



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter #4

18th November 2021

A Chairde,

It has been another busy month in SBN. The past month saw lots of activities for Science Week, Pick Me Up Week, Green School Meetings, Student Council Meetings, GAA coaching and visits to our school library. The school is a hive of activity. We look forward to our Parent/Teacher meetings next week (by phone) and we have plenty of plans in the pipeline for the festive season ahead.

Mise le meas,

Foireann na Scoile.



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 24th Nov All classes wear **full school uniform** for Calendar photos .
(Tracksuit on Thursday 25th for early finish instead)

Wednesday 24th Nov **1st & 2nd finish at 2.10** **3rd-6th finish at 2.20**

Thursday 25th Nov **Infants finish at 11.45** **1st & 2nd finish at 12**
3rd-6th Finish at 12.10 (to facilitate Parent/Teacher meetings)

Thursday Dec 9th **Infants finish at 11.45** **1st & 2nd finish at 12**
3rd-6th Finish at 12.10

(This early finish is required to facilitate staff training on the Primary Language Curriculum .)

Tuesday 22nd Dec School **closes for Christmas at 12** midday.

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent /Teacher meetings will take place by phone during next week. Most meetings will be held next Wed 24th and Thursday 25th November. Children in 1st to 6th classes finish 10 mins early on Wednesday . 1st & 2nd finish at 2.10 and 3rd-6th will finish at 2.20. On Thursday Infants will finish at 11.45 , 1st&2nd at 12 and 3rd-6th at 12.10 to facilitate the Parent/Teacher meetings.

Phone calls will be 10 mins in duration. A follow up meeting can be arranged if necessary. Recording of meetings is not permitted. As a courtesy to others waiting for their meetings, please be ready to receive your call at your scheduled time and finish your call promptly after 10 mins.

We look forward to engaging with all parents during next week.

THEATRE EXPERIENCES

We will be live streaming the Everyman production of “How to catch a star” by Oliver Jeffers to all classes in the school during the week of Mon 29th Nov. - Fri 3rd Dec.

We are also very excited to be watching the online panto “Jack and the Beanstalk” from the West Midlands Theatre Company this December.

UNIFORM



Reminder to all families that full

school uniform should be worn by all pupils from 1st to 6th class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tracksuits may be worn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

CALENDAR PHOTOS

Calendar photos of all classes will be taken by Audrey Hastings next **Wednesday November 24th**. Please wear **full uniform** on this day. Tracksuit can be worn on Thursday November 25th for early finish instead.

GAA COACHING

Thank you to Ronan, our GAA coach, all for his wonderful work with the children over the past number of weeks. We wish him well in his new job. Thank you to Eoin Barry, Passage GAA, for organising the coaching and to Terry Murphy, Centra Rochestown, for sponsoring the coaching sessions.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

A warm welcome to the new members of our Parents' Association. The Parents' Association are organising **Toy Show Treat Bags at €5 each** . They would really appreciate your support as other Christmas events have been postponed due to the current Covid situation but they will be looking at alternative events , so watch this space. Payments can be made on Aladdin and an email will be forwarded today with more details.



STUDENT COUNCIL: NEWS

Firstly, the Student Council will be doing a **collection of non-perishable food items, toys, pyjamas, cleaning products etc. in aid of Cork Penny Dinners**. The collection will run from December 1st and the final donations will be collected by a Cork Penny Dinners volunteer on Friday December 18th. This volunteer will also talk to the children about Cork Penny Dinners and the work they do. Please send in any donations to school with your child from Dec 1st.

Secondly, the Student Council will be collectively doing the Christmas Jumper/Outfit Day and Movie Day on Wed 22nd Dec (the day of the holidays). Children are asked to donate money for this on Aladdin and the charity voted in this year is Make-a-Wish. There will be two prizes in each class for best dressed !

Lastly, the Student Council will be creating a homemade Advent Calendar which will be displayed in SBN. A door will be opened each school day in December and the whole school will treat others or be treated to a variety of things e.g. No Homework, Extended Yard, RAKs etc.



We look forward to an exciting December with all the Student Council has planned. Thank you to all involved in the Student Council for their great work.

GREEN SCHOOLS: NEWS



The new Green School Committee members had their meeting recently. We are now working on a renewal Flag: Global Citizenship: Energy. Scoil Barra Naofa is on our 7th Flag, so that amounts to 14 years of participation in Green Schools. The new committee members are 6th Class: David and Roxy , 5th Class: Iseult and Penny , 4th Class: Callum and Edith , 3rd Class: Muireann and Aisling , 2nd Class: Oliver and Sophie . In the meeting we discussed our reasons for joining the Green Schools Committee and what it means to be a Global Citizen. We know that we already are active citizens due to our involvement in Green Schools. We went to view the recently planted wild cherry tree sapling and spoke about the benefits of trees. Before our next meeting we will survey a representative sample of pupils in our classes to find out existing awareness levels of global citizenship issues. From there we will focus on areas of awareness that could be improved.

SCIENCE WEEK

Thank you to Ms. Flannery for organising Science Week. All classes engaged in some very exciting, hands on Science Activities during the week-see our Facebook page for further details.



SBN PICK ME UP WEEK

During the past month we had *SBN Pick Me Up Week*. We encouraged staff and children to engage in random acts of kindness throughout the week. In school we had

lessons themed around the concepts of kindness and understanding . We enjoyed a wonderfully positive week in SBN. We also planted a tree in memory of Fr. Con. Thank you to all who donated money to the Fr. Con Memorial Bench fund- we raised €274.76 during Pick Me Up Week.

GARDEN COMMITTEE

Great news from Aoife and the Garden Committee who received a “Community Partnership Grant” from Thermo Fisher Scientific. They are looking forward to using the grant to brighten up the school gardens .

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TRAFFIC BOLLARDS

Thank you to Cork County Council for installing our new, pencil themed traffic bollards, making the area directly outside the school safer for all.

SHAMROCK BOY'S ACADEMY 2020/21

Shamrock Boy's Academy runs every Saturday morning during November and December. Training takes place from 9.45am to 11am at the pitch in Shanbally. Boys born between 2010 and 2016 are welcome and any queries can be addressed to Pa on 086 1914926. Children from Scoil Barra Naofa are very welcome to make new friends and have fun in a friendly environment.

PASSAGE GAA

PASSAGE GAA Passage GAA invites all boys and girls from 5 to 13 years of age to come and join the fun with their underage teams. Pasáiste Óg (U5-U7) training takes place every Thursday from 6.15 to 7.30pm at the all weather pitch in Manning Park. All other age groups train throughout the week. Contact 0868518070 for further information.

