



## SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

### Newsletter #2

24th September 2019

A Chairde,

We hope that everyone has settled into the 2019/2020 school year! It has been an eventful start, especially for our Sciath na Scol team who were victorious in all of their matches so far. Maith sibh! We are very much looking forward to our school mass which takes place this Wednesday. The photographer has visited the school this week and the children were very excited to have their pictures taken.

*Mise le meas,*

*Ger O' Brien agus Foireann na Scoile*

### Upcoming Dates

Mon&Tues	23 <sup>rd</sup> &24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Junior Infants Photographs
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Class & Group Photographs (Full Uniform)
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b><u>Parents' Association AGM 7.30pm</u></b>
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School Mass @9am (Full Uniform)
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b><u>Training cancelled due to weather</u></b>
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Sciath na Scol Training (Weather Dependent)
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b><u>7- 8pm Open Night</u></b>
Mon-Fri	28th Oct – 1st Nov	October Midterm Break
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Closing Date Pre-Enrolment Forms for 2020
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Closure to facilitate training
Friday	20th Dec 2018	School closes for Christmas at 12 midday

### UNIFORM

Unfortunately the fine weather seems to have ended. Due to this change in weather, pupils should wear their full school uniforms to school from September 30<sup>th</sup>. Junior & Senior Infants should be in their school tracksuit every day. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class should wear

their school tracksuit on PE days only & their full school uniform on all other days. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled. The uniform swap and drop facility will be in operation in the Parent's Association Shed from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. This will open from 8.30am each morning and remain open until 2.30pm each day.

Míle Buíochas.

## **SCHOOL MASS**

On Wednesday of this week (25<sup>th</sup> Sept), we will be celebrating our beginning of school year mass in Sacred Heart Church, Monkstown at 9am. This boys and girls have been busy preparing and practising for what is sure to be a lovely event. All parents and members of the community are invited to attend.

## **SACRAMENTS**

Last week the Cork & Ross Diocesan Office and the Parish Office confirmed the dates for the sacramental classes this year.

First Communion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Do This in Memory Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Tuesday Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> 2.35pm

## **SCIATH NA SCOL**

Congratulations to our Sciath na Scol team on winning all of their matches so far this season. We began with an impressive win against Greenmount NS and have since worked hard to ensure victory again in Cobh last week. We are very proud of them and wish them the best of luck in their upcoming matches. Thanks to Mr. Walsh, Mr. Murphy & Audrey for their help training the team and arranging the matches. TRAINING: Wed Sept 25<sup>th</sup> cancelled due to weather. Training Wednesday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> (***Weather dependent***); Passage West GAA; 2:40-3:30pm: Parents & pupils to arrange own transport.

## **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION – THANK YOU!**

Our thanks to our Parents' Association for organising a play session for Junior Infants in Kool Kidz, after school on the final day of their early finish! Those able to attend had a wonderful time and it was a great opportunity for children and parents to socialise outside of school! Go raibh maith agaibh!



## **AGM**

A reminder that The Parents' Association AGM will take place **Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm** in the school hall. I would encourage all parents to attend, 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.

I would also encourage you all to consider joining the Parents' Association Committee. Your involvement in school life has a wonderfully positive effect on your children's attitudes and opinions on school. Parents and school working together on behalf of the children and school community helps to create and promote positive relationships for all.

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. Please see the letter below from the Parents' Association inviting you to attend and to join the committee!!! Looking forward to seeing you all tonight!

## **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Dear Parent(s),

In advance of the Parents Association AGM scheduled for Wednesday **25th September at 7:30pm**, we would like to invite parents from all classes to join us on the night - it's an excellent opportunity to understand what is involved and help answer any questions you may have!

Important to highlight is the fact that membership commitment is just one year and the committee has realistic expectations of the time and effort that parents can give. We encourage you to join in with other parents and the school and help enhance your children's experiences at school while at the same time helping you gain an insight into your child's education and experiences at SBN.

Please email the Principal, Ger O'Brien at [info@scoilbarranaofa.ie](mailto:info@scoilbarranaofa.ie) or phone on 021-4842159 indicating your interest or just join us in the hall on the night.

Thank you very much and we look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on Wednesday night.

Best wishes,

SBN Parents Association

## **FUNDRAISING AND FINANCES**

As many of you will be aware from previous correspondence from the Board of Management, budgets, finances and fundraising continues to be a priority in schools all over Ireland and Scoil Barra Naofa is no exception to this.

When it comes to funds, we are hugely indebted to all of the parents of Scoil Barra Naofa, as well as the Parents' Association. Thanks to your generosity and hard work, we have been able to invest in new materials and resources for our pupils and upgrade areas such as the kitchen, library, offices, gardens- investments that the capitation grants from the Department of Education do not cover. We thank you for continuing to support us by covering your children's class expenses, as well as making additional voluntary contributions. Without the hard work and time invested by parents voluntarily, many of the projects achieved over the past few years would not have been realised. We are also very grateful to those parents who have made additional one-off donations. In the past parents have alerted us to charity schemes/grants available to us through various companies. We are always happy to follow any leads and explore the options available. If you are aware of any schemes, we would be very grateful if you could contact Jen or Ger on 021-4842159, who will approach these companies, if we have not already done so, on behalf of the Board of Management. **If you have any questions about any of the above, or ideas in relation to it, please do not hesitate to contact**

## **PAYMENTS**

You should have received a list of class expenses from the office. For convenience and ease these can be paid through Aladdin. Link for this was emailed on Friday. Monies can be paid in full or in installments. Thank you as always for your support.

## **SIGN IN & OUT PROCEDURES**

Due to Child Safeguarding measures we ask all parents to visit the office when collecting children early, dropping lunches etc. **Your child can be called via the intercom system and will meet you at the office.**

**SIGN OUT:** 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 him/her early, please enter the school via the office. Sign your child out using the 'Sign-Out' book. **Your child will be called via the intercom system and will meet you at the office.** Please exit the school via the door by the office. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

**VISITORS**

**WELCOME!  
PLEASE SIGN IN  
AT OFFICE**

**VISITOR SIGN IN:** ALL visitors – external coaches, sub teachers or SNAs, volunteers, those on work placement, guest speakers etc., **MUST SIGN IN** in the office, where they will receive an ID lanyard for the duration of their visit. Please note that this includes parents who are volunteering in the library, or with the Parents' Association. This is part of our child safeguarding procedures, to ensure that all visitors to the school have been vetted appropriately, and/or will be fully accompanied if necessary.

**GARDA VETTING:** A reminder to all parents who wish to volunteer in the school, in library, at PA events etc it is best practice to be Garda Vetted through the school. It is a simple procedure and safeguards both the pupils and the volunteers. Please contact the office for Vetting Forms.

## **ENROLMENTS**

A reminder that the closing date for Pre-Enrolments for the 2020/2021 school year is **31<sup>st</sup> 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.

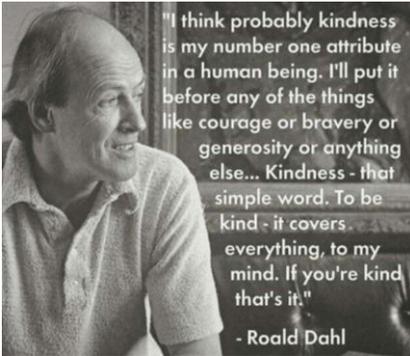
A reminder that our OPEN NIGHT will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 7 - 8pm. All parents and prospective parents are welcome!



### **HOMEWORK CLUB 2018**

Homework Club will take place on **Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays** from 2:30-3:30pm and will facilitate pupils from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

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](mailto:info@scoilbarranaofa.ie). Forms can also be collected from the office.



"I think probably kindness is my number one attribute in a human being. I'll put it before any of the things like courage or bravery or generosity or anything else... Kindness - that simple word. To be kind - it covers everything, to my mind. If you're kind that's it."  
- Roald Dahl

## **KINDNESS & UNDERSTANDING**

September 13<sup>th</sup> saw the celebration of Roald Dahl Day. One of my favourite Roald Dahl quotes is about the importance of kindness!

In school we do a lot of lessons themed around the concepts of kindness, understanding and inclusion. I know many of you stress the importance of these traits at home also. It would

be a worthwhile conversation to have again with your child at this time of year, so that we all start the year on as positive a note as possible.

Every person is different and unique: we learn and play in different ways, we enjoy (or dislike) different activities. We come from different background, families, towns, cities, countries and cultures. Our experiences at home and school differ from each other and therefore, how we face the challenges each day present, differs. Pupils, parents, teachers & staff alike are facing their own challenges, that others may not be aware of.

It is important to teach our children (and remind ourselves) of the valuable life skills of kindness, tolerance and understanding. None of us know what someone else might be going through, and the simple act of a kind word or gesture can make a massive difference and make someone's day a more positive one.

As Roald Dalh said "If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face and you will always look lovely"

## **DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION**

Douglas Credit Union will be here every Wednesday at 10am. Children can bring their savings book on Wenesdays should they wish to save. Anyone wanting to set up their own account can also do so. Proof of address, Photo ID and PPS number are needed to open accounts.

## **SHAMROCK BOYS' ACADAMEY**

Restarting Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> in Shanbally from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Continues every Friday outdoors until November when it will move indoors. Looking forward to seeing Monkstown NS pupils playing Gaelic Games in a fun environment!

## **SHAMROCKS GAA**

Shamrocks Ladies Football Club are currently recruiting players for all age groups and would love to welcome girls of all ages to join the club, build friendships and fitness through fun!

## **PASSAGE WEST GAA**

We welcome Eoghan Walsh and Michael O' Donovan from Passage West GAA as school coaches for the 2018/2019 school year. Our thanks to Passage West GAA for use of their grounds throughout the school year. Mile Buíochas 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

## **PASSAGE SOCCER CLUB**

Passage Soccer Academy returns next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Chess Club is up and running in Mr Walsh's class and the children have been benefitting greatly from this activity. There are many benefits to playing chess and it is wonderful for us to be able to provide this opportunity to the children.

We are currently in the process of researching and contacting teachers in the areas of music and drama in the hope of organising after school lessons in piano and violin lesson as well as musical theatre. Any expressions of interest can be made through the secretaries office. Please be aware that an expression of interest does not confirm a place. These classes have not yet been finalised.

Further information to follow.

## **PLAYBALL**

Playball will be holding classes for Junior Infants (Tuesdays 1:30-2:25pm) & Senior Infants (Mondays 1:30-2:35pm). Contact Ronan directly for more information **087-6529724** or see [www.playballkids.com](http://www.playballkids.com) .

# **Monkstown Musical Theatre Classes**

***Starting October 1<sup>st</sup>! Now Enrolling for our Exciting  
New Classes that combine Dance and Speech & Drama!***

***In Scoil Barra Naofa National School Monkstown***

***Tuesdays 2:40 – 3:40: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Students***

***Tuesdays 3:40 – 4:40: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class Students***

***Wednesdays 1:30 – 2:30: Junior and Senior Infants***

**Contact Irene 0876309804 or email**

**[irenewarrenp.academy@gmail.com](mailto:irenewarrenp.academy@gmail.com)**

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