



Newsletter 13th October 2020

Christmas Shoebox Appeal



This year due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Christmas shoe box appeal has gone online. Every 20€ donated will allow Team Hope's partners in Africa and Eastern Europe to purchase items for shoe boxes locally. You can also make a virtual shoebox online.

(Letter will follow by separate email tomorrow)



SCOIL IÓSAIF NAOFA
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
ORANMORE BOYS SCHOOL

Please see letter attached from our Parents Association

Date for Calendar PA - AGM 12th November

Dr Colman Noctor ...(hover over link below- control and click to follow link in order to register.

In the second of series of four free webinars, Dr.Colman Noctor, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist will be looking at '**Helping anxious children**'.

This will take place on Wednesday the 14th of October at 8pm and will last for 40 minutes, giving parents an opportunity to ask questions.

If you haven't already registered to attend (virtually) you can do so by clicking this link

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lets talk a series of conversations with Dr Colman Noctor](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lets_talk_a_series_of_conversations_with_Dr_Colman_Noctor) or by calling [01-8874034](tel:01-8874034).

You must register in advance so that they can forward the link to the session to you by email.

Maths Week 2020



Maths Week is taking place this week at school. The boys will partake in a number of activities such as maths trails, table quizzes, games and puzzles.

On Thursday the 15th of October fifth class will take part in an online maths workshop called "Mathematics is surprising". This workshop will show the boys that maths is not just about "sums and textbooks" but is also full of surprises. The activities in the workshop will include solving a number sentence, looking at a chessboard and the mysteries of a Mobius Strip.

Times Tables competitions are in full swing in the classroom as we compete against schools nationwide to get on the leader board.

Halloween Celebrations



Whilst this year's Halloween fun in school will be very different we are inviting the boys to dress up in their Halloween costumes on the day of the Mid Term break. We will have our usual best costume competition online this year.

We will miss inviting our PA members and parents into the school to host our Annual Halloween Cake sale. This was always a very memorable day. However the boys will enjoy their dress up day and understand why this year has to be low key in keeping with Health and Safety Guidelines. Simon Harris has a lovely Halloween request which may support your explanation to children as to why 'Trick or Treating' is not a safe option this year.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/halloween-simon-harris-asks-children-of-ireland-not-to-go-trick-or-treating-1.4378513>



Parent teacher meetings

This year our PT meetings will be held online which is a new learning experience for all of us.

These meetings will be held the week of 17th November.

We will be in touch with you closer to the date in order to organise the meetings.



Help Required- Out door Classroom

We'd love to hear from any parents that would have an interest, expertise, ideas regarding the setup of an outdoor classroom. Don't let the image above deter anyone from getting involved!!!

All ideas/offers of help are very much welcomed. It may be a classroom with a perspex roof or a pergola type structure or it could be an idea as in the image above which would involve the clearing of some of the wooded area beside the school.

Please contact the office if you feel you could help out. No offer of help is too big nor too small.

Thank you.

Google Classroom

Please ensure your son has activated his G account. If you are having any issues we need to resolve these issues now. If you need a password to be reset please let us know.

If you use an iPad/tablet at home can you please download Google Docs, Slides and Forms. These applications are installed in a laptop. These were just some of the issues students had when working from G classroom at home. These apps were not downloaded in advance.



School Magazine – Special Edition – 2020

As we have sold out of all printed copies of our School Special Edition Magazine, we are not going to try and get some more copies printed. Last orders are to be in by this Friday so we know exact numbers.