



SCOIL BARRA

NAOFA

Newsletter #4

22nd October 2018

A Chairde,

This is our final newsletter before our midterm break and it's bursting with exciting news!! The school closes for midterm on Friday 25th of October at 2:30pm and will re-open on Monday 4th of November at 8:50am. I hope you all enjoy your Halloween break and return to school safe and rested.

Mise le Meas,

Ger O Brien agus Foireann na Scoile

Upcoming Dates

Tues	22nd Oct	10am Sciath na Scol Final: Páirc Uí Rinn
Thurs	24 th Oct	5 th Class Presentation of Economics Projects
Friday	25 th Oct	Dress up Day, Halloween Costumes.
Mon-Fri	28th Oct – 1st Nov	October Midterm Break
Wed	31 st Oct	Closing Date Pre-Enrolment Forms for 2020
Monday	4th Nov	Nominations of Parents to BOM 7.30
Wed & Thurs	20th & 21st Nov	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Wed	Nov 20th	Children will finish at 2.15
Thurs	Nov 21st	Children will finish at 12
Sunday	1 st Dec	Santa Sunday
Thursday	12th December	Additional Closure for Staff In Service
Friday	20th Dec	School closes for Christmas at 12 midday

SCIATH NA SCOL – FINAL!!

We Won!!! Today's match was a nerve racking, heart stopping, fast paced event full of ups and downs! The team went a goal down in the first minute but rather than let their heads drop they maintained their composure and fought hard. They could easily have been two goals up within the first seven minutes but for a wonderful goalkeeper on the opposing side. A slight lead at half time meant there was much work to do to drive ahead. The game continued tight, goal for goal. Every time we edged ahead and felt comfortable they scored another. While SBN had most of the possession Educate Together Cork did not make it easy for them. The match finished 4 goals and 7 points to 4 goals. A score line, while well deserved, does not reflect the tight game it was for the most part. SBN thoroughly deserved their victory. It was a sparkling team performance and well done to all involved, panel and team.

A special word of thanks to Mr Walsh and Mr Murphy also for their time and skill in coaching the team and organising the matches, medals, coaches, kits and everything else that happens behind the scenes.

Continued thanks to Passage GAA and Ronan and Eoghan for their time and expertise. Thanks to parents for your involvement and support.

We had a wonderful celebration today in the school halla and I hope the winning feeling and pride they felt today continues for the weeks and months ahead!

OTHER GAA NEWS

Well Done to our Mini Seven's GAA team that competed in the competition last week in Carrigtwohill. The team comprised of Cian and Mark Barry, Blake Fitzgerald, Cian Power, Finn Ryan, Alex Meagher, Seán Cash, Danial Garcia, David O Connor and Morgan Kelliher. The boys beat GS Youghal, GS Uí Drisceoil, Ballinora NS and Leamlara NS before losing to Crosshaven BNS in the final. Well done to all involved on what was an amazing display and achievement on the day. We are very proud!

BIG LITTLE CHOIR

The BIG Little Choir has brought great excitement to the school this week as they have been invited to audition for the Late Late Toy Show!! We have over 40 children in SBN taking part in the BIG Little Choir! The children have been working incredibly hard over the weekend to make sure their audition is as good as could possibly be. We here at Scoil Barra Naofa wish the boys and girls, as well as their leaders, all the very best in the audition process. We have all of our fingers and toes crossed for you and we are so excited for you and so proud of you. This is a wonderful opportunity and no matter what the outcome we hope you enjoy every moment of the process.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Míle Buíochas to our Parent's Association for their involvement at our recent Open Night. On the night we were fortunate to be joined by Yvonne Clarke in the Library as well as Paula Clifford, Georgina Mc Hugh and Vivian Garcia in the kitchen. Teas, coffees, home baking and kind words were provided and shared on the night. Your support to staff and advice to prospective parents as well as your positive presence is very much appreciated.

RSE REVIEW

As per school email Oct 21st 2019, parents are invited and encouraged to visit the NCCA website. Here you will find a draft report on the RSE (Relationships and Sexuality) Program and the consultation process undertaken as part of this review. Parents are invited and encouraged to engage with the process and email any feedback or suggestions on this matter. Emails can be sent to RSEreview@ncca.ie

ELECTION OF PARENTS TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2019 – 2023

The election of parent nominees to the Board of Management 2019 – 2023 will take place on Monday November 4th at 7.30 pm in the school halla. One male and one female nominee will be required on the Board of Management. Should there be more than one of each nominated on the night a secret ballot will be held whereby the parent with most votes wins. Votes will be cast and counted on the night with the result announced immediately.

The role of parent nominee requires attendance at board meetings (minimum of 5 each year) as well as your absolute discretion and objectivity. Any parent interested can look up the role of the parent on the Board of Management online.

HOMework CLUB

Term 2 of Homework Club will begin after mid- term , forms will be available in the office from Thursday.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2018/19



The recent Goal Jersey Day organised by the Student Council raised 247 Euro for the charity. Well Done boys and girls!

On Friday October 25th, children can come to school in a Halloween costume should they wish to do so. (For health and safety, detachable capes only and no brooms, swords or any such accessories). There will be prizes for the best costumes in each class and unique or home-made costumes are particularly welcome!

The Student Council, assisted by Ms Kelly and Ms Donnelly, will be organising the Hope Shoe Box Appeal this year. Details have been sent home with children from 3rd to 6th classes this year, however, anyone is welcome to participate should they wish to do so. Completed boxes should be returned to school on Monday Nov 4th in order to ensure they reach their destination in time for Christmas.

This very valuable and worthwhile activity helps children less fortunate than our own to share in the joy of Christmas. Children are encouraged to contribute, through using their own pocket money, and buy W gifts. Something to wash with, Something to wear, Something to write with and a WOW gift. A WOW gift can be a little treat such as a colouring book, keyring etc. Perishable food items are not suitable. I would encourage you to look at the Hope Ireland website and view the videos available of children receiving their shoebox of gifts.

HEALTH PROMOTION NEWS

Last Wednesday the staff of Scoil Barra Naofa received further training in the Weaving Wellbeing Program as well as Positive Psychology. Weaving Wellbeing will begin in classes 2nd to 6th in November. A detailed note will be sent home the week of Monday November 4th. I encourage you to read this note and take the time to talk to your children about this topic. Wellbeing homework will be sent home on Wednesday nights and this will provide a good opportunity to talk about this area.

Sixth Class have made Think Before You Speak posters. These posters encourage the children to think about what they are going to say before they speak; are your words True/Helpful/Inspiring/Necessary/Kind. The posters have been hung around school and this topic will be discussed at assembly on Thursday.

MATHS WEEK

Last week we celebrated Maths Week at SBN. We enjoyed lots of fun, inter-active and outdoor maths lessons as well as interesting competitions. We ran Heaviest Potato, Shape People, Design a Super Hero and Guess the No of Sweets Competitions. Winners of these competitions included Will Garcia, Indi Cooney, Sophie Lordan, Leah Kirby, Mijah Delea, Mark Barry, John Hegarty and Daniel Garcia. The children won Rubix Cubes, Uno Cards and Games and there are pictures on the website for all to see.

GREEN SCHOOL – CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

Climate Action Week is taking place in Scoil Barra Naofa this week. All classes are engaging in lessons based on the topic of Climate Change and Climate Action. Our Green Schools Committee are busy completing surveys in all classes and as always we encourage the children to park n stride to school. Thankfully we have been blessed with fine weather, for the most part, while the road works are ongoing. I will update you on these when I have more information.

ENROLMENTS

The closing date for Pre-Enrolments for the 2020/2021 school year is **31st October 2019** which is during the midterm break! Please ensure that forms for any younger siblings are in by this date. Those enrolling children living in the catchment area must supply a recent utility bill confirming address. This bill should be dated within the last three months. If you are unsure of the boundaries of the catchment area please refer to the enrolment policy on our website scoilbarranaofa.ie which provides further details on this. We will begin to offer places from mid-November onwards. If a friend is offered a place and you are not please do not fret. Places are offered in blocks and everybody will be contacted in due course. This process can take a number of weeks. Parents have two weeks to accept or refuse a place which then has a knock on effect on other offers. Please be patient with us while we work through the process.

2ND CLASS – ENROLMENT MASS Congratulations to Rang 2 who had their First Communion Enrolment Mass on Sunday. Our thanks to Ms. Marshall, Fr. Seán and all who helped them prepare. The boys and girls sang beautifully and behaved angelically on the day. They were a credit to their parents and their teacher. We wish them well as they continue the journey towards their special day in May.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs taken by Christine McCarthy recently will be delivered to the school after the midterm break. Thank You!

Christine will also be available for Communion photographs. Christine will take the group photo in the Church and take individual photos of the children receiving the Holy Bread. Family/sibling photos will take place at school after the Communion Mass. These will be prepaid (on the morning itself) and on a first come first served basis. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

5TH CLASS ECONOMICS PROJECT

5th Class have been working on their economics project with Mr Walsh, Gary Hanrahan of Douglas Credit Union and Tadhg Hickey of Cahoots. Projects will be presented to the parents of 5th class pupils this Thursday at 10am. The children have invested much time and effort into these projects. We are very proud of their efforts, grateful for the guidance and support they have received and excited to see the finished product.

Maith Sibh!

SCHOOL GARDEN

The School Garden is proving bountiful this Autumn. Mr Walsh's Fifth Class recently harvested their beetroot and the herb garden is bursting with fresh, healthy herbs. Parents are very welcome to help themselves to herbs should you wish to add some flavour to your meals compliments of SBN!

TOY APPEAL

The teachers of Junior and Senior Infants kindly ask for donations of good quality old toys which your children may not play with anymore. Items such as dolls house or furniture, dolls and clothes, farm and farm animal toys, jigsaws, dress up clothes, doctor sets etc. We can ensure that your old toys will get plenty love and time here with our boys and girls!

DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION

Douglas Credit Union Scheme will continue **every Wednesday at 10am in the reception area**. Pupils are encouraged to develop the habit of saving small amounts regularly.



We would recommended that children bring **coins** (50c to €2), perhaps from their own pocket money to help them build up this habit. If you wish for your child to sign up, you can call at 10am on Wednesdays with your childs birthcert or passport and proof of their pps also needed is proof of your address and proof of your id.

SHAMROCK BOYS' ACADAMEY

Shamrock's Boys is in full swing and 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 LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

Training continues for our ladies and new members are always welcome! Follow us on facebook or text 0872280425