City Sports
Fri & Mon	31 st May & 3 rd June	School Closure (Bank Holiday Weekend)

The dates for the 2019/2020 School Year & holidays are available on the school website <https://www.scoilbarranaofoa.ie/events/> . We will return to school 8:50am on Monday 2nd September 2019.

SUMMER UNIFORM

The sun has appeared and the question of Summer Uniforms has already been asked. Though the sun may be shining, there is still a chill in the air and the school for much of the day, so we are not yet ready for shorts in school. The 'Summer Uniform' (**school shorts and polo t-shirt, with school hoodie/school sweatshirt**), can be worn in **Term 3 on days when the weather is appropriate!** Mile Buíochas!

CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS

Christine McCarthy, Photographer, took many individual photos of the Confirmation candidates as they were confirmed by Archbishop Coveney or as they were singing / reading prayers etc. These are now available for parents to view in the school office, and to purchase if desired.

COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS & DVD

A note will be sent home today with the pupils of 2nd Class in relation to the photographs and DVDs for the Communion on 11th May 2019. Please ensure that you return this to the school as soon as possible.

SUN SAFETY

It is great to have the sun shining in Ireland for a change, and it is important as April fast approaches sun safety should be a priority for all from April until September every year.

The school would encourage sun safety from April – September with the following:

- **SUN CREAM:** No matter the weather each morning, sun cream should be applied to your child(ren) from April onwards. By yard time at 11am, the weather may have changed and the sun may be out. Equally, our skin can still burn through cloud!
- **SUN HATS / CAPS:** Pupils are encouraged to wear / bring sun hats to school daily from April – September. **PLEASE ENSURE THE NAME IS CLEARLY ON THE HAT.** These can be kept in your child's bag during the day, and worn during yard time, nature trails, field trips, tours, working in the gardens etc.

Educating children at a young age about the dangers of UVA and UBA rays and how to be stay safe in the sun is hugely important. While teachers will be engaging in lessons on this in Term 3, as part of a safety module, it is important that families discuss and support this also. Some wonderful advice can be found on

<http://www.sunnydaysmelanomacancerawareness.ie/> Thank you for your support.

PA: 'ROOT FOR LOOT' FUNDRAISER

As the Parents' Association we are delighted to run the Money Trail again this year as a fun fundraiser for the School. Our '**Root for Loot**' this year will go towards our school garden and school activities for the remainder of the year. All classes are encouraged to fill up their JAR with as much loose change as they can. All coins welcome, no coin is too small!

Jars will be in classes from Monday March 25th until Monday 1st April. The class with the fullest jar will win a HOMEWORK PASS for all! Many thanks to all of you for your support on this initiative and your amazing support through the year, we have achieved so much with your help!

As always, if you wish to contact the committee, please feel free to contact us on: pa@scoilbarranaofa.ie. Thank you,

SBN Parents' Association

3RD CLASS: LIFETIME LABS VISIT

On Thursday of this week - **28th March** - 3rd Class will be visiting Lifetime Labs for a workshop. They will be departing from Sands Quay and Ms. Treharne & Ms. Flannery will meet pupils there at **8:30am sharp!** It is very important that all pupils are on time and at the bus at **8:30am**, due to the heavy traffic expected when travelling to Lifetime Labs at that hour. They will be back in school before the end of the school day. Pupils should bring a small bag with their lunch and water. (School bag not required). We hope that they enjoy and benefit from their day.

GREEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE: UPDATE

Next Monday we will have a workshop for the Green School Committee based around the themes of global citizenship, equality and Fairtrade. There will be a performance "It's Not Fair" in the halla for 2nd -6th classes. This will explore the themes of our latest Green Flag application '19-'20.

Waste Free Wednesday Lunchbox

We have re-introduced our Waste Free Wednesday lunchbox efforts. To have a lunchbox that is as waste free as possible, using recyclable containers and wrappings on Wednesdays and other days if possible. This is part of maintaining our Green Flag. This has been going very well. The winning class from every month gets the Waste Free lunchbox Award and a Homework Pass.

STUDENT COUNCIL: SBN'S GOT TALENT

The Student Council are delighted that SBN's Got Talent will take place on Friday 12th April, the day of the Easter Holidays. Auditions for Acts and for judges will be taking place in the coming days, with lunch time rehearsals from next week! Best of luck to everyone that is considering taking part! We look forward to a brilliant show!

SWIMMING 1ST-4TH CLASS 2019/2020

Though it seems like a lifetime away in some ways, the school will soon begin the process of organising our Aquatics Module of swimming lessons for next school year. Next year's 1st - 4th Classes will attend, with each class level attending for 5 weeks. Two class groups travel and attend each week from Sept - Nov.

The supervision of our pupils, especially in light of recent changes in Child Safeguarding legislation, in the changing rooms is a priority for us in the school. Over the years the school has been very grateful to parents, who have been able to travel to Leisureworld and assist with the supervision of the changing rooms. As the class groups change, the roster of parents changes also. As younger siblings start pre-school, or other family & work circumstances change, some parents previously unavailable, might now find themselves now in a position to assist.

If any parent thinks they might be available on a Monday from Sept-Nov to assist with supervision, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please see an email sent yesterday 25th March to parents of Senior Infants – 3rd Class parents for more details and information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you would like your name to be added to the roster of parents who have made themselves available to the school to assist with supervision at swimming, please contact the office. Thank you all, as always for your support.

COICÍS NA GAEILGE

Bhí gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla ar siúl againn do Coicís na Gaeilge. Rinne gach duine sár-iarracht ag baint triail as an Ghaeilge. Bhí ealaín, dramaíocht, ceol agus damhsa ar siúl againn trí mhéan na Gaeilge. Bhí Tráth na gCeist agus biongó ar siúl agus bhí céilí againn. Maith sibh go léir!

HURLING / CAMOGIE BLITZ

Well done to our boys and girls who competed in the Carrigdhoun Hurling Blitz in March in Passage West GAA. Our thanks to Mr. Walsh who was responsible for training and Passage West GAA for use of their facilities. Maith sibh!

FAI SOCCER BLITZ

Well done to our boys who competed in the FAI's 5-a-side soccer blitz last week in Carrigaline. Our thanks to Mr. Murphy who organised the event. Maith sibh!

LISMORE SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Last Friday we had a visit from Lismore Primary Mobile Science Workshops. Each class had an interactive Science workshop on themes such as static electricity, working scientifically, designing, making and energy and forces. Bhí sé go hiontach!

Thanks to our PA Committee for the wonderful suggestion and getting us in contact with Lismore Heritage Company who travelled to visit us! Míle Buíochas!

ENGINEER'S VISIT

Many thanks to engineer, Kevin Murray who gave a very interesting talk to our Sixth Class last week Engineer's Week. Go raibh maith agat, Kevin!

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA: OPERATION MONKSTOWN

Many thanks to Garda Tim McSweeney and the Gardaí of Passage West & Douglas who have been assisting the school with issues relating to traffic and parking. The school and the Board of Management have been liaising with Garda McSweeney since the January in relation to traffic, and parents have also been in contact with Gardaí. It is great that the whole school community is working together to ensure that the roads and paths around the school are safer for all in the school and wider community.

An Garda Síochána have advised that there will be more visits in the future, to support good driving and parking habits around Monkstown. Míle Buíochas, a Gardaí!

Many thanks also to Caroline Casey, Water & Road Safety Development Officer with Cork County Council, along with the Carrigaline Area Office, who have been liaising with the school on this matter also. Caroline and the Co. Council have donated some signage which will hopefully be a visual reminder to all road users that **it is all of our aim to get our pupils to and from school safely!** Watch this space...!

SUPERVISION AT COLLECTION TIMES

We would like to remind parents / grandparents and childminder's of the importance of supervision of young children at collection times.

- It is important that from a Health & Safety point of view that **any young child / toddler that accompanies an adult, remain WITH the adult and under their supervision at all times.**
- It would be best practice for young children to hold the hand of the waiting adult and remain on the main path with the adult. We genuinely appreciate that this can be VERY challenging given the high energy levels of young children - however, the terrain of our gardens are not suitable for playing and chasing in, particularly in the steep stoney middle section.
- We understand that young children are naturally inclined to play and often do not understand the potential dangers, but we must stress that **the throwing of stones in the gardens** is cannot be allowed under any circumstances, as others can (and have been) caught in the cross fire.
- We also understand that the 'stepping stones' are an attractive way for our pupils (and for pre-schoolers) to make their way up the path after they are dismissed. It is great to see our pupils using and enjoying the garden in this way. We would however, ask that you please ensure that your child(ren) remain under your (or their minder's) supervision while they make their way up these stepping stones at home time.
- CARPARK: Finally, at 2:30pm we must stress that the **car park is NOT SUITABLE for children to play and chase in.** Any adults and children waiting by the gates, should please wait on the pedestrian path, near the railings. Young children or pupils from our infant class should remain with the adults, and not chase each other around or through the carpark.

We are very eager to ensure that an accident does not happen and appreciate your understanding in relation to the above. We would very much appreciate the co-operation of all those collecting to ensure the ongoing safety of all of our school community of all ages.

LOST TOY: CONFIRMATION DAY

A young child's wooden toy, in a small Kath Kidson bag was left in the church after the Confirmation Ceremony. This is in the office if it is yours!

CLOTHING COLLECTION

There will be a fundraiser recycled clothing collection in aid of SBN & the National Council for the Blind Ireland, on **Wednesday 10th April at 9:00am**. Clothes can be dropped off to Scoil Barra Naofa library:

- Tuesday 9th April 2:30- 4pm
- Wednesday 10th April 8am-9am

Unfortunately due to lack of storage we cannot accept clothing donations before that time.

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.

Thank you for your support!



LOST & FOUND – CLOTHES & COATS!

Ahead of our clothing collection on April 10th, we would advise all pupils and parents to check lost and found for any missing jumpers, pants, coats, hats etc. There is a large number of items, and if these are not claimed by 9th April, they will be donated to the clothing drive.

'Lost & Found' is located in the 'blue' cupboards underneath the trophy cabinet in reception. Parents are welcome to look for missing property any morning or evening.

Pupils should also ensure that their jackets and coats are taken from the classrooms at the end of each day and particularly over the next few weeks, as again, any jacket without a known owner will be donated to the charity collection. Many thanks.

ALADDIN CONNECT

A gentle reminder to parents that have not yet signed up to Aladdin Connect to do so in the next few months. If you cannot find your access code or registration link, simply contact the office here by phone or email and we will re-issue one.

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.

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 feedback has been fantastic so far and hopefully that will continue! Míle Buíochas!

CLASS EXPENSES & TERM 3 EXPENSES

Many thanks to the large majority of parents who have forwarded class expenses payments in Term 1 and Term 2 as requested. A gentle reminder to those parents with outstanding payments – links will be re-issued today.

We are also aware and deeply appreciate that families can be under financial pressure, particularly at certain times of year, with First Communion and other family events around the corner. We are only too willing to discuss with any family, who are in such a situation, ways in which we can work together on this matter.

We are conscious that Term 3 will be busy in the school, and we hope to ease financial burden for families by spreading payments due across the three months of the term.

- Information about School Tours and payments will be issued during **April**;
- Information about our Book Rental Scheme and payments will be issued in **May**;
- Information relating to the Swimming Programme and payments will be issued in June.

Míle Buíochas 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.

MONKSTOWN TIDY TOWNS: UPCOMING MEETING

Monkstown Tidy Town will be holding a meeting on Monday, 15th of April @7pm. The meeting will be held in the Gill Room. All welcome to attend. Should you require any additional information or have any queries please contact 086 1451790.

SHAMROCK BOYS' ACADAMEY

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

PASSAGE WEST GAA

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**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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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