



## Newsletter April 25<sup>th</sup> 2023



### **Dates to Remember**

28<sup>th</sup> April – First Holy Communion

1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday No School

5<sup>th</sup> May- In school training CPD/Staff meeting – (School closed)

2<sup>ND</sup> June- School closing at 12pm to facilitate new primary curriculum training.



**\*\*\*Please see notice attached from Parents Association**

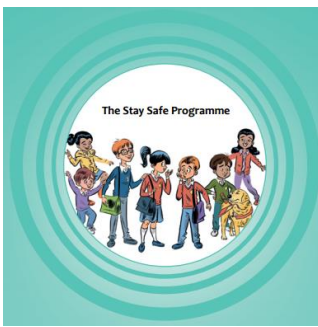
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL - 11 am

Congratulations to all of the boys making their First Holy Communion on Friday. We hope they all have a very special day.

Please arrive on time to be seated before the 11am ceremony, Family seating is not allocated, children making their First Communion will be seated together at the top of the church.

Photographer Tim Brennan will be at the church before and after the ceremony to take photographs, both individual and family photos, if you wish to avail of this opportunity.

Tea, Coffee and light refreshments will be available in Tearmann Mhuire after the ceremony, organised by our Parents Association.



The Stay Safe Programme will be taught to all classes over the next few weeks from next Monday.

The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous.

The Stay Safe programme is mandatory part of the Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum (SPHE). It is important that parents are aware of the content of the Stay Safe lessons and are able to discuss the lessons with their children.

You can familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe lessons at

[www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm](http://www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm)



Best of luck to our Olympic Handball team who are participating in the All Ireland Final on Thursday. Win lose or draw it's a wonderful achievement for the boys to get to the All-Ireland Final.

### Local History

3<sup>rd</sup> class have planned to go on a trip to Coole Park on Friday. This is a wonderful resource to have close by and it's great to see local History being passed on to our children.

This trip may need to be postponed until next week due to unforeseen circumstances but we will know more tomorrow. If it is postponed the trip will happen next week.



We received the very sad news of the passing of our much loved friend and colleague David Saunders who taught in Scoil Íosaif Naofa from 2006 to 2012.

Even though David was only here for six years he left a lasting impression on all of us that knew him.

David was an exceptional person and much loved teacher. He was an Irish Amputee international player and the outpouring of love and support that David and his family have received over the last few weeks is a testament to his character.

Prior to David leaving the school we started an annual sporting event called 'The Saunders Cup'. The cup was a family cup that David gave the school prior to his departure and we carried on the tradition.

This year, when we hold the tournament in June, we will ask for a small donation to contribute to his Go Fund me page on behalf of our school Community. (Details below)

<https://gofund.me/51d7f9d8>

Ae Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.