



Dates to Remember

March 4th – tomorrow - Confirmation Day - School closed for all at 1pm

March 8th - Feis na nÓg – Sunday - timetable to be confirmed.

March 10th – Scoot to School Day – with scooting workshop for those that bring in their scooters

March 12th – First Confession (2nd class)



An t Earrach – Feabhra, Márta agus Aibreán

Feis Na nÓg

Feis Na nÓg will take place in Calasanctius college next Sunday 8th March. Timetable of events attached



Congratulations to our 6th class pupils who are making their Confirmation tomorrow. It is a very special day in our Parish. We welcome Bishop Kelly to Oranmore. Thank you to our teachers, Ms O' Connell and Ms Lillis for preparing the boys for this special sacrament. Thank you to our choir boys from 4th and 5th class, our choir conductor Ms Connelly and organist Ms Lillis. Boys singing in the choir to wear full uniform including tie please. Thanks to Fr Diarmuid and Fr Daniel who have worked so closely with the boys and teachers in preparing for this sacrament. Thank you and congratulations to all of you - parents and guardians who have supported the boys along their journey to this day. It certainly is a community effort and we are blessed with the wonderful school community that we have. Enjoy this special day. Please see letter attached from class teachers.

School as normal (with early closure at 1pm) for those boys in 6th class who are not making their confirmation



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2020

Seachtain na Gaeilge starts next Monday the 9th until Friday the 13th of March.

Beidh na múinteoirí agus na páistí ag déanamh iarracht speisialta an Ghaeilge a úsáid agus imeachtaí Gaelacha a dhéanamh sa scoil.

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 2020 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.

Table Quiz- Tráth na gCeist

On Wednesday 11th March 6th class boys will join Scoil Mhuire and Gaelscoil de hÍde for our Seachtain na Gaeilge Tráth na gCeist.



Údarás Um Shábháilteacht Ar Bhóithre
Road Safety Authority

Road Safety Talk

A speaker from the Road Safety Authority will visit the school on Thursday to speak to the junior classes. She will speak to the boys on topics such as road safety, staying safe when cycling and the safe cross code. A talk for the senior classes will take place at a later date.



The Badge of Excellence for STEM Awareness" Award

Scoil Iósaif Naofa has achieved ten Discover Primary Science and Maths Awards. The school has been chosen to trial a new Science award called "The Badge of Excellence for STEM Awareness". This award will focus on outcomes for increasing awareness and excitement about Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths among the boys, teachers and parents of our school



STEPS
Engineers Week
Feb 29 – Mar 6 2020

Engineers Week

Engineers Week takes place this week at school. The boys will learn about the world of engineering and participate in various activities such as KNEX challenges, plane making, structure challenges and view film documentaries on engineering projects around the world.

Galway 2020

Digital Technologies – ‘Virtually Here’



We are delighted to be one of five schools in Galway to participate in this new exciting Pilot Programme.

Ms Conneely's 5th class are currently involved in this pilot project.

Virtually Here explores the lines between natural realities and constructed digital realities. By shifting perspectives, this project will playfully explore the ability to think three-dimensionally within a virtual and augmented reality, developing new skills in digital storytelling, developing storyboards and new narratives within a Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) space.

The curricular linkages with such activities when exploring the use of AR and VR in the classroom are endless. The aim of this pilot initiative is to give teachers the tools to use AR and VR independently, so that they can generate motivation in exploring the curriculum from a new perspective and so, begin to challenge young people to see the world differently.



Well done to the soccer team that got through to the County Final of the SPAR FAI 5-a-side competition which will take place on 22nd April in Mervue. Thank you to Mr O'Boyle and Mr Gormally who train the boys.

Covid 19- Corona Virus

Please see most recent letter attached sent to schools from the Dept of Health to be distributed to parents/guardians.