



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Nuachtlitir #19

11ú Meitheamh 2019

A Chairde,

Many thanks to all of the parents who have reached out to me over the past week – I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and well wishes – Míle Buíochas! Please ensure that you have read the correspondence from the Board of Management in relation to appointments, which will be attached to this Newsletter email also.

Meanwhile it is business as usual, in what is a fun and activity filled remainder of school term. School tours have commenced in some classes, and this week is Active Week. School reports will be issued on Friday, which is also our school Sports Day.

Mise le meas,

Ciara Ní Bhuaigh & Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING DATES

Mon-Fri	10-14 th June	Active Week
Tuesday	11 th June 2019	5 th Class Walking Tour of Cork
Friday	14 th June 2019	Sports Day
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 & Senior 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

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 the office to discuss this as soon as possible.

6TH CLASS: GRADUATION NIGHT

A gentle reminder to parents of 6th class to return completed form regarding supervision and dietary requirements at the Graduation Disco to Ms. Murphy asap. Thank You!

1ST & 2ND CLASS SCHOOL TOUR REMINDERS:

Mardyke Arena Activity Tour - next Monday 17th June. Normal school hours. Please be punctual as we intend to leave the school shortly after 8:50am. School tracksuit and suitable runners to be worn. Bring packed lunch and drinks. Rain gear/sunscreen as necessary! We hope our pupils enjoy their day!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: MAY

Well done to the final Principal's Award Winners for this school year. We are extremely proud of all of our pupils, of their hard work and many personal achievements across the school year. Well done to:

Rang 1: Isabel Cush agus Laylah Browne

Rang 2 : Sophia Creighton agus Ayda Bruen

Rang 3 : Poppy Nolan agus Billy Hanna

Rang 4 : Tia Delea agus Cameron McGinty

Rang 5 : Dara Headworth agus Daisy Mulcahy

Rang 6 : Lena Garcia agus Milly Ryan

Maith sibh!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION: SPORTS NIGHT!



The PA sports night will take place on Thursday 20th 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!

Looking forward to a great night for all!!!

SCHOOL REPORTS

Each child's Annual End of School Year Report Card will be released to parents via Aladdin Connect this Friday 14th June 2019.

EXCITING SPONSORSHIP NEWS!

Yesterday Iníon Uí Bhuaigh, along with two pupil representatives, were thrilled and delighted to visit the **Janssen** site in Ringaskiddy to collect a cheque for **€20,000** ! We are delighted and so appreciative that Janssen were agreeable to sponsor such a substantial proportion of our Classroom Renovation Project. Míle Buíochas, Janssen!

We are also extremely grateful for a private donation of €1,000 which was received last week. Míle Buíochas ó chroí!

SUMMER WORKS PLANS

As a result of the €21,000 donations received above, and the additional €5,300 which is already in the fundraising pot from donations and events in 2019 so far, the school is in a position to proceed with the next stage of the Classroom Renovation / School Development Plan.

During (and after) the summer holidays the following will take place:

- New flooring (total cost approx. €18,000)
 - Specialised 'Sport' flooring for the school hall
 - Corridor areas outside Juniors, Seniors, 1st & 2nd Class & steps in this area
 - Kitchenette and three toilet areas downstairs
 - Junior & Senior Infants Classrooms & Toilets
- Classroom renovation work (painting, noticeboards, storage, furniture, IT updates etc) in Juniors & Senior Infant classrooms (€7,000 approx)
- New polisher to maintain new flooring

The school also intends to purchase new Science Equipment over the summer for pupils to use from September 2019, costing approximately €1,000 or more.

We are extremely excited about these developments and hope that these brighter environments continue to provide optimum settings for our pupils to learn and play in.

STANDARDISED TESTS

Standardised Test results for 2nd to 6th Classes for English Reading, Maths and Spellings, and 1st Class for Spellings are now available to parents via Aladdin Connect.

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.

Please remember, as per our communication in May, **there was a nationwide re-standardisation of the tests, and as a result ALL schools in Ireland are reporting some significant changes in STEN score** (with drops of up to 4 STEN scores being reported). Similar changes would have been noted in SBN this and with this in mind, a change in STEN should not be a cause for alarm for parents.

Of course, 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. Míle Buíochas!

SWIMMING 1ST-4TH CLASS 2019/2020



Swimming lessons are booked for next year's 1st-4th Classes, in Leisureworld, Bishopstown. Each class will have five sessions:

- First & Third Class: Monday 9th September – Monday 7th October
- Second & Fourth Class: Monday 14th October – Monday 18th

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. Payment by cash/cheque should be done through the school office. Payment should be made **by Friday 21st June 2019.**

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.

HOMEWORK POLICY – SURVEY RESULTS

Many thank to the 101 parents who provided the school with valuable feedback in relation to homework.

The following are some of the statistics and information gathered:

- 76.2% of respondents felt homework was beneficial
- The most commonly selected reasons for homework being beneficial were:
 - To consolidate and re-enforce what the child learns in school.
 - To provide a link between teacher and parent, and promote partnership between home and school in supporting a child's learning.
 - To develop concentration, good study habits / skills and independent learning.
- Anxiety amongst students, homework cutting into family time and pupils already working hard enough in school were most commonly selected as reasons why homework is NOT beneficial.
- The following were most commonly listed as the most beneficial activities for homework: Reading, Tables, Spellings, Maths Activities.
- The following most commonly listed as the least beneficial homework activities: Colouring/Drawing, Excessive amount of written tasks.
- 45.6% of respondents reported their child had a positive/very positive attitude towards homework, 38.6% reporting a neutral attitude and 15.9% reporting a negative/very negative attitude.
- 66.3% of parents reported that they themselves have a positive/very positive attitude to homework, 26.7% with a neutral attitude and 7% with a negative/very negative attitude towards homework.
- Only 3% of respondents reported that their child never needed help with homework.
- 30.7% of parents stated homework never caused stress at home, 53.5% stated it sometimes caused stress, 14.9% often caused stress and 1% always caused stress

We are very grateful to the wide range and variety of suggestions and feedback that parents gave in the open ended questions. We appreciate the time that you all took to provide this feedback.

Due to the sheer volume and huge wide varying range of suggestions, it is impossible to incorporate all of these suggestions. However, staff have studied these and have selected the most common themes and have endeavoured to reflect these in our (Draft) Homework Policy, which is currently been drawn up. Míle 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.

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.

SCHOOL GARDEN - NEWS

Judges from the Muintir na Tíre Cork Schools Garden Competition visited the school this morning and met with some of our pupils. Fingers crossed that all of our hard work will pay off, with results being announced on the final week of term.

Well done to all of the pupils who have been busy watering, weeding, painting and helping to maintain the garden in the summer months. Special thank you to Aoife O' Mahony (Fleury) for all of the hard work put in planning and co-ordinating the work of the Garden Committee. Míle Buíochas!

GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 29th May was Fairtrade Awareness Day in Scoil Barra Naofa. Children brought in a piece of fruit or a treat item with the Fairtrade mark to enjoy while watching a video explaining Fairtrade. There was an Art/Poster Competition held in school to highlight Fairtrade and the Fairtrade logo. Well done to our winners :

Junior Infants:	Robyn Barry and Rohan Fleury
Senior Infants:	Ross Murray and Aisling Ní Shúilleabháin
First Class:	Maisie Hanna and Callum Carroll
Second Class:	Freya O' Connor and Sophia Creighton
Third Class:	Mark Barry and Sophia White
Fourth Class:	Bo Parkes and Thomas Coughlan
Fifth Class:	Ana Daly and Oonagh Quane
Sixth Class:	Lena Garcia and David McSweeney

Thanks to the Green Committee for organising the day!

CITY SPORTS SUCCESS

Well done to all our participants in the City Sports on Thursday 30th May.

The boys team had a great morning in CIT, racing exceptionally well. Special congratulations to Charlie Warren who came third in his race. Maith sibh a bhuachailí!

Well done to all of the girls who competed in the afternoon – with special congratulations to Tara McSweeney, Tia Delea, Miyah Delea and Beth Barry who all came first in their races. They all went on to race in the County Quarter Finals – representing the school so well. Beth advanced to the County Final itself – coming fourth! The under eleven relay team of Romy Barry, Scarlett Peterson, Ella Dinan and Lauren Dinan came second in the relays and the girls team won a cup as the overall winners of their section!

All of our pupils did really well and we are very proud of all of them. Maith sibh go léir!

6TH CLASS: WALKING TOUR

Sixth Class had a very interesting and enjoyable guided tour of Cork City last week. They learned the history of the English Market and how Cork business depended on the 3 B's- butter, beef and beer. They noted the listed buildings of the city, the architecture and style of buildings. They visited the North Channel of the Lee, the Firkin Crane and Shandon. They visited the Huguenot/French Quarter of the city and explored the Port of Cork. They enjoyed at trip to the Butter Museum and finished off with a visit to Linehan's – the oldest and the only remaining sweet manufacturer in Cork city, undoubtedly the highlight of the tour!!

SCOIL BARRA NAOFA SUMMER CAMP

Monday July 1st– Friday July 5th, 2019
Sport, Games and Fun for all ages 3 and up!!!!
Phone 0874100350 for enquiries!

DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION & PLAYBALL

Douglas Credit Union has now finished for this year and will commence again in September.

The last Playball of the term will be this coming Monday 17th June 2019.

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 for children aged 4-12. For a limited time, they offer an instalment option whereby €20 will secure your place. **BOOK YOUR LIMITED PLACE NOW AT**

WWW.STARCAMP.IE / CALL 021-4377900.