

# Scoil Phádraig Naofa News Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our December Newsletter, may I take this opportunity to wish Parents, Children and Staff a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



Scoil Phádraig Naofa celebrated the start of Advent which began on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

<b>Scoil Phádraig Naofa Nativity 2018</b>			
<b>At Scoil Phádraig Naofa we prepare for Christmas and the birth of Jesus</b>			
<b>We have an Advent Wreath</b>			
Sunday Dec 2nd: First Sunday of Advent:	Purple	<b>The Prophecy Candle:</b>	Anticipation Waiting
Sunday Dec 9th: Second Sunday of Advent	Purple	<b>The Bethlehem Cradle Candle</b>	Love
Sunday Dec 16th Third Sunday of Advent	Rose Pink	<b>The Shepherd's Candle</b>	Joy
Sunday Dec 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent:	Purple	<b>The Angel's Candle:</b>	Peace
Christmas Eve: December 24th::	White	<b>Christ's Candle</b>	Hope, Our Saviour, Centre of Christmas
<b>We make our own Christmas Cards:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We share greetings with all our classmates.</li> <li>• We ensure every child gets <b>one</b> big greeting.</li> <li>• We work towards our Green Flag by not wasting money and energy and recycling costs on other cards and envelopes.</li> <li>• We do not put pressure on our families to purchase cards</li> </ul>			
<b>We celebrated Christmas with our Senior Nativity Concert (Second to Sixth Classes) on Thursday 13th December and the Junior Nativity Concert (Junior, Senior Infants and First) was on 14th December in St Patrick's Church</b>			
We love sharing the Christmas Story with our families and friends We learn new songs: Carols and new songs			
<b>We celebrate our Red Stop Light in our Stop Think Do programme:</b>			
Over Christmas families can share some of the ideas given to help all members of the family learn and celebrate <b>STOP</b> as an important step. How do we pause at home? What is our <b>red</b> light symbol?			
<b>We wish you and yours a happy, blessed Advent and Christmas</b> <b>An tUasal Ó Riain and Staff</b>			



### Cycle Training for All

Cycle Right completed training our **Fifth Class Children** on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

All Fifth Class children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and our sincere thanks to the **CYCLE RIGHT TEACHING TEAM** for their fantastic support and guidance in promoting competent and confident cyclists in Scoil Phádraig Naofa.



### Music Bug Club

Cork City Music College students performed their Annual Christmas Concert on 11<sup>th</sup> December, the musical standard was once again of a very high caliber. Parents and children had great fun and enjoyed this spectacular event.



### Senior Nativity

The Senior Nativity took place on Thursday evening, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Second Class to Sixth Class children lifted the roof of St. Patrick's Church with their beautiful songs and amazing voices. A huge thank you to our Parents Association who successfully oversaw the traffic management at the Church for both Senior and Junior Nativities under very wet and windy weather conditions.



### Junior Nativity

The Junior Nativity took place on Friday morning, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Junior Infants to First Class children dazzled both parents and teachers alike with their Christmas Carols, and of course the Crib Montage with Mary and Joseph were a sight to behold. The children enjoyed the added bonus of travelling to Church in a double decker bus! It was heart-warming to see little Angels, Shepherds, Mary and Joseph and even donkeys boarding the bus proudly and travelling in style.

Both Nativities left everybody feeling the warmth and joy of Christmas in their hearts.

## Indoor football Blitz

The girls in fourth class represented Scoil Phádraig Naofa in an indoor football blitz earlier this month. Scoil Phádraig Naofa won all their games and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Below is a picture of the girls who took part.



### Baked Goods

A gentle reminder that children are not permitted to bring baked goods into school to share among their class as many children in the school have allergies to certain food types. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Dates for your Diary:

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



An tUasal Micheál Ó Riain

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