



SCOIL BARRA NAOFA

Newsletter #3

28th of November 2025

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Last week, we hosted our face-to-face parent-teacher meetings. These meetings are an opportunity to get to know you and your children even better and share valuable information. Communication is key, and we certainly promote open, proactive communication here at Scoil Barra Naofa. We are very much looking forward to hosting in-person meetings again.

This newsletter also contains information about our Christmas plans and celebrations. The Christmas Carol Service, visiting panto, and a visit from Santa are all highlights to look forward to.

As we approach the month of December, we remind you of the importance of respecting the belief systems of all families and ask that you encourage your children to be mindful and respectful of this topic. Christmas is such a special time of the year for families, and our children are only young for a short time. The magic of Christmas should be enjoyed by children for as long as possible!! However, you choose to celebrate this special time, we wish you well.

I would like to thank the PA for organising the Halloween Sponsored Walk and to the Tierney Family and Ailesbury Clinic for generously sponsoring a new set of jerseys for our boys Sciath na Scol team.

Mise le Meas,

Orla Ní Shé agus Foireann na Scoile

IMPORTANT DATES AND SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/26

November;

Fri Nov 28th 3rd class Indoor Football in Riverstick

December;

School Christmas Carol Service 16th of Dec.

PA Christmas Event Mulled Wine and Carols, 4th of Dec

December 18st Santa Visit

January;

January 5th School Reopens.

SCIENCE WEEK AT SBN

We had a very busy Science Week at SBN. Classes took part in a range of experiments such as Fizz Balloons, Bouncing Raisins, Walking Colours and Bouncing Crystals. Junior Classes investigated magnetism. First class brought in their science books from home, and 6th Class carried out hands-on experiments. There were lessons on acidity and alkalinity, absorption and transpiration. Sixth Class announced Fun Science Facts daily over the intercom. Senior Classes researched famous Scientists such as Isaac Newton. We hope all enjoyed Science Week and have a greater interest in the STEM subjects now.

CORK POPS

On the 5th of November, our Senior Infants, First and Second classes had a thoroughly enjoyable morning at the Cork Pops Orchestra in the City Hall. They were treated to songs such as *Golden* from K-Pop Demon Hunters, Killeagh and a number of symphonies including

The 'Clock' Symphony (2nd movt.) Franz Josef Haydn, The Syncopated Clock ,

Concerto for Descant, Music for Pieces of Wood, The Dance of the Hours, Unsquare Dance, Star Wars Theme . and Jurassic Park Theme

CHRISTMAS AT SBN

We are delighted to share the news that this year we will hold a Christmas Concert. All classes will be involved, and all families are welcome to attend. This service will be held on Tuesday, the 16th of December in the Church at 12 midday. As is customary, children are welcome to leave with their families following the concert. Those not leaving after the concert will be supervised until 2.30.

On Wednesday, November 26th, the West Midlands Theatre Company returned to SBN. All classes attended, and had a great morning.

ROAD SAFETY AND WINTER WEATHER

As the mornings become darker and the weather wetter (possibly icy) we ask all road users to take great care when dropping and collecting the children to and from school. The area outside the school gates is a pedestrian area, and parking, dropping or turning is not permitted here. Instead, parents are asked to drive up Church Hill, stop briefly to drop children at the small pedestrian gate and continue your journey up Fairy Hill or down Chapel Hill.



We ask that local access roads and drive ways are kept clear, footpaths are kept clear for children and buggies and sufficient access for emergency vehicles is maintained in all areas.

We would encourage the use of reflective arm-bands/high-vis jackets and to slow down to take care.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in keeping all road users safe this Winter.

DOUGLAS CREDIT UNION

Douglas Credit Union runs a weekly savings club at Scoil Barra Naofa. If you would like to open a savings account for your child please contact the Credit Union directly. Savings are collected every Wednesday morning.