



## Newsletter March 10th 2020



### Dates to Remember

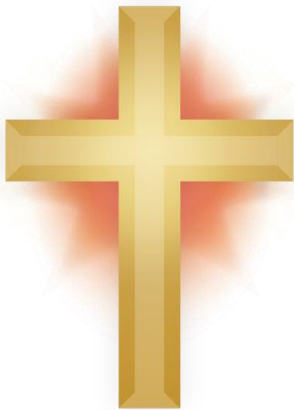
**12<sup>th</sup> March 11 30am First Confession 2<sup>nd</sup> class**

**16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> March – School Closed**

**21<sup>st</sup> March – First Communion Preparation Mass**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April School finishes at 2 30pm for boys for Easter Holidays (see below re Primary Language Training)**

**Cancelled events – ST Patricks Day parade- Handball Blitz- Basketball Blitz-**



Best of luck to our 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys who are receiving the sacrament of reconciliation on Thursday. See letter attached from class teachers.

**Full school uniform to be worn on Thursday for boys making their confession.**

Any boys going home after ceremony are to be collected from the school. Boys walk back to the school with their class.



Whilst it may not feel like Spring and we are all a little concerned about our current health and safety plight we are keeping our Spirits up in Scoil Íosaif Naofa by displaying beautiful uplifting art work around the school.

We are fully compliant with HSE advice regarding preventative measures re Corona virus. All unnecessary events are being cancelled and we are facilitating the boys as well as supporting your work in educating them about the necessity of good hand washing practice.

We have started systematic hand washing at specific times of the day.

We would encourage you also at home to implement systematic hand washing on arriving home from shopping, sporting activities etc. Thank you.



### **Feis na nÓg**

Well done to all the boys who participated in Feis na nÓg on Sunday. We are very proud of them and are delighted to acknowledge their achievements in Scoil Íosaif Naofa.

Congratulations to Liam O Donnell who won a half scholarship to the Gaeltacht for his participation in the Irish comhra competition and to Sean Dilllon rang a 6 who won the Perpetual trophy for his participation in the Ámhraín competition. All boys did us and you proud.

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11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

<b>Key words</b>
a) achieve
b) determined
c) frequently
d) opportunity
<b>Spelling Rule - homophones</b>
1. aloud
2. allowed
3. ascent
4. assent
5. principle
6. principal
7. stationary
stationery

## Teaching and learning

Just a reminder that teachers need your support in sitting with your child and revising tables and spellings every week.

These are the fundamentals of numeracy and literacy and it is imperative that boys spend time at home every night revising same. This may take just 2-3 minutes per day, a car journey may start each morning with a quick counting in multiples exercise. It may even be fun!



## St Patrick's Day

It has been confirmed that the St Patrick's day parades in Oranmore and Nationwide have been cancelled given the efforts we are all making to prevent an escalation of the Corona virus.

I'd like to thank the boys and their teachers for their efforts to date in preparing the boys for the parade.

We are disappointed that the boys won't get to show off their wonderful band on the day however we are happy knowing it's the correct decision and hopefully we will get the band an occasion before the end of the year.

**Band Practice on Wed from 2 30pm -3 30pm is cancelled for now until further notice.**

## 4<sup>th</sup> class – Whizz Kids

As has taken place over the last two years and owing to huge interest from you the parents and children we are continuing with our Computer Programming classes Whizz Kids with 4<sup>th</sup> class from next week. We will send out a breakdown of the content of these classes over the coming weeks.

The cost of this class is 40 euro for 8 classes. It takes place during school hours and really is an amazing opportunity for these boys to engage in a highly effective IT programme.

An online payment link will be sent to you and we prefer for all payment to be made online.





2<sup>nd</sup> Class

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Class are due to go on a 'Sea Safari' trip as part of a science explorers programme to the beach in Salthill.

We are currently leaving this trip as scheduled as it is due to take place outside in the fresh air and we are not mixing with other schools.

We will look at the situation and do a risk assessment of the trip closer to the date as to whether we can go ahead with the trip or not.

Please sign permission notes etc for now in advance and a decision will be made next week. Link will be set up for payment online. Cost is €6



## Primary Language Training – school closure

School will finish on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2 30pm for the boys.

The Department have instructed all schools to take a half day closure for Continuous Professional Development.

In order to avoid 2 half day closures so close together, we have decided in consultation with Scoil Mhuire to close for the half day on Friday morning for the boys which will allow the staff to participate in their training that morning.

**To confirm :**

**NO SCHOOL FOR THE BOYS ON FRIDAY THE 3<sup>RD</sup> April.**

Lá Glas



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March boys are allowed to wear a top, jersey etc in Green to celebrate the end of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Every year we ask for a small contribution of 2 euro per child to support our efforts in boosting our funds which is always put towards resources for teaching and learning.

We also support the Feis na nÓg event by giving a small contribution from the school each year which is funded from La Glás.

Unfortunately our grants from the department do not fund or partially fund any of these extracurricular events or fun activities that we organise within the school. It is only by your efforts in contributing to these events that we can sustain our level of engagement in certain events.

Please send in a small donation on Friday. Go raibh maith agaibh.