

# Scoil Phádraig Naofa News Letter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fáilte romhaibh ar ais, to all pupils, parents and staff, as we commence our 2019/2020 School year in Scoil Phádraig Naofa.

We look forward to a year of learning, fun, friendship, mindfulness and staying active.



May I extend a very warm welcome to all our new Junior Infants who have settled in so well. A huge thank you to Iníon Ní Chrualaoí, and Iníon Ní Chéilleachair, and their fabulous team who have made the Junior Infant transition a very smooth and seamless process. Many thanks to you the Parents for preparing your children so well and working closely with our Junior Infant Team to ensure the best possible start for your child/children.



## Child Safety during the Winter Evenings.

As Winter approaches, 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.



## Fencing and other building works

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.



### Cycle Right

Cycle Right commenced training our **Fifth Class Children** on Thursday, 19th September, 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.



### Photoshoot

Hilary Herbert our fantastic School Photographer visited our school and took a photograph of each Junior Infant child. She also took photos of siblings of Junior Infants as well as each class group.



### Cork Minor Football Team visit Scoil Phádraig Naofa

The Cork Football Minor Team visited Scoil Phádraig Naofa on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, all children wore Red and White on the day.

The team were given a rousing welcome in the Halla!



### **Lord Mayor visits Scoil Phádraig Naofa**

Lord Mayor, Councillor John Sheehan, visited our School on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, the children and Staff gave him a huge welcome in the Halla. He spoke about the role of the Lord Mayor and answered questions from our pupils in relation to the symbolism of the Lord Mayor's gold chain etc.

### **Sciath Na Scol**

The girls played three Sciath na Scol matches in football, playing against St. Catherine's Model Farm Road, Ballinora and Gaelscoil Carraig Ui Leighinn. The girls have played brilliantly in all their encounters and were unlucky to come away without a win in two of their games.

The boys played against Gaelscoil Carraig Ui Leighin, Gaelscoil Ui Riordáin, Scoil Nicoláis, St. Anthony's and are due to play Riverstown on Thursday. The boys have played brilliantly and have done themselves and Scoil Phádraig Naofa proud playing in F1 the highest division.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

#### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

- Parents Association Meeting, all Parents are invited to attend at 8.00pm in the Halla.

#### **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

- Junior Infant Parent Literacy Talk, Junior Infant Parents only to attend at 7.00pm in the Halla.

#### **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

- Halloween Dress Up Day.

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

-Clocks go back one hour.

#### **31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

-Halloween

#### **28<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

-Mid-Term Break - returning to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**An tUasal Micheál Ó Riain**

**An Príomhoide**