



An t Earrach – Feabhra, Márta agus Aibreán



This is a great opportunity for young children to practice and share their love of traditional music together in a relaxed manner.

We would love to see some of the boys from Scoil Iósaif Naofa attend.



## **Feis Na nÓg**

Feis Na nÓg will take place in Calasanctius college next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Timetable of events is attached for those that have entered.



## **Music Session**

The Oranmore Community Development Association in co-operation with the Oranmore Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann are organising weekly music sessions for Primary schoolchildren in Tearmann Mhuire, Oranmore, on Monday evenings at 6.00pm. This is an opportunity for children from the four Primary schools in the parish to come together for a weekly music session where they can play and practice their music with other musicians of similar age, swap tunes, learn new tunes and make new friends in the music world. There will be adult supervision who will provide any necessary music assistance, and there is no charge. For any further information please call 087 2798122.

**A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.  
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD**

### **Chess Club**

Afterschool chess club for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class is starting this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March with Mr Mullin. It runs from 2.30 to 3.30pm in his classroom and will run for 8 weeks at cost of €15.

## Seachtain Na Gaeilge 2019

We have a full timetable again this year with many activities celebrating all things Irish in our classrooms next 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.



## Food Dudes



**Health promotion schools -Food Dudes** – A further commitment to your children.

Scoil Iósaif Naofa is participating in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme, which aims to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables. For a number of weeks in March your child will be eating fresh fruit and vegetables in school. The fruit and vegetables are provided fresh to the school each week for your children to taste and to promote a love of eating fresh and healthy food. Your child will be automatically included in the programme. However if for any reason you do not want your child eating the fruit and vegetables, please inform the school before this Wednesday the 6th of March

## Teaching and Learning



This week you will receive an email from your class teacher giving a general overview of topics that teachers plan to explore with their class. This is a pilot initiative that will be reviewed in June.

From a schools perspective we believe that we are working in cooperation with you as parents/guardians and by keeping you informed on learning in the classroom you will be best able to support your child at home.

Research has proven than an approach where teachers and parents are working together has the most successful outcome for the children involved.



**Engineers week. – This week as part of Engineers week 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes will travel to NUIG to participate in engineering workshops ‘Who wants to be a superhero’.**

Amhrán mór – “A Big Sing”

Please see attachment in relation to Amhrán mór – “A Big Sing”. This is a group of Locals who are looking to put together an inter-generational choir to perform at the 2019 Oranmore Arts Festival on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, led by experienced Music Therapist/Conductor. Please see attachment to this email for further details. Registration is on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 3pm at Scoil Mhuire National School.

**Transition to secondary school - 14<sup>th</sup> March 19.30 – 20.30 Halla Boys School. National Parents Council (NPC) Speaker**

The Parents Association have organised for a speaker to come and address parents of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class 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.



**Scoot to School Week – 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Next week is ‘Scoot to School’ week and the Green Schools co-ordinator will be in the school on Monday to do a workshop with the boys who bring their scooter to school. Please also bring high-vis and helmet.