



Fáilte ar ais

Welcome back to all. Welcome to our new parents and children. We hope you will be very happy in Scoil Iósaif Naofa. As usual the Tuesday newsletter will be sent home every Tuesday via email. Please ensure it is read and that important dates and times are noted.

*Please see our schools Mission Statement and Child Safety Statement, Anti Bullying policy, Code of Behaviour on our website www.oranmoreboysns.ie

School's DLP (DESIGNATED LIASON PERSON: Maeve Meenaghan)

Schools DDLP (Deputy Liason person: JoAnn Coyne)



School opening times The official opening hours of Scoil Iósaif Naofa are 8 50am - 2 30pm. The school will accept pupils 10-15 minutes prior to official opening times. Children remain in the school yard for morning assembly at 8 50am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before this time. Classes will end each day at 2 30pm. Again the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after children after this time. Of course there are always exceptional circumstances and we will always do our very best to accommodate children when required. On very wet mornings the children will be supervised in their classrooms 10 -15 minutes prior to official opening times for those arriving early.



Collection points

It is important that your son knows where they are to be collected from each day, please remind your children to come back to the front office if they can't find the person that is due to collect them



Consents

Attached to this newsletter you will see a google Form looking for your consent to allow your son to participate in various school activities etc.

It also gathers vital information for us regarding any medical needs/allergies/updates your son has etc. All information submitted is strictly confidential.

Please fill this in at your earliest convenience to allow for the smooth running of the school. We will have to follow up on any forms not submitted.



Please see flyer attached if you are interested in ordering from The Lunch Bag.

1st class and new parents, this is a private lunch company that provide lunches directly to the school for your son. Orders are taken via their app. All prices are available to view on this app.



SCOIL ÍOSAIF NAOFA
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
ORANMORE BOYS SCHOOL

The Parents Association are holding their AGM on Sep 28th in the school hall.

Please see flyer attached for further details.

The PA are of huge support to the school and are involved in many aspects of school life, please come along and support one another.

Speech and Drama



Speech and Drama Classes: Venue : Scoil Íosaif Naofa

Speech and Drama classes will commence Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 2:40 pm. The classes will run for 10 weeks at a cost of €120 per child, family discounts available. Classes are suitable for 1st to 6th class and the emphasis for this term is self-confidence, speech and performance. For more information please contact Michele Devlin on 0879504284 or michele.devlin24@gmail.com.



Piano Lessons Venue: Maree (See flyer attached)

Sport



Children engage in many sporting activities throughout the year. Each term will bring a variety of opportunities for the boys. GAA and Rugby coaching will kick off next week.

3rd and 5th classes participate in swimming classes with further details to follow.

Rugby *Galway Corinthians Rugby Club returns with Minis Rugby this Saturday 3rd Sept and every Saturday morning for Boys & Girls from 09:30 (ages U7 to U10) and 10:45 (ages U11 & U12).

Kids & Families can come and give it a try for a few weeks, with no obligation or commitment, everyone is welcome!

For more information, visit our website <https://www.galwaycorinthians.com/>

Gaelbratach

This year we are delighted to participate in Gaelbratach programme. This is an initiative that you will be hearing a lot about as the year progresses. The initiative will support us in our teaching of the Irish Language. Schools are awarded the Gaelbratach upon successful completion of a variety of targets.

Please support and follow us on our Journey. You will be updated on initiatives as the year progresses.

Communication

All teachers will have made contact with their class parents at this point.

Homework has started this week and it's important that this is supported in a consistent manner. Teachers will inform you of their expectations, format etc of their class homework. Please communicate with your class teacher if you have any concerns etc about your child's homework.

Student Absence Notes: In the event of a child being absent from school, a student absence note should be filled in. Blank attendance notes are at the back of their homework diaries- these should be filled in and left in the diary. An email to your class teacher/ office is also accepted. Please note that we are obliged to inform Tusla when a child has missed 20 days or more during the school year. Once we have a doctor's certs/ attendance notes stating a genuine reason for the number of days missed this will not be a matter of concern.

******Special Educational Needs Support (SEN)** Please read letter attached from our SEN team.

Communion and Confirmation classes (2nd and 6th class)

A letter was sent home today with details of preparation masses for those making their Communion and Confirmation. Forms need to be sent back by the end of January 2023.

School Payments Thank you for your contributions to date. Please ensure any outstanding amounts are paid by the end of September.

Fundraising School Lotto

We currently have a school lotto fundraising initiative happening in the school organised by the Parents Association.

For new parents in the school if you are interested in signing up for a minimum of 2€ per week it will greatly support our fundraising efforts. This year we are able to purchase outdoor furniture with the funds raised to date.

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/oranmoreboysns>



Youth Academy

University of Galway Youth Academy aims to give students a taste of what it is like to study at a University.

The Youth Academy works with high ability 4th, 5th and 6th class students. Please visit

www.universityofgalway.ie/youthacademy/ if you would like further information .

As we begin our school year, on behalf of all the staff and Board of Management at Scoil Íosaif Naofa, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your son(s) well in the year ahead.

We look forward to working with you as part of our school community and as always we very much appreciate your continued support.

Regards

Maeve Meeneghan