



Newsletter June 14th 2022



Dates to Remember

14th June Book Launch 5th class (Ms Mc Donagh's class)

16th June – Sports Day

16th June – City Sports

21st June 6th class Graduation 6pm

24th June – School Closed for Summer Holidays at 12pm



WellBeing Day

Last Friday 10th June we had a School Wellbeing Day. It was a day full of activities for the body and soul and mind! Yoga, Dance, Meditation, Art, Music and much more. We hope the boys enjoyed their day as they begin their WellBeing journey...a journey where we strive to appreciate the importance of feeling comfortable, healthy and happy. Thanks to Ms Coyne, Ms Hannon and Ms Hernon for organising the day.



Sports News

This week is Active School's week. Classes have a full agenda of activities to get through including Sports Day on Thursday 16th should the weather allow. Thanks to Mr Gormally and Ms Fahey and Ms Coyne for organising the week.

Our Gaelic football team played in the Cumann na mBunscol football blitz last Friday in Oranmore. They played Corrandulla and Killeeneen. It was a great day out only losing out to Corandulla in the final game. Thanks to Mr Gormally and Mr Curley for bringing the boys and to the boys for representing the school and for being such a joy to have on our school team.

On Thursday the annual city sports take place in Dangan. Best of luck to all boys competing, thank you to Ms Mc Keon and Ms Owens for organising our school teams.

Last Thursday we had a wonderful visit from the Galway Player Shane Walsh who brought the recenty won Connacht Cup to the school. It was a very special visit and Shane was so generous in his time and energy, visiting all classrooms, patiently signing copies, jerseys and many more items that appeared under his nose!

Many thanks to our BOM member Padraig Keating who organised the visit. Please visit our [facebook](#) page for pictures.

Transition to Secondary School 6th class parents.

6th class had their online transition talk to day provided by a Dublin Based company 'Student Enrichment Services'

The main purpose of this work is to help students with their organisational techniques and to teach them **how to study**.

The aim is to increase their confidence in their own ability to achieve.

We hope your son found this useful.

Webinar for parents

Please see below a link to a webinar recording for 6th class parents that you might find interesting.

The webinar will give you some useful information to support your child with their transition to secondary school over the summer.

There is some guidance from a school chaplain, a youth information officer and an adolescent psychotherapist and a quick look at the www.stepup.ie website also.

The recording is on the Planet Youth website at:

<https://planetyouth.ie/category/video/>

Feedback was very positive and the among the topics covered were:

- Welcome and introductions
- Planet Youth - Parent's Booklet - Step Up website
- My child is anxious
- How can I help my child get ready for school
- Bullying
- My son doesn't like sport
- Getting organised
- Dyslexia and Neurodiversity
- Finding new friends
- Mentoring and Pastoral Care
- Autism
- Communicating with your school
- Last tips for parents
- Wrapping up and resources

We had three speakers:

- Niamh O'Flanagan, a school chaplain
- Helen Butler, a youth coach and information officer with Youthwork Ireland Galway
- Gina Dowd, an adolescent psychotherapist



Our year ends on a high this Friday from a Science and Maths point of view with an online ceremony to once again celebrate our achievement in earning our STEAM award.

Lindsay Deely is joining in the celebrations in coming into the school to facilitate Science workshops with the boys from 1st – 4th class. We very much appreciate Lindsay's support and willingness to share her fun and scientific approach with our students.

Well done to Majella Lavella, all our staff and boys who have worked hard to earn this award.

School Reports- Book Lists

All reports should be received by now. Please contact the office if you have not received your son's report.

On Friday you will receive an email with your son's booklist for next year. Your son will receive his rental books on Monday 20th June. Links for payment are currently being sent via our Aladdin System.

6th Class Graduation Ceremony 6pm – 7 30pm

We will hold our 6th class Graduation ceremony next Tuesday 21st June at 6pm in our school hall. Our hall is very small so please do not feel under pressure to attend if you have Covid concerns. Unfortunately, we can only accommodate parents as hall is too tight to fit any younger siblings etc. apologies in advance if this causes issues for some.

6pm – meet in hall-

*Welcome-

*Memories shared by boys-

*Fr Diarmuid –

*Graduation – pics

*Slide Show

*Refreshments – finish 7 30pm

Graduation

6th class



Please see Newsletter from Our PA attached.

We are always very grateful to our PA for the wonderful work they do, much of which can happen behind closed doors. They have been a constant support over last few years with no ask to big. Thank you.



Last but not least

We are still in denial about the upcoming retirement of our longstanding SNA, Betty Greene who will retire from Scoil Iósaif Naofa on the 24th June.

Scoil Iósaif Naofa is hugely indebted to Betty for the care she gave all the students she worked with over the years.

Betty not only looked out for the boys but has contributed to the school in many others ways throughout the years, including the school band, our main photographer, mentor to all new SNA recruits...no job was too big or too small for Betty.

The staff, past and present will celebrate Betty's retirement this coming Friday and we wish her all the very best as she starts this new chapter in her life.

Betty knows that retiring from Scoil Iósaif Naofa doesn't mean her work is done here..... we know we'll be knocking on Betty's door for many years to come.

Congratulations to Betty Greene.

School Mag 2022

Our annual school magazine is on sale from Monday the 20th of June at €10.00 per magazine. Please send in €10 with your child's name and class in order to purchase the mag.



Reminder- parents
of Ms McDonagh's
class

Congratulations to
all involved.

