



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Nuachtlitir #16

30ú Aibreán 2019

A Chairde,

Welcome to the final Term of 2018/19 school year! It will be a short but very busy term, so I hope that everyone is rested and energised after their Easter holidays! Lots of exciting events lie ahead, including the First Communion, School Tours, Active Week amongst others! We look forward to all of these events!

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaigh & Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING DATES

Monday	6 th May 2019	School Closure – Bank Holiday
Friday	10 th May 2019	5 th & 6 th Class Drama Workshop
Saturday	11 th May 2019	10:30am First Communion (2 nd Class)
Wednesday	22 nd May 2019	1 st & 2 nd Class GAA Blitz (Shamrocks)
Friday	24 th May 2019	School Closure (Elections)
Thursday	30 th May 2019	Cork City Sports
Fri & Mon	31 st May & 3 rd June	School Closure (Bank Holiday Weekend)
Wednesday	5 th June 2019	Incoming Junior Infants 2019 – Parents Information Night
Thursday	6 th June 2019	1:45pm Incoming Junior Infants 2019 – Reception Afternoon
Mon-Fri	10-14 th June	Active Week
Fri	28 th June	12midday – School Closes for Summer

SUMMER UNIFORM

Our Summer Uniform (**school** shorts and polo t-shirt, with **school** hoodie/**school** sweatshirt), can be worn from now on when the weather is appropriate! Mile Buíochas!

SCHOOL TOUR:

Wednesday	5 th June 2019	6 th Class Walking Tour of Cork
Tuesday	11 th June 2019	5 th Class Walking Tour of Cork
Monday	17 th June 2019	1 st & 2 nd Class: Mardyke Arena
Monday	24 th June 2019	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th : Let's Go Trabeg
Wednesday	26 th June 2019	Junior Infants – Tír na Sí Open Farm
Thursday	27 th June 2019	6 th Class: Kinsale Outdoor Education Tour

Payments for the tours should be made by this Friday 3rd May, and permission slips should be returned by this date also. **If you are aware that your child will NOT be attending their school tour**, please let the class teacher / office know as soon as possible! Míle Buíochas.

2019/2020 DATES

The dates for the 2019/2020 School Year & holidays are available on the school website <https://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/events/> .

Monday	2 nd September 2019	School Re-opens after Summer Holidays
Mon-Fri	21 th Oct – 1 st Nov 2019	October Midterm Break
Friday	7 th December	School Closure
Friday	20 th Dec 2019	School closes for Christmas at 12 midday
Monday	6 th January 2020	School Re-opens after Christmas
Thurs & Fri	20 th & 21 st Feb 2020	School Closed – Midterm Break
Mon & Tues	16 th & 17 th March 2020	Extended St. Patrick's Weekend
Friday	3 rd April 2020	School closes for Easter at 12midday
Monday	20 th April 2020	School re-opens after Easter
Monday	4 th May 2020	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Fri & Mon	29 th May & 1 st June	Extended June Bank Holiday Weekend
Friday	26 th June 2019	School closes at 12midday for Summer

2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR

If you are aware that your child(ren) will not be attending Scoil Barra Naofa next year, please be sure to contact Iníon Uí Bhuigh to discuss this as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Míle Buíochas.

1ST COMMUNION

The First Communion Ceremony will take place on Saturday 11th May at 10:30am.

A note with reminders in relation to this will be sent home next week, along with information regarding allocated seating from the PA.

If parents are interested in ordering photographs / DVDs, please contact the office, if you have not already done so.

6TH CLASS HOODIES

Consent forms in relation to the use of pupil's names on 6th Class hoodies will be sent home today and must be returned by Thursday 2nd of May. Thank you to parents who have already made payment of €25.

If you wish to purchase a hoody for your child in 6th Class, and have not already made payment, this needs to be made by Thursday 2nd May also.

Samples will be available to view in the school from this afternoon. 6th Class may wear this special hoodie, or their regular school hoodie / sweat shirt across Term 3.

DRAMA WORKSHOP-5TH AND 6TH

Nora Scannell, experienced drama teacher, will visit Scoil Barra Naofa on Friday May 10th. She will do a 2 hr workshop with 5th class and another with 6th Class. We look forward to a fun filled, educational drama experience for the senior classes.

STANDARDISED TESTING: MAY

During May, 1st to 6th Class pupils will undertake standardised testing in Spellings, Reading & Mathematics.

New tests are available and will be used by the school this year. An information note about the new tests will be circulated in the next week or so.

Please read this note carefully, (even if you feel you are familiar with the testing procedures), as there will be changes this year and it is important parents are aware of these. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the class teacher, or Principal.

STUDENT COUNCIL: SBN'S GOT TALENT

SBN's Got Talent was truly the greatest show!! From the amazing singers to the hilarious comedians, talented musicians and even a skipper, it really was a spectacle. All eleven acts were superb and worked so hard that any one of them would have been a worthy winner. None of them would have been able to perform as well as they did without the assistance of our sound engineer George, who ensured all of the music and props were perfect. The supremely poised and professional presenters Sarah and Sybil displayed amazing skill and ensured that the show ran smoothly. Our judges Tony, Laoise and Liam were hilarious and added an extra dimension to the experience.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make SBN's Got Talent 2019 a fun and entertaining show for the whole school. Congratulations to our winner – **LAF, a comedy group from Fourth Class**. Maith sibh! Finally, mile buíochas to Ms. Marshall for all her hard work in organising the event!

ALADDIN CONNECT

A gentle reminder to parents that have not yet signed up to Aladdin Connect to please do so. 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 in the next week or so**, as Standardised Test results and School Reports will be issued via Aladdin Connect in June 2019.

Permissions:

A new feature on Aladdin Connect was made available to schools over the Easter holidays and this allows for parents to provide consent / permissions, digitally through Aladdin Connect. This would save the school both time & paper, as well as eliminating permission slips getting lost at home / at school / in bags. We hope to trial this feature for parents who sign up to the Book Rental Scheme in the next few weeks!

SWIMMING 1ST-4TH CLASS 2019/2020

A reminder that if any parent 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.

To date only a very small number of parents have volunteered and it would wonderful if there were additional volunteers available. Thank you all, as always for your support.

CLOTHING COLLECTION



We are thrilled that €248 was raised for the school through the clothing collection held before the Easter holidays. Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to the NCBI and for your support!

HOMEWORK CLUB TERM: 3

Homework will go ahead for 5 weeks this term on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** only, commencing today April 30th until May 29th. If you are interested in sending your child and have not already signed them up, please contact the office.

CRAFT CLUB – TERM 3



Our final four weeks of Craft Club will take place **from tomorrow May 1st to May 22nd inclusive**, on Wednesdays from 2:35pm- 3:45pm. Craft Classes are open to pupils from 2nd -6th Class. New members are welcome.

The cost of 6 weeks of classes is €25 (4 x €5 per class PLUS €5 for materials etc). All money goes towards school fundraising. Forms are available through the office. Payment can be made via Aladdin ePayments – please contact the office for a link. Thank you for your support.

Finally a massive 'Míle Buíochas' to Bean Uí Bhuagh for volunteering her time every week at craft club. Go raibh maith agat!

AN TAISCE CLEAN UP

At the end of last term, 4th class headed for the park in Monkstown for the annual An Taisce Clean Up. They were well prepared for the task ahead with wellies and old shoes and an abundance of enthusiasm! Once all the protective gear was put on, they headed off to their designated area for the clean-up. They collected plenty of rubbish around the park and left it looking much cleaner. A big thank you to Vivian who helped out and was on hand to take all the rubbish away. Well done to 4th class for such a great effort!

FURNITURE

The school has some wooden storage units and a 4 drawer filing cabinet available free a good home. If anyone is interested, please contact the office.

HOLIDAYS

Our "Attendance Policy" is available to view on our website:

<https://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/24a.-Attendance-Policy-2016-17.pdf>

You will note that holidays taken during term time are not considered an acceptable reason for a pupil to be absent from school. This practice disrupts the teaching and learning programme being carried out and does not promote a good work ethic. Pupils also miss valuable socialisation experiences.

The end of the school year is an important time for pupils. Curricular programmes of learning are being completed; standardised tests are administered; school work is revised and consolidated; school activities such as tours, sports day etc. are planned. Pupils miss these important learning and socialisation opportunities if they are withdrawn unnecessarily for family holidays. Therefore there is no period of the school year where pupils "don't miss much".

If your child/ren are to miss school due to planned holidays, in accordance with procedure outlined in our Attendance Policy, *"parents should contact the Principal to explain the circumstances in person. This should be placed in writing also. The school is not obliged to provide extra work or homework to the pupil. It is the parent's responsibility, to assist their child in 'catching up' after a period of such absence. The school is not obliged to repeat any testing or other activity that the pupil may have missed due to holidays. Such absences will be included in any report made to NEWB, if a pupil reaches 20 days absent during the school year."* Mile Buíochas.

DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION

Douglas Credit Union will recommence saving scheme this Thursday.

OUR BIG LITTLE CHOIR

Our Big Little Choir will hold a charity concert on Friday May 24th at 6:30pm in Sacred Heart Church, Monkstown.

All proceeds will go to the Jack & Jill Foundation. It is not a ticketed event – there will be a donation bucket on the day. Please come and support Our Big Little Choir, if you can!

MONKSTOWN TIDY TOWNS

Meeting on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7pm in Monkstown Bay Sailing Club.

All welcome to discuss progress and activity planning. Text 0861451790 to be added to WhatsApp group updates.

CORK LOWER HARBOUR MAIN DRAINAGE PROJECT: INFORMATION EVENING

An information evening will take place on Wednesday 1st May from 4:30pm to 8pm in Scoil Barra Naofa school hall.

For further information, please see attached letter & information or contact Lucy Peters (Community Liaison Office) on 087-7214133.

POSITIVE PASSAGE – WALK OF HOPE

We are hosting our first Walk of Hope in aid of Pieta House on May 11th at 4am (For anyone who is still unfamiliar a "Walk of Hope" is a smaller-scale "Darkness into Light" walk with the community gathering to walk into the sunrise together!) The route is from Passage Soccer Club up to Hop Island on the road, and then entering the Greenway back to the Soccer Club.

Registration dates are on our Facebook page-Pieta Walk of Hope 2019 Passage.

Families €50, Adult €20, 6-17yrs €5.

We would be delighted if you could join us.

SHAMROCK BOYS' ACADAMEY

Every Friday evening in Shanbally from 6.30pm to 7.45pm, Gaelic Games in a Fun and fast paced environment, continues each week until the end of June, Monkstown NS students welcome!

SHAMROCKS LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

We are holding our registration evening for the new 2019/20 season in Shamrocks Clubhouse for all age groups.

- Tuesday the 30th of April and 7th of May 6.30-7.30pm
- Thursday the 2nd of May and 9th of May 7-8pm

All Welcome, New and Previous Members!

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**

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