



Newsletter 20th September 2022



Dates to Remember

28th September - AGM Parents Association

30th September – Mini 7s hurling

6th October - Open Night Calasanctius College for 6th class boys starting 1st year in September 2023

6th October - Swimming commences for 3rd class (separate letter will be sent to 3rd class students)

Health and safety

Going forward, if your son gets a bang to the head during break time or in class **you will be notified via text**. If you receive a text you do not need to come to the school to collect your son. We are basically informing you of what has happened and to advise you to monitor your child on arriving home. If on observation, we see that your son needs immediate attention we will try to contact you immediately.

On rare occasions a child may present perfectly in class after a head bang but when they arrive home they may develop a headache or other and may need to be seen by a doctor.

Head lice

That time of year again where we are hearing that head lice is back in one or two classes. Please check your son's hair regularly for head lice. We will notify parents of individual classes when a case is brought to our notice.

Emergency Contacts

Please update the school via email with an emergency contact number (a relative or family friend who would be able to collect your son if parents/guardians aren't available) if you haven't already done so.



Google Classroom

Google classroom is the Digital platform we use in Scoil Íosaif Naofa.

We choose this platform for many educational reasons well before we ever heard of Covid and lockdowns and continued to use it as a distance learning tool during those dreaded lockdown periods. Hopefully that is all now behind us. However, we will continue to use it as a school based learning tool.

Our Digital learning plan has been recently revised again, we work with an external support group who provide guidance and structure as to appropriate class level skills and competencies that we aspire to teach over the course of their primary school education.

Most of our work on Google classroom will continue in school as a learning tool as opposed to a communication tool as it was used during lockdown.

Children are currently learning again how to access accounts, with different programmes of work/ learning outcomes in place for each class level.

We hope that by the time children finish in Primary school they will have had a wealth of Digital Technologies learning experiences.

Open Night Calasanctius College – for current 6th class students

Calasanctius College Open Night for all incoming 1st Year students 2023-24 is on 6th October at 7pm.

Congratulations

Oceans Champions Award

The Marine Institute's Explorers Education Programme is delighted to announce that Scoil Iósaif Naofa has been awarded the EXPLORERS OCEAN CHAMPION SCHOOL 2021-2022: THE BEST MARINE CROSS CURRICULAR & STEM SCHOOL PROJECT

This is the first ocean-themed award for primary school children and their schools in Ireland.

The award recognises the effort, commitment and collaboration of the children, teachers, the outreach team members, as well as the wider community in taking part in this project. By sharing an understanding of the impact the ocean has on our lives, as well as the impact we have on the ocean, we are delighted that you and children are working towards creating an ocean literate school and ocean champions of the future!

Congratulations All!



Swimming Programme

As part of our Physical Education programme 3rd class and 5th class participate in swimming classes in Kilcornan swimming pool.

3rd class begin their 8 week programme on the 6th October. Participating classes will be communicated with directly with further information