

Scoil Phádraig Naofa News Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our families a pleasant and happy Easter holidays. Hopefully the weather will warm up and provide us with opportunities to get outside and enjoy mother nature together.

We all look forward to welcoming the boys and girls back after Easter holidays on Monday, April 25th for what promises to be a busy, active and enjoyable Term 3.

Many thanks for all your continued support.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Edward McCarthy

Príomhoide

Dates to Remember

First Holy Communion – Saturday May 7th

Staff Meeting – School will close at 12:30pm on May 11th

We have had a very busy second term at Scoil Phádraig Naofa ...



Bumbleance Visit



In early February we were fortunate to receive a visit from BUMBLEance (Saoirse Foundation). This *“is the first fully interactive ambulance on the planet specially designed for children.”* Children are offered *“safe and stress-free trips providing a wide range of entertainment on board to entertain our young patients”* as these very ill children are transported to and from hospital.

Our pupils at SPN were very fortunate to have an opportunity to view and ‘hop on board’ the BUMBLEANCE and to ask questions about the wonderful work which the team provides. As a result of our fundraising at SPN, a donation of €1050 was presented to the charity.



UCC Teddy Bear Hospital

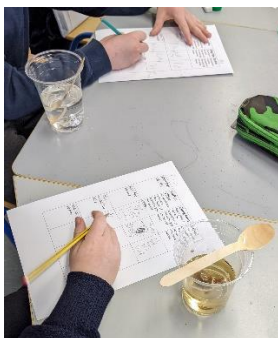
Our Senior Infant pupils travelled to UCC Teddy Bear Hospital in February. There was huge excitement as they headed off on board the double decker bus accompanied by their special teddies!

The teddies were examined,+ X-rayed and bandaged under the special care from the Doctors at the hospital. Thankfully all teddies were 'treated' on the day and were well enough to travel home that afternoon. The children arrived back at school tired, but with huge smiles after their exciting adventure.



First Confession

Our Second Class pupils received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 3rd 2022. We were very fortunate to have Rev. Pat O'Mahony, the Very Rev Canon Teddy O'Sullivan and Fr. Kevin O'Regan, join us on our special day. The boys and girls recited their prayers and sang beautifully. We are looking forward to sharing their special day on May 7th, with their parents and families when they receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



Engineers Week

The month of March saw the arrival of Engineers week. Across the school children had opportunities to participate in many practical activities and to design and test out their designs. Pupils in Third class (Room 15) made 'tea bags' using a variety of materials, to identify the best material. They also created parachutes using different materials and then tested which dropped the fastest/slowest. Meanwhile in Second Class (Room 12) pupils designed and created a bridge using various materials e.g. wooden bricks, marshmallows and spaghetti pasta.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book day on Friday March 4th. Many children celebrated by dressing as their favourite book character. Other children brought their book along with a key item or symbol which represented their book. On the day children shared important information about their book character, the story plot etc with their teachers and classmates. We designed Book Marks, and enjoyed DEAR Time (Drop Everything and Read) and we decorated our classroom doors. Many of our junior classes also had fun reading with their Book Buddies from the senior classes.



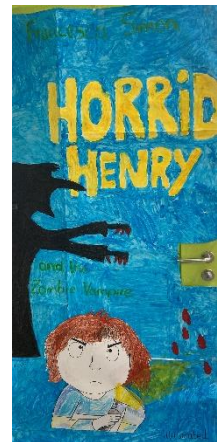
SPN Student Council 2022

Our inaugural Student Council at SPN have been very busy since they took office in February 2022. They have been active in a number initiatives e.g. supporting the Easter Raffle, and are working closely with the school staff to bring the student voice to Scoil Phádraig Naofa. They share their information and vision with their fellow students via announcements from the office and visiting individual classrooms.



Our Student Council organised a *World Book Day* fundraiser in aid of UNICEF. As a result of the overwhelming support and generosity from our entire school community, we collected €4875.30. We send our heartfelt thanks to you all for lending your support to this special cause.

World Book Day – Art work





Footloose as Gaeilge

We hope that you all enjoyed our musical extravaganza, Footloose as Gaeilge, which was part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations. A sincere thank you to all the teachers, technicians, choreographers and children in school. Our thanks to all those hairstylists, make-up artists and fashion designers at home 😊.



Sciath na Scol

March marked the long awaited return of Sciath na Scol competitions in SPN. Both the boys and girls teams have been drawn in very competitive groups and there have been some very impressive matches to date. Most notably was the girls stunning victory over Watergrasshill N.S and the boys narrow loss to a strong Crosshaven BNS side.

We put forward four candidates for the primary game selection, a boy and a girl for the football codes as well as hurling and camogie. The school was delighted to hear that Maisie Groarke was selected to play during the upcoming Cork v Kerry game. Best of Luck Maisie!



What a difference a year(s) makes!!!

This time last year, and in fact the year prior, many of our usual out of school activities were curtailed. This year we are gently returning to life pre COVID.

Our Fourth and Fifth class girls were invited to attend a Musical Talent Show at the Ursuline Secondary School in Blackrock. Whilst our Fifth Class boys attended a Skills and Movement Day at Douglas Community School. Sixth Class pupils walked to Douglas Hall for a Sports Activity Day.

Next term will see our pupils 'out and about,' as we all look forward to our school tours in June 😊.



Tennis

April brought success for SPN on the tennis court. Our team travelled to Wilton to play Gaelscoil Uí Riada, in the Munster Primary School Tennis Competition. Following a great win, where our team displayed their skill and positivity, they are setting their sights on their next match with Glór na Mara, Tramore.



Confirmation Day at Scoil Phádraig Naofa

Our Sixth Class pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 6th 2022 at St. Patrick's Church, Rochestown, in the presence of their parents and families. The Choir from SPN added their wonderful voices to the celebration. A sincere thank you to Rev. Pat O'Mahony, the Very Rev Canon Teddy O'Sullivan, the teachers and staff from Scoil Phádraig Naofa and to the parents, for all their help and support in making this such a joyous celebration.



Easter Raffle

The annual Easter Raffle at SPN made a very welcome return this year. There was a great buzz about the school this week as the final tickets were sold and the countdown to the big raffle began! This is one of our main fundraising events of the school year at SPN. We would like to send our thanks to our Parent Association, to those who provided prizes, and to all those who purchased tickets.



Bake Sale

April 8th saw another 'First' at SPN, when Fifth Class, Room 7, hosted a Bake Sale. We were treated to a selection of homemade cookies, cupcakes, brownies and many more mouthwatering treats. All the proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to a very worthy cause, the West Cork Rapid Response Unit. A sincere thank you for all the yummy treats!