



The second annual Oranmore Arts Festival takes place this Thursday 16th May to Sunday 19th May. With events throughout the weekend, for all ages, the festival will bring the wealth of local talent to the fore through a unique and exciting programme that includes music, literature, art, and theatre. We encourage you to visit the website at <http://oranmoreartsfestival.ie> and to book your tickets at oranmoreartsfestival.eventbrite.ie

On behalf of all in Scoil Iósaif Naofa we wish them all the very best with the festival. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.



School Mag 2019

We will publish our school magazine in June. This will contain photos of the children, accounts of the various activities during the year, stories, quizzes, poems and other articles.

The magazine is a great favourite of the boys and their families. Parents retain the magazine as a memento of their sons experience in Scoil Iósaif Naofa.

Every teacher has given out an email to their class which articles can be emailed to. All articles must be edited and emailed by Friday the 24th of May.

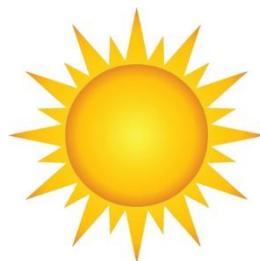
We will be in a position this year to offer the magazine for sale at a cost of €6 per copy. We hope to have the magazine on sale in the middle of June.

SSE School Self Evaluation 2019. We were delighted with the parental feedback based on our School Self Evaluation progress. 50% of parents filled in our survey and 95% of parents have stated that their child's spelling has improved since Sep 2018. We continue to monitor actions and evaluate impact of the programme before we agree to move onto our next area of focus.



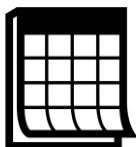
A GENTLE REMINDER TO SEND IN YOUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION SUBSCRIPTION OF 5€ IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. TO DATE 56% OF PARENTS HAVE PAID THIS SUBSCRIPTION.

IT IS VITAL TO CONTRIBUTE IF YOU WISH YOUR PA TO CONTINUE DOING THE WORK THEY DO. THIS SUBSCRIPTION IS NEEDED FOR THE RUNNING COSTS OF THE P.A.



Label all Jackets and Jumpers

Please ensure that your son's jumper is labelled. As the days get warmer the boys take off their jumpers on yard and are not able to identify their own jumper after break unless their names are clearly labelled on the tag.



Dates to note.

Drumcondra testing in school 21st, 23rd May

Election Day – Friday May 24th School closed as school is used as a voting station.

Staff Meeting 29th May – School closed at 1pm



Congratulations to all the boys in 2nd class who received their first Communion on Saturday. A heartfelt thanks to the Parents Association and volunteers who organised a reception in the school afterwards for the children and their families.

Drumcondra testing.

Drumcondra spelling tests will be administered tomorrow. This is our first year administering this standardised spelling test as we'd like to measure our scores against the national average. We will not be sharing results with the children. It is a parent's prerogative whether they choose to do so or not. We would advise not to share especially with junior classes in particular as they do not need that pressure or to be comparing results. They are a tool/measure to support our teaching methods. Drumcondra English and Maths tests will be administered next week. Please see information sheet attached if you need further information.