



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Nuachtlitir #17

14ú Bealtaine 2019

A Chairde,

Well done to the pupils of 2nd Class who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a truly wonderful occasion for everyone involved! We have many more exciting events lined up in the coming weeks. Please read the contents of this newsletter carefully in relation to these!

*Mise le meas, **Ciara Ní Bhuaigh & Foireann na Scoile***

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday	16 th May 2019	Student Council Cake Sale
Wednesday	22 nd May 2019	1 st & 2 nd Class GAA Blitz (Shamrocks)
Wednesday	22 nd May 2019	5 th Class: Boat Trip
Friday	24 th May 2019	School Closure (Elections)
Wednesday	29 th May 2019	Green Schools: Fair Trade Day
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	6 th Class Walking Tour of Cork
Wednesday	5 th June 2019	7:30pm Incoming J.I.: Parents' Info Night
Thursday	6 th June 2019	1:45pm Incoming J.I.: Reception Afternoon
Mon-Fri	10-14 th June	Active Week
Tuesday	11 th June 2019	5 th Class Walking Tour of Cork
Monday	17 th June 2019	1 st & 2 nd Class Tour: Mardyke Arena
Monday	24 th June 2019	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Tour: Let's Go Trabeg
Tuesday	25 th June 2019	11am Graduation Mass
		6:45pm Graduation Concert followed by Disco
Wednesday	26 th June 2019	Junior Infants – Tír na Sí Open Farm
Thursday	27 th June 2019	6 th Class: Kinsale Outdoor Education Tour
Fri	28 th June	12midday – School Closes for Summer

SUMMER UNIFORM & SUN SCREEN / SUN HATS

Our Summer Uniform (**school** shorts and polo t-shirt, with **school** hoodie/sweatshirt), can be worn when the weather is appropriate! Mile Buíochas! Please remember that pupils should apply sunscreen daily and bring sun hats for outdoor activities.

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 Bhuaigh to discuss this as soon as possible.

For those anxious to know class teachers allocation for 2019/2020 school year, we hope to be in a position to inform parents of these towards the end of this month!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: APRIL 2019

Well done to our fantastic Principal's Award Winners for April. Maith sibh go léir!

Rang 1:	Doireann Fitzgerald	agus	Danielle Price
Rang 2:	Cian Macey	agus	Aimee O' Herlihy
Rang 3:	Mark Barry	agus	Billy Hanna
Rang 4:	Madison Spriggs	agus	Ali Hughes
Rang 5:	Sabrina Moynihan	agus	Conor Kennedy
Rang 6:	Andrew O' Connor	agus	Tara McSweeney

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the pupils of Second Class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Many thanks to Ms. Mulrooney and Fr. Seán who prepared them so well for their special day. Our thanks also to Mary, Jacqui, Audrey, Claudia, Jen, Vivian, Roger and all who helped with the preparations, as well as Georgina McHugh for the floral arrangements. Thanks to Christopher Hennessy for his musical accompaniment and to the Parents involved in the 'Do this in Memory' programme. Thank you to the PA and parents of 1st Class for organising the reception in the school. Míle Buíochas to all!

PORT OF CORK COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Well done to 5th Class, Mr. Walsh, Claudia and Mary who participated in the Port of Cork Schools Initiative for 2019. As a result of their efforts the class received a Special Recognition Award. They were presented with two science kits and will be treated to a boat trip around the harbour, compliments of the Port of Cork. Comhghairdeas!

The Port of Cork boat trip on the Harbour will take place on Wednesday 22nd May at 12midday. Permission for this trip is required, if it has not already been supplied. Please log on to your Aladdin connect account, where you will be able to provide consent for this trip digitally, or please write a permission note in your child's homework journal.

ALADDIN CONNECT & EPAYMENTS

If anyone needs assistance setting up Aladdin connect, downloading the app, or making ePayments, Jen would only be delighted to help. Contact Jen on 021-4842159.

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 was circulated last week and is attached to this newsletter also.** Please read this note carefully, 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.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Míle Buíochas to the PA & Parents' of Rang1 who organised the Communion Reception last Saturday for our Communicants and their families. Go raibh maith agaibh!

Save the date: The PA sports night will take place on Thursday 20th June in the Golf Club Practice Pitch ! More details to follow!

POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

The Board of Management and staff have several school policies under review at the moment, and would be delighted to have parental input in relation to some of these. Draft policies will be available (temporarily) for review on the following page on our website. <https://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/policies/draft-policies/> These draft policies will be available to view for the rest of May. If you have any feedback, suggestions or queries, please email them to info@scoilbarranaofa.ie or contact Iníon Uí Bhuaigh.

1. **Parental Involvement Policy:** We are so grateful that to have such enthusiastic involved parents here in SBN. Together with the PA we have formulated a (Draft) Parental Involvement Policy.
2. (Draft) **Acceptable Use of Digital Technologies and the Internet Policy:** As part of our School Self Evaluation and work on our Digital Learning Plan, we have reviewed our Acceptable Usage Policy.
3. **Homework Policy:** Ahead of the 2019/2020 school year we are reviewing our Homework Policy and would appreciate parents' views on homework. We have compiled a questionnaire, which we would very much appreciate if parents could complete before Monday next 20th May 2019. The survey can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebjoFHxc7PhCx0hr9SDZeKfWSPp9Rq5Rwpxap9kL1Ydf1z_w/viewform?usp=sf_link

1ST & 2ND CLASS – SHAMROCK'S GAA BLITZ

Shamrock's GAA Club are organising a Blitz for 1st & 2nd classes on Wednesday May 22nd from 12noon-2pm. They will be back in the school for 2:30pm collection.

Pupils will need:

- To wear appropriate footwear, sun cream, sun hat etc.
- Bring their gumshield.
- Bring a small bag with water & a snack

A €2 contribution towards the cost of the bus would be appreciated, and can be sent into the class teacher. Permission for pupils to attend is also required. **Please log on to your Aladdin connect account, where you will be able to provide consent for this trip digitally, or please write a permission note in your child's homework journal.** Bainigí taitneamh as an lá!

BOOK RENTAL

The Book Lists for the 2019/2020 school year will be circulated to parents today, by email. We hope that it will be more convenient for parents to have the Book List emailed and therefore on file (as paper copies of the lists get lost every year!!).

The permission / agreement to the terms of the Book Rental Scheme can be done via Aladdin Connect this year. (So there is no need to print the permission slip at bottom of book list). You will receive an email in relation to this also. If you are signing up to the Book Rental Scheme, simply sign into Aladdin Connect and click for the 'permission'.

Payment should be made before Friday 31st May. **It is the Book Rental Committee's preference that payment be made through the ePayment system this year.** If you would prefer to pay via cash or cheque, please do so via the office or send the exact amount in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on it. Thank you!

Huge thanks to our fantastic Book Rental Committee – Carla James, Sandra Moynihan, Gail Sheil and Emma White – who voluntarily organise the scheme. Míle Buíochas!

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.

CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club will finish for the year on the 22nd of May. We would like to thank all of the pupils who attended across the year – we hope you have enjoyed, learned and benefitted from the classes. Keep up your craft work across the summer! We look forward to hopefully seeing new and familiar faces next year.

Sincere thanks to Bean Uí Bhuaigh who gives of her time every year to Scoil Barra Naofa completely voluntarily and ensures that Craft Club is a success. Míle Buíochas!

We are also very grateful to the parents who have supported Craft Club. As you are aware, the proceeds go entirely to school fundraising. We are delighted to have raised **over €3,100** approx through the Craft Club this school year. We hope that this money will contribute to the next Classroom Renovation. Míle Buíochas!

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council will hold a cake sale on Thursday May 16th in aid of the World Wildlife Fund. The cake sale will be held in the halla from 11am to 1pm and will be run by the Student Councillors. Any pupil who bakes cakes will get a Homework Pass. To qualify the cakes need to be homemade. It would be helpful if the cakes were wrapped in tinfoil or clingfilm. **This year we are only accepting small cakes, cookies and muffins.** Please ensure that the cakes do NOT contain nuts, kiwi or pineapple. If you need the plate or container back, please ensure that you clearly label it with your child's name and class. As always thanking you for your continued support and generosity. On the day all classes will get to go buy cakes in the halla. Please ensure that your child has money if they wish to purchase cakes. Again please do not send in paper money with any child. Coins will be sufficient. Thank You for your support!

GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

We are learning about Fairtrade products and what Fairtrade means. This is part of our application for the next Green Schools Flag, which will be Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. We are hoping to create awareness around Fairtrade and that we might give consideration to Fairtrade products and why it is important to choose them. We are running an in school colouring/art competition this month on designing a new Fairtrade symbol and posters. **Our Fair Trade Party on Wednesday the 29th of May. Children may bring in a fair trade item to school** i.e. fair trade banana, fruit or a chocolate bar.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Well done to all who worked on the school gardens and surrounds to have it looking so lovely for last Saturday's First Communion celebrations.

There has been new planting in the gardens. In the lower section under the school yards and adjacent to the road, native trees have been planted. Eight trees in all-2 rowan, 2 silver birch and 4 crab apples. As these grow they will really enhance the visual aspect. Beside the path down to the lower door, herb beds have been installed. We are growing chives, mint, chervil, coriander, lamb's lettuce, basil, salad mix, gherkins and carrots. 4th Class in particular have been helping with the planting. Passage West Men's Shed members had an involvement, having built bird boxes for us. Monkstown Tidy Towns Group is being formed. The new Tidy Towns hope to liaise with the school. There are plans also to plant up the old wall running outside the school. This is a heritage wall and the new planting would draw attention to its special qualities.

Many thanks to Aoife Fleury and Holly Warren for all their work on the garden and for securing grant funding to enable projects to be completed.

ENGINEERING IN A BOX: 5TH CLASS

Our 5th Class pupils have been engaging with the Engineering in a Box programme every week this term and this will continue for the rest of term. Check out our website to see them making DIY Wind turbines! Our pupils learned about the various types of renewable energy sources! The class are really enjoying making various constructions and doing lots of experiments! Thanks to Dermot and DePuy for their time and help!

DRAMA WORKSHOP-5TH AND 6TH

Fifth and Sixth Classes participated in a drama workshop facilitated by award winning actress and producer, Nora Scannell, from Rossmore. The children played drama games and took part in variety of improvisations. Great fun was had by all! Go raibh maith agat, Nora!

TITANIC EXPERIENCE

Before the Easter holidays Third Class were learning about the story of Titanic. Thank you to Noah's Mum, Sonia, who came in to talk to the class about the Titanic and the Titanic Experience in Cobh. She brought lovely activity and information booklets for the class, along with passenger tickets. The class really enjoyed the lesson along with the question and answer session. Go raibh maith agat, Sonia!

DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION

Douglas Credit Union will continue with its saving scheme this Thursday. Many thanks to Gary for making a presentation to our Communion Class in relation to savings!

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

Village Tidy-Up: May 18th – Sand Quay @ 9am-10:30am.

Equipment Provided. Bring your own gloves. Litter picking / weeding in village area.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHES APPEAL

Saturday 18th May – 10am-3:30pm. Monkstown Pier Car Park (Opposite Bosun)
Local Conference members will be in attendance at the collection point for the day. We would really appreciate your support!

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

Training continues, Shamrock's Pitch Shanbally
U6/8+U10+U12+U14 Tues 6.30-7.30pm.
U16+Junior (Ladies) Thurs 7-8pm Big welcome to all!

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