



Date 20/11/2018

Reminder

Staff meeting tomorrow- **School closed at 1pm**. Please ensure your childminders/crèches are informed of early pick up.

Tug of War- Active Schools

Today our 1st and 2nd class boys were introduced to 'Tug Of War'. We had a member of the Irish Tug Of War Team teach the boys all about the sport. They really enjoyed the session. All part of our Active Schools initiative.

Well Being-Programme

As you are all aware we are a lot more mindful in schools today of the increasing levels of anxiety amongst our children nationwide. With that awareness we continue to strive to do our best at a school level to put the best supports in place for your children in order to equip them with the life skills they will need as they progress in life. With that in mind 3 further members of staff have just completed training pertaining to mental health. 'Friends for Life Programme' is currently been run in our 4th classes here and we hope to extend this programme next year to other classes.

Science Workshop 1st-4th class

Tomorrow 1st-4th classes will participate in a science workshop. They will design and make rockets.

Anti Bullying - Friendship week.

This week we are holding assemblies every morning on the topic of Bullying. Boys are participating in whole school activities in order to raise their awareness of the topic. We endeavour, with your support to equip our students with basic coping tools as to how to deal with a bully should they ever be bullied. The week is a very positive and affirming week where we focus on positive friendships and the strength that comes from looking out for one another. Boys are encouraged to also see how sometimes a bully may just need support and friendship in order to see the hurt they may have caused. It would be great if you could talk with your son/s in order to explore the topic at home. Like all school matters, where home and school are working together the results are powerful. We are currently in the process of updating our school website and we will attach our Anti bullying policy in time.

Odd Socks Day - Wednesday 21st November (Tomorrow)

Children are invited to wear a pair of odd socks on Wednesday (21st) as a symbol of our uniqueness and diversity. We celebrate and respect our differences in Scoil Iósaif Naofa. We are learning to recognise our differences and to not judge, make fun of anyone who is different to ourselves.

PA Meeting

Reminder re Parents Association meeting taking place this Thursday night 22nd November at 8pm in the school staffroom. All welcome. Please also remember to send in your PA subscription as soon as possible. Thank you.