



Seachtain Na Gaeilge 2019

Seo í Seachtain na Gaeilge agus táimid ag déanamh an-iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt sa scoil! Beidh Tráth na gCeist, Lá glas, Yoga as Gaeilge, Ceilí agus go leor h- imeachtaí eile ar siúl. Tá Lá Fhéile Pádraig ag teacht ar an Domhnach agus beidh go leor buachaillí ag glacadh páirt.

We have a full timetable again this year with many activities celebrating all things Irish in our classrooms this week. From Ceilí dances to class quizzes. Check in with your son to see what memories of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018 they remember.

If you'd like to incorporate Seachtaine na Gaeilge into your home in a fun interactive way, why not download the free app Duolingo and challenge your son to a quiz.



St Patrick's Day- Lá Fhéile Pádraig

The school band are busy preparing for their annual performance this week. It is a busy week, a week that involves dedication and commitment and of course a sense of pride in our culture and heritage. Again, well done to the boys and teachers who have committed to the hard work and practice that any performance entails. This is an opportunity that will become a fond memory in years to come.

All band members please be at the Orantown Centre at 3.15pm sharp for a 3.30pm start. Boys are to wear their full school uniform as they represent Scoil Íosaif Naofa. Please wear dark shoes if possible. **Please be at the entrance to the girls' school (Castle Road side) to collect your son after the parade. This is the official pick up point.**

We are asking all band members to purchase a school hat at a cost of 10€. The weather was bitter cold last year and the boys needed more warmth. In order to keep the uniformity in the band we're asking all boys to keep to wearing the same hat. As there has been no band fee this year we request that the boys pay 10€ for their band hat which they can continue to wear long after St Patrick's Day. Please bring in the €10 before the end of the week to ensure you have your hat before going home on Friday evening. [Happy St Patrick's Day!](#)

Feis na nÓg



Well done to all the boys who participated in the parish feis at the weekend. It is a great experience for the boys and one that will be of benefit to them as they progress through their school years and beyond. Congratulations to the boys who excelled in their performance and came first in their category. We are particularly proud of our senior boys in rang a sé who succeeded in winning half scholarships to the Gaeltacht for their achievements in the oral language competition (Cómhra), as well as the boys who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in rang a sé in the filíocht competition. Performance alone is a huge achievement and one that we recognise and acknowledge in Scoil Íosaif Naofa.

Thank you to all the 4th and 5th class boys who have volunteered to sing at the Confirmation next week on the 20th March. It is a busy week for some boys preparing for St Patrick's Day and The Confirmation, as well as fitting in some Seachtain na Gaeilge Activities. We applaud these boys for their commitment and dedication to these school related activities. With a strong link between volunteering and positive health and well-being evidenced in research, we love to see the boys volunteering in such a cooperative and generous manner.

Transition to secondary school – Thursday 14th March 19.30 – 20.30 Halla Boys School. National Parents Council (NPC) Speaker

We thank the Parents Association for organising a speaker to come to address parents of **4th, 5th and 6th class parents** about the transition of their boys from primary to secondary school. The NPC state that parents from fourth class on up to sixth class can engage in certain activities in order to ensure as smooth as possible a transition for their child from primary to secondary level education.

Lá Glas- Seachtain na Gaeilge. Wednesday March 13th Boys can wear something green in support of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Boys are asked to bring in a small contribution 2€ towards the running of the Feis in Oranmore and other efforts during Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Child Safety Statement and Risk Assessment.

At our recent Board of Management meeting we completed our child Safety review as per department guidelines.

Please remind yourselves of Scoil Íosaif Naofa's child Safety Statement and risk assessment policies. See attached. They are also available on our school website.

School Closed on Monday 18th March

Communion Practice Mass – Saturday March 23rd commencing at 5.20pm for 6pm Mass.

Parents Association Table Quiz

Junior Table Quiz for 1st, 2nd, 3rd classes - on **Thursday 28th March 7pm – 9.00.**

Senior Quiz 4th, 5th, 6th classes is on **Thursday April 4th** Calasactius College Canteen... Please have your teams sorted in advance of the quiz and your team name decided. **Strictly four in each team.** We are unable to put boys into teams on the night – this has to have been decided and agreed in advance. No mobile phones allowed. Arrive on time please. Snacks and drinks and raffle tickets available for purchase. Parking at the back of the school.