

Scoil Phádraig Naofa News Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mile buíochas, for the very warm welcome, given to me from all pupils, parents, and staff as I start my journey as principal of Scoil Phádraig Naofa. I look forward to meeting with you and getting to know you all over the coming year. May I take this opportunity to wish Iníon Ní Bhaoill best wishes in her retirement and thank her for all her support.



Child Safety during the Winter Evenings.

As winter time is upon us, Child Safety is of vital importance, parents please encourage your children to wear high viz vests, jackets that can be seen in the dark evenings, and high viz arm bands etc. Thank you for co-operation with our “drop and go system” and we are delighted with the progress to date. Please remember not to park in the disabled car space and please continue to park in the car park if you need to physically leave your car. Always expect the unexpected when driving, whether you are entering, parking or leaving the school grounds.

Road Safety Authority visited Scoil Phádraig Naofa

The Road Safety Authority visited Scoil Phádraig Naofa and spoke to all classes in October

The following advice was given to all pupils:

- **The importance of the rules of the road, and always being aware of all vehicles travelling on the road.**
- **The importance of crossing the road safely preferably on pedestrian crossings when available.**
- **The use of seat belts and the importance of never distracting the driver.**
- **Cycling tips and always wearing a helmet.**

The pupils responded well and displayed an in-depth knowledge of the **Safe Cross Code**, however Road Safety needs to be regularly reinforced to our pupils.

A special word of thanks to our **Parents Association Committee** who helped to facilitate the workshops, and presented the children with **Hi-Viz Vests** and other Road Safety reminders.

Fencing and other building works

KSM contractors have fencing installed as a precautionary measure. Work was carried out on the inside of the school during the October mid-term, passed a health and safety audit and deemed fit for purpose. We are in regular contact with the Department of Education but have received no fixed date in relation to the fencing being taken down. We are very grateful to the parent body for your understanding and your patience during this time. We will alert you as soon as we have received any further information. Please be aware that we are in constant contact with the DES and we are doing everything possible to have the situation rectified as soon as possible.



TEAM HOPE SHOE BOX APPEAL

A huge thank you to all the children and their parents/guardians who went to such trouble and effort to bring in Hope Shoe boxes. The response from all was truly amazing and we delivered **320 boxes to Team Hope which has surpassed all our expectations!**

Special words of thanks to our Scoil Phádraig Naofa Elves who helped to check, carry and load the boxes up for delivery to Team Hope. Thank you to all parents who transported the boxes to the Team Hope Depot. Once again this very moving and special project would not have taken place without the huge support and hard work of our Parents Association.



Cycle Right

Cycle Right commenced training our **Fifth Class Children** on Wednesday, 7th November and will continue this training weekly for five weeks in total.

CYCLE RIGHT is the National Standard for Cycle Training and provides practical cycle safety and skills training to promote competent and confident cyclists. CYCLE RIGHT is an inclusive programme.

CYCLE RIGHT is produced and supported by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, the Road Safety Authority and Cycling Ireland, with input from central and local agencies and other groups.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CYCLE RIGHT TRAINING?

For the first time, with CYCLE RIGHT, there is a defined standard of training in Ireland which means that:

- CYCLE RIGHT will offer those taking part the skills to cycle confidently on the road network, from novice to competent cyclists.
- CYCLE RIGHT is delivered over three stages with participants gaining skills and knowledge on a phased basis, preparing them to cycle in increasingly complex road scenarios.
- All CYCLE RIGHT training is delivered by registered trainers Training will be delivered to the CYCLE RIGHT programme with defined outcomes and according to trainee/trainer ratios which benefit learning.

Training for anaphylaxis

The school staff will undertake their annual training for treating anaphylaxis on Wednesday after school. We would also like to remind parents/guardians at this point that the school is a peanut free zone. If any children in the school are susceptible to reactions of any kind, please inform the school secretary immediately, if you have not done so already.



School Book Fair

“To learn to read is to light a fire” — Victor Hugo,

A huge míle buíochas to all Parents, Grandparents, Pupils and Staff for supporting our School Book Fair which raised an astounding €6340.00. Scoil Phádraig Naofa will receive 60% of the sale proceeds – €3804.00 towards the purchase of new reading books for the school.

Special thanks to thank our Parent School Book Fair Volunteers who turned up in force and worked so hard to make this event the fantastic success that it has become! Pupils, Parents and Staff alike really enjoyed the day and it inspired one and all to continue to enjoy the gift of reading!



“The Lion King”

Douglas Community School invited **Third Class Pupils to Fifth Class Pupils** to the Transition Year performance of their Christmas Show “**The Lion King**” which took place in Douglas Community School on Friday 30th November 2018. This yearly tradition did not disappoint as the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all our pupils who savoured the drama, and fun on the day.



Fifth Class Children will be taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme this year.

Real life learning for children - Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP) has given more than 50,000 primary school pupils on the island of Ireland the opportunity to experience practical, real-life business learning as part of their formative education. **Nurtures**

Creativity, independence and problem solving - Running over a 12 to 16 week period during the school year, JEP nurtures creativity, independence and problem-solving among pupils of all abilities, with every aspect of the Programme seamlessly blending into the primary school curriculum.

Start a real business in the classroom - Under their teacher’s guidance, and with the inspiration of local entrepreneurs, children will discover their strengths as individuals and as part of a team. Together, they’ll choose, invest in and produce their own product or service from scratch, all the way to making it available for sale at a school-hosted JEP Showcase Day in front of the Dragons – and enjoying the profits at the end.



Scoil Phádraig Naofa Sciath Na Scol Boys Team

are the Champions in their win against Cloghroe!!

Scoil Phádraig Naofa 2:12: Cloghroe 2:03

A huge thank you to all the Sciath na Scol panel, coaches, parents, teachers and staff for all their support and good wishes. A Guard of Honour and a warm reception was provided by the pupils, parents and staff to our winning team on their return to the School in the Halla. Team Captain Ryan O'Connor thanked all the coaches, teachers, parents and team mates for all their support.

The pure determination, skill and courage of all our Sciath Na Scol Panelists has been a sight to behold.

Don't forget if you wish to purchase the Sciath na Scol DVD and/or Sciath na Scol Photobook please send €20.00 in a clearly marked envelope to the Class Teacher with your child's name and room number marked clearly on same.



**Munster Programming Training KIDDO Programme.
12th January – 11th May 2019
Department of Computer Science
University College Cork**

Munster Programming Training (MPT) has provided access to computer programming, web design, video and image production to over 1,000 secondary school pupils over the past twelve years.

They are now inviting Primary Schools children to experience coding and gaming by attending "MPT KIDDO".

The programme is designed for **5th and 6th class primary school pupils** that have an interest in technology, puzzles, solving logical problems. They should also be enthusiastic about learning how games and applications are programmed.

Pupils are not required to have any prior knowledge of Computer Programming as it will start at a very fundamental level. Please refer to email sent to all Parents on 19th November 2019 for further details.

After School Activities

After School Activity	Provider	Day of Activity
Karate	Barry O'Regan	Wednesday
Irish Dancing	Miah Walsh	Tuesday, Thursday
Music Bug Club Cork City Music College	Sheila Shortall	Tuesday
Tennis	Colin Gibson	Monday, Tuesday
Crafty Kids	Karen McEvoy	Thursday, Friday
Sparty Kids	Karen McEvoy	Easter, Summer, Halloween
Homework Club (Third Class to Sixth Class)	Lourda Burke	Monday, Tuesday
Chess	Toufik Messabih	Thursday
Lego Robotics Club	Tomasz Klos	Thursday, Friday

Dates for your Diary:

Senior Christmas Nativity Play -Second Class – Sixth Class

Venue - St. Patrick's Church at 7.00pm, Thursday 13th December 2018.

Junior Christmas Nativity Play - Junior Infants - First Class

Venue - St. Patrick's Church at 12.00 Noon, Friday 14th December 2018.

**School Closes for Christmas on Friday 21st December at 12 Noon and
re-opens on Monday 7, January 2018.**

I hope Scoil Phádraig Naofa's Monthly News Letter has been of benefit to you and I look forward to exciting times ahead in Scoil Phádraig Naofa.

An tUasal Micheál Ó Riain

An Príomhoide