



Our Annual Donal Greene Tournament will take place this Thursday at 11am. All are welcome. Interschool's Gaelic competition between Maree NS, Gaelscoil de hÍde, Scoil Iósaif Naofa and North Hampton NS

Donal was a past pupil of Scoil Iósaif Naofa who we remember fondly at this time of year. Donal was an avid sportsperson and what better way to remember Donal than to honour his memory in hosting a tournament between all local schools. Ar Dheis Dé.

EXTRA Curricular activities this week.

Today 4th June 2nd class are going on their school tour to NUIG. We hope they have a lovely day.

A Dental Nurse is coming in to talk to first class boys about dental Hygiene. A wonderful support for parents and great awareness building for the boys around the importance of oral hygiene.

Cumann na mBúnscol Hurling vs Carrabane in Kilconieron Tuesday, June 4-11:00am – 12:00pm Go neirí libh!

1st class School Tour is taking place on Thursday 6th June.

Cycle Training - 6th class



Rental Books

Books rented from the school are due for return on Thursday the 20th of June. Now would be a good time to go through the rented books with an eraser to ensure that all marks are removed and that the books are in good rentable condition for next year's rental scheme. Please ensure that the books are in good order when they are returned. We want to ensure there is a high standard of books in our rental scheme.

Book rental charges for next September will be on your son's booklist and books will be available for collection on Tuesday the 25th and Wednesday the 26th of June in the resource room.



School Enrichment Programme- 6th class

Based on feedback from parents and students re the challenges that come with transitioning to secondary school we have organised a 2 hour seminar specifically designed for sixth class pupils. Topics include, what to expect in Secondary school, Homework study timetable, how to take notes properly etc. This will take place on the 17th June.

All presenters are fully qualified secondary school teachers working with Student Enrichment services in Dublin.

We are asking for a contribution of 10€ per child for this seminar in order to contribute towards the costs. Please pay online if possible. Link sent last week.



Primary Science and Maths Award 2019

Scoil Íosaif Naofa was awarded the Discover Primary Science and Maths Plaque Award for 2019. To achieve this award the boys excelled with their skills and knowledge in the areas of **science, technology, engineering and maths**. **Well done everyone.** Below is an extract of some of the feedback we received.

Great team work - the children clearly worked hard together on planning and investigating and shared their results and enthusiasm with other classes. It's great to see the school connecting with HP and Valeo so the children see people using STEM as part of their work. Congratulations on a well-deserved Award!

Split Class Policy This year based on our current numbers we will have 2 split classes. One 3/4 class split and one 5/6 class split. Please see our policy attached regarding the splitting of classes. For some parents whose children may be anxious about the class they will be going into, please be reassured that feedback we receive from parents **and children** after the year of being in a split class is always positive. The Parents Association have experience of each having their own boys in a split class and I'm sure they would only be delighted to talk with you, support you, should there be any concerns. If your son is a little upset about not been with their 'best friend' for the year, please focus on how sometimes we need to let them work on this emotion themselves and trust they will find their place with other children. This is all part of building resilience which we hear so much about these days. From a curriculum point of view the class teachers plan very closely together, all covering the same curricular content. All extra-curricular activities are planned together insofar as is feasible.

Please remember teachers teach from a curriculum devised by the Department of education, NOT from textbooks. Textbooks are solely a resource.

Upcoming Fundraising Events to note

7th June Friday Sponsored Silence

Sun 9th June Cake Sale



Sponsored Silence organised by the PA. Please support this initiative. We need funds in order to build resources within the school. We do not ask for a voluntary contribution/Donation to the school and the PA are constantly working behind the scenes to raise much needed funds for the school. Please support them in their efforts.

International Day in Scoil Íosaif Naofa



JUNE 12th All Welcome. Please come and represent your country.



— An Taisce are providing a bicycle maintenance service tomorrow in the school for all boys who cycle to school and would like their bicycles to be serviced. Boys cycle to school as usual and they will be asked to bring their bicycle to the school hall for a maintenance check during the day. This is a great service open to all boys who cycle.