



# SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

**Nuachtlitir #18**

**28ú Bealtaine 2019**

A Chairde,

As we enter our final five weeks of the school term and school year, life in the school becomes very busy. The majority of classes have completed their Standardised Tests at this stage. Our athletics squad will be heading to City Sports at the end of this week, and then we enter school tour season! Next week we will also welcome our newest members of the school community – our incoming Junior Infants and their parents!

*Mise le meas,*

***Ciara Ní Bhuaigh & Foireann na Scoile***

## **UPCOMING DATES**

|                      |  |   |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Wednesday            | 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2019                            | Green Schools: Fair Trade Day   |
| Thursday             | 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2019                            | Cork City Sports  |
| <b>Fri &amp; Mon</b> | <b>31<sup>st</sup> May &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> | <b>School Closure (Bank Holiday Weekend)</b>                              |
| Tuesday              | 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                            | 7:30pm Meeting: Parents of Current Junior & Senior Infants (School Hall)  |
| Wednesday            | 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                            | 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Walking Tour of Cork                                |
| Wednesday            | 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                            | 7:30pm Incoming J.I.: Parents' Info Night                                 |
| Thursday             | 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                            | 1:45pm Incoming J.I.: Reception Afternoon                                 |
| Mon-Fri              | 10-14 <sup>th</sup> June                             | Active Week   |
| Tuesday              | 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                           | 5 <sup>th</sup> Class Walking Tour of Cork                                |
| Monday               | 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Tour: Mardyke Arena               |
| Monday               | 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Tour: Let's Go Trabeg |
| Tuesday              | 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                           | 11am Graduation Mass  |
|                      |  | 6:45pm Graduation Concert followed by Disco                               |
| Wednesday            | 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                           | Junior & Senior Infants – Tír na Sí Open Farm                             |
| Thursday             | 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019                           | 6 <sup>th</sup> Class: Kinsale Outdoor Education Tour                     |
| Fri                  | 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                | 12midday – School Closes for Summer                                       |

## **2019/2020 DATES**

Apologies for the errors in last fortnight's newsletter. Dates for all school events and holidays are available on the school website <https://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/events/> .

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|-------------|---|--|
| Monday      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019                  | School Re-opens after Summer Holidays    |
| Mon-Fri     | 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2019 | October Midterm Break                    |
| Friday      | 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019                       | School closes for Christmas at 12 midday |
| Monday      | 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020                    | School Re-opens after Christmas          |
| Thurs & Fri | 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2020    | School Closed – Midterm Break            |
| Mon & Tues  | 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020  | Extended St. Patrick's Weekend           |
| Friday      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020                      | School closes for Easter at 12midday     |
| Monday      | 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020                     | School re-opens after Easter             |
| Monday      | 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020                        | Bank Holiday (School Closed)             |
| Fri & Mon   | 29 <sup>th</sup> May & 1 <sup>st</sup> June     | Extended June Bank Holiday Weekend       |
| Friday      | 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020                      | 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 Bhuaiigh to discuss this as soon as possible.

## **STAFFING FOR THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Junior Infants: | Ms Geraldine Kelly  |
| Senior Infants: | Ms Sharon Mulrooney & Ms. Edel Dwyer                        |
| 1st Class:      | Ms Áine O' Connell & Mrs Jenny O' Boyle                     |
| 2nd Class:      | Ms Lisa Marshall  |
| 3rd Class:      | Mr. Gerard O' Connell                                       |
| 4th Class:      | Ms. Mairéad Ní Bhéara                                       |
| 5th Class:      | <i>Teacher to be appointed</i>                              |
| 6th Class:      | <i>Teacher to be appointed</i>                              |
| SET:            | Mr. Diarmuid Murphy, Ms. Therese Flannery, Ms. Kim Treharne |

The NCSE & DES confirmed this week that our SNA allocation for 2019/2020 will remain unchanged.

## **MEETING: PARENTS OF JUNIOR & SENIOR INFANTS**

Parents of our current Junior & Senior Infants are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday next 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm** in the school hall. Please see the letter emailed to parents this morning / sent home this afternoon for more details. We look forward to meeting you!

## **CITY SPORTS**

**On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May**, our athletics teams will participate in Cork City & County Sports in CIT. We wish them the very best of luck!



A note with more information has been circulated to parents of the athletes in the coming days. As usual, the meeting point is the entrance of the GAA pitches in CIT.

- The boys' team will meet Iníon Uí Bhuaiigh and Mr. O' Connell at 9:45am SHARP.
- The girls' team will meet Iníon Uí Bhuaiigh and Mr. Walsh at 1:45pm SHARP.

Pupils will enter the pre-race and racing areas with the teachers. Parents will not accompany the team and must enter the general spectators' area with other parents. If you have any questions or need to contact the Iníon Uí Bhuaiigh on the day, please ring the school mobile on 0867035900. Best of luck to the team!

## **STANDARDISED TESTS**

Standardised Test results for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes for English Reading, Maths and Spellings will be reported to parents via Aladdin Connect this Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. You will receive a text to inform you that they have been made available to you.

You will be able to view your child's results by logging on to Aladdin Connect and clicking into your child's profile (click on their name / photo). In your child's profile, select "Test Results" from the Student Menu. There you should be able to view your child's Standardised Test results for this year, and previous years also. As per email sent to 1st Class parents yesterday, the only sTen available to 1st Class parents will be in relation to Spellings, as the new English Reading & Maths tests used this year are screening rather than standardised tests.

A reminder to parents, that the school would recommend not sharing these results with children themselves, and it can put undue pressure on pupils from year to year. They have all done their very best, and should be praised for their efforts.

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions in relation to the tests, your child's class teacher would be happy to discuss these – simply contact the office and Jen will arrange an appointment for you. Mile Buíochas!



## **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.

## **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION: SPORTS NIGHT!**

The PA sports night will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June in the Golf Club Practice Field  
Time: **6.30pm sharp**. Races will start immediately – so Pre-schoolers & junior classes should be ready at the starting line at 6:30pm to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget to bring your Potato & Spoon & tie for 3 legged race, along with your Picnic Blanket so your family can enjoy your snacks on the evening!

Donations: We would be delighted if parents could donate some cakes for the Cake Sale on the night! Donations of books for our book stall would also be appreciated!

More details to follow!! Looking forward to a great night for all!!!



## **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! Míle Buíochas! Please remember that pupils should apply sunscreen daily and bring sun hats for outdoor activities.

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

Our uniform supplier – Laura's of Douglas, will be in the school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 1pm-2:30pm. They will provide a discount that day and that week in store. Price list is attached.

## **BOOK RENTAL**

A reminder that payment for Book Rental should be made before this Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

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'.

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 1<sup>ST</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup> CLASS 2019/2020**

We are organising Swimming lessons for next year's First, Second, Third and Fourth Classes, in Leisureworld, Bishopstown. Each class will have five sessions:



- First & Third Class: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Second & Fourth Class: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

The cost per pupil is €40 for lessons and transport. This is based on the cost of pool hire €110 per session, instructors €30 each per session and bus hire €180 per session.

**Please log on to your Aladdin connect account, where you will be able to provide consent to attend swimming lessons digitally.** If you wish to provide permission in writing please write a note in your child's homework journal and ensure s/he shows this to his/her class teacher. Payment can be made using Aladdin ePayments. A link will be emailed to all parents. Payment by cash/cheque should be done through the school office. Payment should be made **by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019** – so please do not feel under pressure to make payment immediately.

Swimming is an important component of the Physical Education Curriculum and all children are expected to take part, unless there is a medical condition preventing them from doing so. If this is the case, please ensure that you contact the school Principal to discuss.



Green-Schools

### **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 is 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.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Well done to the Student Council and Ms. Marshall who raised €366 for the World Wildlife Fund last week. The halla looked like the set for Great Irish Bake Off and we fully expected Mary Berry to pop in to sample all of the delicious treats on offer. Our pupils and parents are amazing and talented bakers and this was a fun day at school. As always thank you for your continued generosity and support!

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

Thank you to everyone at Shamrock's GAA for organising a wonderful full filled Blitz for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class last week. A wonderful day was had by all. Míle Buíochas!

## **3RD CLASS: LIFETIME LABS**

Third Class just completed the Marine Explorers Programme with the Lifetime Labs. Following on from their workshop, the class undertook individual projects centred around the Marine theme. Projects included those based on sea life, climate change, pollution of plastic and the RNLI. Cormac visited from Lifetime Labs and taught us lesson and we presented our projects. Poppy, our new class mate designed a wonderful jellyfish costume out of recyclable materials. Well done, Rang a Trí!



## **6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS: JUNIOR ENTREPRENEUR**

Four representatives from Sixth Class – Laoise, Sarah, Eve and Aoibhe travelled to the RDS for the Junior Entrepreneur Showcase Day last Monday. The children had a fantastic day, chatting to other entrepreneurs about their companies and participating in the award ceremony presented by Marty Morrissey and a host of other well-known RTE personalities. They were fortunate enough to get Ryan Tubridy's autograph who was extremely impressed with the level of entrepreneurship on display. The children were thrilled to be short listed in the 'Creative Pioneers' category and the 'Marketing Gurus' category! The children were awarded a specially commissioned Junior Entrepreneur medal. Well done to 6<sup>th</sup> Class and to Ms. Murphy for all of their work! Maith sibh!

## **5TH CLASS: HARBOUR BOAT TRIP**



Fifth Class went on their tour of Cork harbour last week! This trip was part of the prize awarded for the Port of Cork competition. The children enjoyed a trip around Rochespoint Lighthouse, Spike Island, Haulbowline, Crosshaven, Whitegate, forts Camden and Carlisle as well as some of the beautiful bays around the harbour. A great time was had by all!

## **SCOIL BARRA NAOFA SUMMER CAMP**

**Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>– Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Sport, Games and Fun for all ages 3 and up!!!!**

**Phone 0874100350 for enquiries!**

## **DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION**

Douglas Credit Union will continue with its saving scheme this Thursday.

## **MONKSTOWN STREET FEAST**

**MONKSTOWN  
STREET FEAST**  
*Lets Get Together.... 2019*  
**Bring your own picnic to the park!**  
**Sunday, June 9th**  
**1 - 4 pm**

Fun for all.....  
*Ice Cream Van & live Music*  
*Entertainment for kids*  
**Table & Chairs Provided • Free Event**  
(Please bring home all waste, keep Monkstown tidy)

## **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 |

## **STARCAMP**

Camps based in Carrigaline in both July & August. The camp runs for 5 days from 9:30 – 2:30pm and children aged 4-12 will be sub divided into their own age groups for advancing programs. For a limited time, they offer an instalment option whereby €20 will secure your place.

**BOOK YOUR LIMITED PLACE NOW AT [WWW.STARCAMP.IE](http://WWW.STARCAMP.IE) / CALL 021-4377900.**

**See flyer attached to newsletter for dates and locations!**