



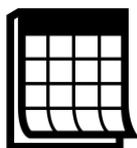
Welcome back to all after our Easter Break. We look forward to a happy, busy few months ahead.

Our third term is one of many activities and continuous learning. The boys have many exciting events to look forward to including School Tours, Active Schools Week, GAA matches, Athletics, the list goes on. It's also a term where we reflect on our learning throughout the year. Standardised tests are completed, classroom profiles are updated, teacher observations and reports are shared with parents. We hope this 3rd and final term is a good one for your son/s and that we continue to work together in partnership to ensure a great term of learning and commitment for all.

Discover Primary Science and Maths Award 2019

Scoil Iósaif Naofa is currently applying for our Discover Primary Science and Maths award for 2019. This award is given to schools that carry out extensive work in science, technology, engineering and maths, all of which are very important in Scoil Iósaif Naofa.



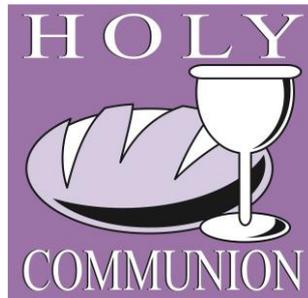


Dates to note.

In-service Primary Language Day Friday 3rd May – School Closed.

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

Staff Meeting 29th May – School closed at 1pm



A letter went home yesterday asking the boys from 4th 5th and 6th classes to participate in the First Communion choir on the 11th May. We very much appreciate their involvement in the choir and are grateful to those that sacrifice the morning to sing in the choir. Please return permission slips.

6th class Invitation-



6th class have been invited to attend 'Keep Safe' Oranmore next Wed 8th May during school hours. This event is sponsored by the Health and Safety Authority and facilitated by Junior Achievement Ireland who plan to bring together one hundred 6th class children from local primary schools in Oranmore Community Centre, along with various state agencies and regional organisations for the purpose of promoting safety, health and community awareness.

'Keep Safe' is aimed at preparing children for their transition to secondary level education. The programme has a direct link to the curriculum at primary school, with particular relevance to Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE). It is also an opportunity to present children with practical safety messages in a new and interesting way in order to keep themselves safe in any number of situations. Each agency/organisation will present a ten minute interactive scenario to the children on a series of safety issues such as road safety, electrical safety, fire safety, water safety, and personal safety.

Agencies and organisations that have participated in previous 'Keep Safe' events include the Health and Safety Authority (HSA), Junior Achievement Ireland, An Taisce Green Schools, Bus Éireann, ESB Networks, Civil Defence, Croí, Garda Síochána, HSE, Irish Coast Guard, Irish Water Safety (IWS), Local Authority (road safety), Fire and Rescue Services, Construction Industry Federation (CIF), IFA, Teagasc.

It's a wonderful opportunity for the boys and we hope they enjoy the event.



The Arc will visit Scoil Íosaif Naofa next Thur and Fri, 9th and 10th May and 5th class boys will have the opportunity to learn all about our coastal rich environment here in the West.

The ARC is a unique purpose designed mobile classroom, developed by BIM, Ireland's Seafood Agency. This innovation vehicle creates an ultra-modern, flexible learning environment that can accommodate up to thirty pupils. Over the next two years, the ARC will be visiting primary schools to deliver an imaginative and engaging insight into Aquaculture (fish farming). This vital and developing industry is a crucial form of income and employment in many coastal areas and a source of sustainable healthy nutrition for generations to come.

Free Full Day Course

This full day course for 5th class covers four main areas:

What is aquaculture: Geographic and Environmental factors; Socio Economic Impact; and Health and Nutrition.

These in turn address a number of Geography, Science and SPHE strand units including Environmental Awareness and Care, Working Scientifically and Myself in the Wider World.

This day long experience is brought to life with the help of a bespoke 5 metre wide LED screen delivering a cutting-edge multimedia experience, and interspersed with hands-on interactive challenges and puzzles, all created to support active learning through fun and teamwork.

The ARC is part of an EU project, 'Farmed in the EU', that has been funded by the Government of Ireland and the EU under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Operational Programme, which simply means, it is completely free of charge for schools. A wonderful opportunity for the boys.