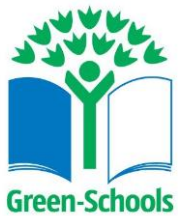




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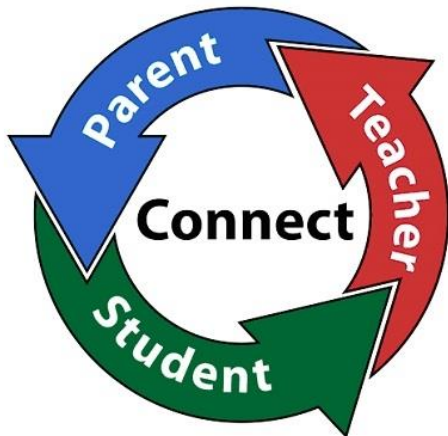


Congratulations to our Green Schools Committee under the direction of Sinead MC Keon and Rachel Hanniffy who will be accepting our award on behalf of the school community tomorrow. The online ceremony will be a little different but nevertheless the achievement is not to be underestimated. The boys, staff and school community have worked hard over the last two years to achieve this award.

Well done all!



Unfortunately due to Covid Restrictions our senior Boys will not be performing at the Galway Clinic this year as part of their annual choir performance. However we are very grateful to the Galway Clinic for their donation to the school which we put towards the maintenance and upkeep of our school band instruments.



Our first Staff meeting of the year will take place on Friday 4th December. All children will go home at 1 pm.

In keeping with our efforts to reduce numbers at our school gates at home time children from 1st class and 5th/6th class will leave 10 mins earlier at 12 50pm.



SCOIL ÍOSAIF NAOFA
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
ORANMORE BOYS SCHOOL

Please see letter attached from Parents Association. Annual General Meeting will be held on the 19th Nov. See letter for further details.

Staying Safe Online

‘CYBERBULLYING AMONG IRISH children has increased by 28% during the lockdown – among the highest rates in Europe.

A joint study between the European Commission and researchers at Dublin City University found rates were highest in Ireland, followed by Italy and Germany.

The younger children were, the more likely they were to become victims, the study found, with the problem particularly prevalent in young boys. See link below to read full article.

<https://www.thejournal.ie/cyberbullying-lockdown-report-studying-5257179-Nov2020/>

We work hard to educate the boys and raise their awareness around the implications of online bullying and knowing how to stay safe online. It is imperative that you are also aware of the implications and keep in touch with your son’s online activity.

Webwise is a wonderful resource for parents to access if you need a little support.

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

Supporting your child to stay safe online can be a daunting parenting responsibility!

National Parents Council Primary are running free online interactive workshops on Internet Safety.

This programme will give you practical information and supports to help you as a parent in this vital role. It will help you better understand that your parenting skills are key to keeping your child safe and it will also look at some of the evidence about what children in Ireland are spending their time doing on line and will also examine some of the risks and benefits for children online.

NPC is now on

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) & [Twitter](#)

Whilst the places for this week are fully booked up please check in on NPC social media pages and you will be notified as these workshops become available again.

School Absence note.

If your child is absent from school please send in a note explaining their absence.

We need to account for all absences on our school data system. If a note is not sent in we will be obliged to ring to find out why your son was absent. Please either send a note in the homework diary or email your class teacher/school explaining the absence.

Please see 'a flavour' of some of the activities that are taking place in our school for science week.

Science Week



This week at Scoil Iósaif Naofa, the school will take part in Science week activities. Each class will carry out lots of exciting science investigations and take part in science workshops, for example,

Antarctic Workshop



On Thursday the 12th of November, Ms. Wood's 3rd/4th class will take part in a Science week workshop where they will learn about polar regions and all about snow alongside Irish Antarctic explorers Ernest Shackleton and Tom Crean.

Galway Atlantaquaria Workshop



Fifth class took part in a science workshop which was part of the Galway Science and Technology Festival today. The boys learnt about fish in Ireland's water and keeping our seas clean. The boys enjoyed taking part in a virtual tour of Galway Aquarium.

Well done to Lindsey Deeley (Sam's mother 3rd class) and all involved in co-ordinating the organisation of the first Science on Screen Film Festival.

Children can watch a series of short films made by primary students for the Reel Life Science competition, followed by 'Ask a Scientist' a Q&A between kids and scientists. Students from all over the country sent in their questions, and three scientists do their best to answer.

Ms Coen's class very much enjoyed viewing these short films last week.

There's plenty of other amazing films that can be viewed. - <https://curamdevicesengage.ie/film-festival/>