



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter #1

11th September 2019

A Chairde,

Céad míle fáilte ar ais ar scoil chuig gach uile duine!! A warm welcome back to you all after the summer – it's great to see everyone smiling and enthusiastic. I have enjoyed meeting you all over the past fortnight and encourage you to come and say hello in the mornings and afternoons. We would particularly like to welcome our new Junior Infant pupils and their parents to the school community. We look forward to many wonderful years working together.

September is an extremely busy time in a school's calendar and I would encourage you all to note the contents of this newsletter in order to ensure as smooth a start as possible to the new school year. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the office on 021-4842159. The office is open from **8:40am-2:40pm.**

Looking forward to another great year here in Scoil Barra Naofa. We are off to a flying start already. Is fíor an seanfhocal – “Tús maith leath na hoibre”

Mise le meas,

Ger O' Brien agus Foireann na Scoile

UPCOMING ROADWORKS

From September 16th to October 20th a road closure at Glen Road/Sand Quay will be in operation. Only local residents will be able to access Church Hill by car during this time. Footpaths will remain open from Sand Quay and Glen Road on to Church Hill. This will allow you to park at the playground on Glen Road and walk to and from school from this point. Machinery will cease operating for fifteen minutes each morning and afternoon to allow for a calm and quiet drop and collection of pupils. O Connor Utilities have also assured us that they will have two monitors on duty at these times in order to ensure your children's safety while walking past the roadworks/machinery.

Should you wish to drive to school you will be required to follow the diversions in place. You may be familiar with the system as you may have followed this diversion over the

Summer months. From Monkstown you will be able to drive along Castle Road, past Monkstown Tennis Club and upwards to Scotsman's Road. From Scotman's Road you can drive down Fairy Hill to Scoil Barra Naofa. Those coming from Diamond Hill should be unaffected.

We encourage you to drop your children as safely and efficiently as possible and continue down Chapel Hill afterwards. This system should allow children be dropped safely without encountering oncoming traffic and should allow road users to complete their journey as safely and fluidly as possible. We ask you to be mindful of our residents and fellow roadusers, particularly those using our wheelchair accessible spaces both inside and outside the gates.

For those dropping children to preschool in Little Acorns you will have the option of parking in the church and walking to Scoil Barra Naofa from there. We ask again that you drop and collect as efficiently and as safely as possible and with other road users and local residents in mind.

Any further queries regarding the roadworks or diversions can be communicated to Michelle Crotty, Community Liason Officer, 0877214133

SCHOOL GATES

We kindly ask parents and guardians to use the pedestrian gate when dropping and collecting children. This is to ensure the safety of the children as they enter and exit the school. The school carpark is in use up to 8.50am every morning and with this in mind we ask you not to enter or exit through these gates with the exception of those using buggies or using the wheelchair accessible space. We thank you for you cooperation on this matter.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Last year we introduced the Aladdin system in Scoil Barra Naofa and feedback has been very positive. The system of paying class expenses through Aladdin ensures a transparent and convenient process of payment. Going forward, when money is due for Class Expenses, Voluntary Contributions, School Tours or any school activity that is relevant to your children (for amounts over €5), you will receive a text/email message containing your payment access link. Please do not forward this text/email or share this access link as this link is unique for your family only. The link will bring you to a parent

payment page which will contain all payments requested for all siblings in a family. There is only one link per family ensuring you have the option to pay all amounts due for all your children in one transaction. Alternatively you may choose to pay in installments of amounts that suit you. Once you have completed your payment, you will be issued with a reference number. You will also receive an email receipt which will contain details of the transaction and reference number. Please quote this reference number in any queries you may have as regards this payment with the school.

We hope that you will find the Aladdin ePayments facility useful and that it is a very successful system for all. Any queries contact Jen in the Office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar can be accessed on www.scoilbarranaofa.ie as well as through the Aladdin app. Here you will find dates for closures, as well as upcoming activities. For smartphone users – a handy feature is that events can be saved directly to your smart phone calendar!

The following are some important dates for the 2019/2020 School calendar:

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| Wed | Sep 25 th 8pm | <u>Parents' Association AGM – All welcome</u> |
| Mon-Fri | 28th Oct – 1st Nov | October Midterm Break |
| Friday | 20th Dec 2019 | School closes for Christmas at 12 midday |
| Monday | 6th January 2020 | School Re-opens after Christmas |
| Thurs & Fri | 20th & 21st Feb 2020 | School Closed – Midterm Break |
| Mon & Tues | 16th & 17th March 2020 | Extended St. Patrick's Weekend |
| Friday | 3rd April 2020 | School closes for Easter at 12midday |
| Monday | 20th April 2020 | School re-opens after Easter |
| Monday | 4th May 2020 | Bank Holiday (School Closed) |
| Fri & Mon | 29th May & 1st June | Extended June Bank Holiday Weekend |
| Friday | 26th June 2019 | School closes at 12midday for Summer |

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday May 9th. Further details to follow.

STAFF

There are a lot of new faces in the staffroom this year! We welcome **Ms Jenny Boyle** as First Class teacher. We welcome back **Ms Áine O Connell** also working as First Class teacher. **Ms. Dwyer** returns as Senior Infants teacher and will be working with Ms Mulrooney. **Ms O'Brien** takes over as principal this year. We look forward to working with you and getting to know you all this year.



Jen will be in the office from **8:40am – 2:40pm** and is contactable via email on oifig@scoilbarranaofa.ie .

SCIATH NA SCOL

After school training will take place on Wednesdays in Passage GAA from **2.40pm 3.30pm**. Passage GAA have kindly organised volunteers to assist Mr Walsh in training the boys and girls of 4th, 5th and 6th classes. Pupils & parents should make own transport arrangements and ensure children are collected at **3.30pm**. Thank you Mr Walsh for giving up your time to train the children.

GAA COACHING

GAA coach Ronan Harrington was in SBN last Friday coaching the various classes & he will be joined by Eoghan Walsh this Friday. They will also assist Mr Walsh with after school training for Sciath na Scol. A special word of thanks to Terry Murphy of Centra, Rochestown whose kind sponsorship has afforded the children this opportunity.

CREDIT UNION

Douglas Credit Union will be visiting the school on Wednesday mornings. This is a wonderful facility and a wonderful opportunity to encourage the children to save. Anyone interested in setting up an account for their child should come on September 18th at 10am and bring the following documentation;

Child's ID

Parent's ID

Proof of Address (in parent's name)

Child's PPS No.

BOOK RENTAL

Our thanks to the parents on the Book Rental Committee Sandra Moynihan, Carla James, Gail Sheil and Emma White who volunteered their time and worked so diligently across the summer organising the pupils' schoolbooks! Míle Buíochas ó chroí.

SWIMMING



First Class and Third Class began their 5 week swimming module on Monday 9th September. We hope they enjoy and benefit from these lessons. As part of this program the children will also be learning about water safety. We encourage you to talk to the children on this important subject.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION – THANK YOU

Our thanks to our Parents' Association for organising a fabulous tea and coffee morning for Junior Infant parents. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents, especially those new to the school community to meet each other! Míle Buíochas.

On Fri 13th Sept, the PA has arranged a play session for Junior Infants in Kool Kidz, after school (this is the final day of the 12midday finishing time). There will be a reduced rate of €5 per child, drinks provided for children. It will be another great opportunity for children and parents to socialise outside of school! Enjoy!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - AGM

The Parents' Association AGM will take place on **Tuesday 18th September at 7:30pm** in the school hall. I would encourage all parents to attend this meeting, as all parents in the school community are considered members of the PA. It is important for all parents to hear about and acknowledge the great work carried out by the PA Committee last year. Your positive outlook and supportive involvement in the school are crucial and have a positive effect on your children's attitudes towards school.



On the night there will also be an opportunity to hear from myself and the Chairperson of the Board of Management, Don McAleese. As the current Board of Management will be stepping aside at the end of their current term we will also be seeking parent (one male and one female) nominees for the next Board of Management. On the night we will describe what exactly is involved in being part of the Board of the Management. If this is something you may have an interest in please do attend.

I would also encourage you all to consider joining the Parents' Association Committee. The committee engages in the fantastic organisation of the wonderful social and fundraising occasions across the school year. The committee meet approximately once a month and it is an excellent way to meet other parents, to get to know the workings of the school, school policies and other aspects of school life. Your involvement, whether on a regular or occasional basis, is very much appreciated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child is wearing the full school uniform or tracksuit as appropriate, every day. Children from First to Sixth will have their P.E. days written in their homework journals. Please note that the school hoodie is the only one that can be worn in school. If your child is cold, another jumper can be worn under his / her school uniform. Do label all your child's jumpers and t-shirts.

Summer uniform can be worn, if the weather is appropriate, for the month of September.

Full uniform should be worn on these dates.

School photographs will be taken on an individual and group basis on **Monday Sep 23rd and Tues Sep 24th.**

School mass on **September 25th.**

SWAP & DROP

The PA will organise a swap and drop facility for old uniforms whereby you can drop old, clean uniforms to the PA shed and swap for uniforms in another size. This will begin the week of September 23rd.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Christine Mc Carthy will be in the school on Monday September 23rd and Tuesday September 24th to take photos of the Junior Infants. She will also take group photos of the classes as well as siblings should you wish. Please ensure your children are in full school uniform on these days. Further details on orders and payment to follow.

CONTACT DETAILS & TEXTS

It is very important that the school is able to contact you in case of emergency. Please ensure that the office has the most up to date contact details, and supply another contact person (childminder / grandparent etc.) if you are unable to take calls. You can also update your details on the Aladdin app.

WORK OVER THE SUMMER

We are delighted with the work that has taken place over the summer here in the school - some of which I'm sure you will have noticed!!!

Junior and Senior Infant classrooms have received a makeover this Summer. New flooring and furniture make the rooms smart and comfortable. Vivian has also installed new storage and sinks in both rooms. Work in these rooms is ongoing and we hope to have the painting finished over mid-term.

Our lower corridors and halla have also been fitted with new flooring. Special sports flooring in the halla makes it cushioned and durable for sports while non slip flooring has been fitted in the kitchenette and toilets.

It is our vision in the school, to create a bright, colourful, environment that inspires our pupil and stimulates quality learning. With this in mind, we will hopefully look forward to more works in the future, funding allowing!!

PUNCTUALITY & SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME

Being on time is a very important life skill and it is important that your child gets off to the best start each day – by being on time. If your child is late they miss out on crucial settling in / playtime / social time. Though your child may not say it to you they may be very conscious of being late and having missed part of the morning. If your child is regularly late, the school may contact you to make you aware and to discuss how we can improve this.



School begins at 8:50am, when the bell goes. Ideally, your child/ren should be in the hall in their line by 8:45am.

Equally some pupils arrive VERY early and in many cases, there is no need for such an early arrival. Supervision is in place from 8:30am onwards, but not before. The Board of Management does not take responsibility for any child before 8:30am, and therefore pupils should not be on the grounds before then. We would ask all parents to please bear this in mind. While appreciating the time constraints & pressures that many families face in the mornings, your co-operation with this is hugely appreciated. Your children's safety and happiness are at the heart of everything we ask.

ROLLA & ABSENCES

Rolla is called in Scoil Barra Naofa at 10am everyday. This is done electronically and we are prompted by the system to record reasons for absences. For this reason we ask that you write a brief note to teachers explaining any absences or complete the relevant section on the Aladdin app. We do not require you to go into detail and we respect everyone's privacy.

Similarly if your child has a medical appointment early in the morning and may be delayed arriving to school you should send a note in advance informing your child's teacher of this appointment. This helps inform the teacher when taking the rolla. Rolla is a very important tool in terms of safety, fire drills etc. With this in mind we ask you to provide teachers with written details of said appointments.

SCHOOL RULES



The beginning of the school year is a great time for pupils and teachers to discuss the classroom and school rules. It is also a good time to parents to discuss them also with your child. The rules are found in the school journal and a full copy of our Code of Behaviour is available online. It is our

aim for pupils, parents and staff to be happy and safe while teaching and learning here in Scoil Barra Naofa, and the School Rules help us achieve this aim.

MEETING WITH TEACHERS

As our partners in your child's education, the school is always willing to meet with any parent with concerns or questions. Should have a concern or issue that you would like to discuss, remember your **first step** should be to contact the class teacher (as per the school policy). The ideal way to do this is to make an appointment, by ringing our secretary, Jen, in the office (8.40a.m.-2.40p.m). Making an appointment and planning a meeting, rather than hoping for an unscheduled/impromptu, is an excellent way of ensuring great communication between home and school.

The teacher on duty in the hall each morning is also more than willing to pass on any message you might have to the class teacher at the beginning of a school day. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.



INTERNET SAFETY

As we begin another school year we feel it is very important to highlight again the importance of monitoring your child's use of the internet at home. While we are a pro-technology school, we also aim to educate students and parents of any potential risks, such as cyber-bulling etc.

We would like to remind parents that the minimum age for all social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Viber, Whatsapp etc. is 13 years and 16years for others. Therefore, technically, no child in our school should have such accounts. If your child has their own account on any of the above, we would advise you to talk to them. It may be best that these accounts are disabled until your child has reached the appropriate age.

Primary school pupils would not be considered socially mature enough to understand the complexities of social interactions via social media. The act of one friend receiving a message and another not receiving it, could be misunderstood as isolating a classmate. They may unintentionally (or indeed deliberately) hurt each other's feelings in the way they interact online or speak about each other online. It is the school's strong opinion that pupils should not be using these social media accounts at their age, and if they do, they should be monitored and supervised closely.

Psychologist David Coleman has written a very interesting article on this which you may like to read: <http://www.independent.ie/life/family/parenting/psychologist-david-coleman-there-is-absolutely-no-reason-why-11-year-olds-need-to-be-on-snapchat-or-engaged-in-online-socialising-of-any-kind-34887193.html>

Either way it is important to discuss this with your child, and supervise and monitor their internet usage. The website, www.webwise.ie, is a useful tool for parents, who might want to learn more about children and the internet / social media.

MOBILE PHONES



Please note that mobile phones are not permitted in the classroom. If your child needs to bring a phone to school for any reason, please write an explanatory note to the Class Teacher outlining clearly the circumstances involved. Your child will then bring the phone to the Principal where it will be locked in the school safe and collected in the afternoon. Any mobile phone found in school, even when turned off, will be confiscated and returned only when a Parent or Guardian collects it. Our 'Mobile Phone & Electronic Device Policy' is available to

view on our website: <http://www.scoilbarranaofa.ie/mobile-phone-policy>

HEAD LICE

Schools experience an increasing amount of incidents of head lice in our school. It is imperative that we are pro-active in trying to eliminate lice from our classrooms and prevent outbreaks. All households should be vigilant in checking and treating all children.

'Hair Up' Policy: We appreciate the support of those families who have ensured that long hair is tied up coming to school. Plaits & buns can be effective hair styles (prevents lice transfer by hair flicking). Bandanas and hair bands also can help (but not swapped!)

The HSE has offered the advice below:

PROTOCOL FOR TREATING HEADLICE WHEN LOTIONS HAVE FAILED:

Day 1:

1. Wash hair using ordinary shampoo.
2. Towel dry hair.
3. Apply conditioner liberally
4. Comb with ordinary comb
5. FINE comb
6. Rinse off conditioner.
7. Comb with ordinary comb.
8. FINE comb again.

NB – Repeat this EVERY SECOND DAY for the first 14 days.

When the 14 days are over begin again with DAY 1. BUT, this time, you repeat on DAY 5, DAY 9 and DAY 13. If live lice are found on day 9 or day 13, it is likely that this is a new infestation. Continue combing hair EVERY day until no live lice are found over 2 weeks. **FINE COMB ONCE A WEEK THEREAFTER USING CONDITIONER**

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER:

- Lice cannot fly or hop. They are commonly transferred by hair flicking (hence our HAIR UP policy), or heads/hair being in close proximity.
- It has a life cycle of 35-40 days
- It procreates after 10 days & lays 6-8 eggs. It is therefore important to follow the incubation period of 1-8 day procedure outlined above.
- If you find head lice, please note that all bed linen, hats, scarves and coats (hoods in particular) should be washed at a high temperature.

We hope this advice helps. Contact your local pharmacist / GP for more advice on products and treatments!

If you do discover headlice, **please treat immediately and let the school know so that the class** can be checked at home.



First Aid

FIRST AID & ACCIDENTS

As you can imagine with large numbers of children playing on the yard, bumps and bruises can be frequent. Any cuts or scrapes are cleaned with medi-wipes and dressed with plasters or bandages if appropriate. **If your child has an allergy or reaction to these, it is important to let the school know as soon as possible.** Otherwise, this will be our usual course of action. The teacher may put a note in your child's journal to outline the treatment, if they feel it is necessary.

Our procedure with regards to head bumps is:

- **TEXT MESSAGE:** If your child has bumped their head, and it is minor with no immediate cause for concern, you will receive a **TEXT MESSAGE**. The purpose of this is merely to inform you, so that if there is any concern later at home, you will be aware of the minor incident in school. Staff will monitor in school. All head bumps are treated with an ice-pack. *You can of course ring the school at this point if you would like more information or are concerned.*
- If, after monitoring in school, staff become concerned or there is a deterioration – you will at that stage receive a follow up **PHONE CALL**. Staff will advise you at this point if they feel that your child should be collected, or what steps will be taken by the school.
- If your child has bumped their head, and there is immediate cause for concern, you will receive a **PHONE CALL**, informing you and advising you of the next steps to be taken by yourself and by the school. Staff will treat injuries, following our Accident & Injury Policy.

Please do not be alarmed if you receive a text, and feel free to contact the school for more information. It is VITAL that there is an emergency contact number, other than parents, on file here in the office, in case of emergency. Please ensure this number is up to date.

HYGIENE

Many thanks to the many parents who have sent in supplies of toilet rolls and/or soaps to the class room already - we are extremely grateful. The class teacher will send word if and when more is needed.



The school supplies towels, which are changed regularly and liquid soap in a general area in each classroom - but **we would also advise that each child have their own small 'toilet bag'**. This could be the size of a pencil case or smaller and might contain a face cloth, a packet of tissues and hand gel. It is important to wash the small towel (face cloth) regularly. The practice of having their own toiletries would minimise the spread of germs, particularly in those winter months when we all have colds and flu's!



HEALTHY LUNCHES

Scoil Barra Naofa is a health promoting school and has a Healthy Eating Policy. Strictly **not allowed** are chewing gum, fizzy drinks, sweets, crisps and **nuts** (as we have children with severe nut allergies). A **small** treat may be given on Fridays. Check out the policy on our website for lunch ideas. **Again, we would like to emphasise that we are a NUT FREE school.**

We strongly encourage children to bring a waste free lunch to school i.e. lunch boxes, reusable plastic bags and bottles. Please try to avoid tin foil, cling film and pre-packed food. Awards are given to classes who bring waste free lunches – particularly as part of our Waste Free Wednesday initiative.

BIRTHDAYS

A reminder to those who are organising birthday celebrations for your children, the school advises that any invitations be shared / **delivered outside of school** to avoid any disappointments.

In the past, some parents have kindly sent in birthday cakes with their children, for the whole class to share in celebration. However, due to the large number of dietary restrictions in all of our classrooms, including severe nut allergies, coeliac etc, the school **no longer allows this practice to continue**.

The school will celebrate your child's birthday in our own way – usually with a birthday announcement and a small present, so we hope that any child in school on their birthday will have appropriate celebrations in this way.

PARKING

Before school and home time can be a chaotic time with regards to cars and parking around the school. A few points for us all to remember:



- Please be aware that the both wheelchair accessible spots, inside and outside the gate, are in daily use.
- As much as we would like it, we **cannot all be parked in the spot nearest the school**. It is often an idea to have pre-arranged a 'Park & Stride' option, a little further from the school with your children. This will also help us maintain our 4th Green Flag for travel!
- The roads around the school are access roads for all of the local residents and we must be conscious of this and courteous to that.
- **We CANNOT at any stage BLOCK or OBSTRUCT the road on the hill** outside the school, even for a brief time. If a resident has parked outside their home, cars should not park across from them. If there was an emergency in any home in the locality, or indeed in the school, emergency services would not be able to come up or go down the hill. While I appreciate the fact that the roads around the school are narrow to begin with, it is important that there is room for traffic to pass.
- **It is an 'unwritten' practice amongst parents, which can prove useful, to drive up the hill by the school and down the hill by the Sacred Heart Church.**
- I will be speaking with all pupils in the coming weeks about road safety and crossing the road safely, both before and after school. I would appreciate it if all parents could speak further about this at home, especially in the cases where your son or daughter has to walk home / to the car.

- All pupils will be reminded that it is not permitted to run or play in the car park as it is far too dangerous. Any adult waiting to collect should do so at the side by the railings.
- Finally, **it is preferable that anyone entering the school on foot do so using the pedestrian gate (and steps) from the hill.** I appreciate that this is not always possible; however, it would be appreciated if it could be done whenever possible. Having less foot traffic coming through the vehicle entrance would further eliminate any potential dangers to pedestrians.

Thank you for your co-operation with all of the above. The health and safety of every member of the Scoil Barra Naofa community is of vital importance to the school and the Board of Management.



LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment etc, please send a note into the class teacher informing them of the time you will collect your child. When collecting early, please enter the school via the office. Sign your child out using the 'Sign-Out' book. The children can be called by the secretary, via the intercom system and will meet you at the office. We ask all visitors to enter and exit the school via the door by the office. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

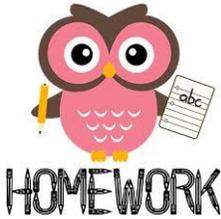
HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

The school is open for just 183 days of the year – about half! Keeping this in mind, there should be ample time in the remaining half of the year on which to take children on holidays. Withdrawing pupils during term times for holidays, disrupts their learning and often children can be worried upon return that they have missed school work or activities. The school calendar is always available online, so please keep this in mind when booking holidays. **If your child/ren are to miss school due to planned holidays, please speak to the school principal.** Mile Buíochas.

ENROLMENTS

We are delighted to have welcomed 211 pupils back to Scoil Barra Naofa for the 2019/20 school year. A reminder that the closing date for Pre-Enrolments for the 2020/2021 school year is **31st October 2019**. Please ensure that forms for any younger siblings are in by this date. Please contact Jen in the office if you wish to confirm.

HOMEWORK CLUB 2018



Homework Club will once again take place (*if numbers are met*) on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** this year, from 2:30pm-3:30pm on each of those days, for pupils from 1st-6th Classes. A minimum of 6 pupils must be met for Homework Club to take place on a particular day. We hope to commence, numbers allowing, next Tuesday 11th September. The cost of Homework Club is €5 per pupil per day and this must be paid in advance for the full term.

If you wish for your child to attend Homework Club on any day, please contact the office or email info@scoilbarranaofa.ie. Forms can also be collected from the office.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & SPORTS

Chess Club

Mr Walsh will be running a chess club in his classroom on Tuesday afternoons from 2.30 – 3.30. Chess club will be open to children from 3rd to 6th class classes. Note with further details to follow.

Playball

Playball for Senior Infants will commence on Monday September 16th and for Junior Infants on Tuesday September 17th. Playball runs from 1.30 – 2.30 over 10 weeks and costs 90 Euro.

For further information go to playballkids.com or call Ronan on 087 6529724

Taekwon – Do

Taekwon-Do for Kids will commence after school classes in Scoil Barra Naofa shortly. Classes are for children aged between 6 and 12 years old and will take place from 2.30 to 3.30 every Friday.

For further information contact Mark on 0868220107

Speech and Drama

Talking Kids Speech and Creative Drama Group will commence classes in the Pace Centre, Passage West on 21st of September. Classes for Junior Infants to First will run from 9.30 – 10.30 and for children from second to sixth from 10.45 to 11.45.

For further details see Talking Kids Speech and Drama on Facebook or contact Davina on 087 9894053

Shamrocks Boys Academy

Registration night for our Academy is Friday September 27th, 6.30pm at the pitch in Shanbally. New members welcome.

We continue outdoors throughout October every Friday evening 6.30pm to 7.45pm before moving indoors.

Boys born between 2007 and 2014. Monkstown NS students welcome to join

Passage Soccer Club

Passage Soccer Academy returns next Saturday 14th September. For boys and girls who have started in Junior Infants this year the time is 12.30pm to 1.30pm. For more information please contact the following :

U9's Declan Carroll on 0866738819

U8's Colm Linehan on 0876755663

U7/U6's Declan Carrol & Micheal Flannery 0866738819 & 0871377770

Passage GAA

Passage West GAA Club Juvenile Section were delighted to welcome back all of the boys & girls to training last week after the summer break.

Ronan Harrington was in last Friday doing GAA coaching with the various classes & he will be joined by Eoghan Walsh this Friday.

For Juniors & Seniors we hold GAA training on Friday nights in Star of the Sea hall from 6.15-7.30pm, both hurling & football. New girls & boys are always very welcome to join in.

For more information please contact Stan Browne on 086-8525805 or Eoin Barry on 086-8503510.

***Thank you for taking the time to read this very comprehensive newsletter – they will not always be this long!! If you have any questions please contact the office.
Go raibh maith agat!***