

*Scoil Iosaif Naofa
Bothair an Chlochair
Cinn Mhara
Co. na Gailimhe*



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Dear Parents,

The Hallow'een break is approaching and pupils and staff are beginning to engage with the seasonal activities that occur at this time. Pupils need to be reminded of the need to be safety conscious when out and about during Hallowe'en and the winter period.

Meeting with parents: The annual Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on Thursday 14th November. The parents /teacher meetings provide a great opportunity to exchange information. If there is any particular talent or interest area that your child has, please let the teacher know about it. If you have a particular concern regarding any aspect of your child's progress and wish to meet your child's teacher outside of the usual parent/teacher meeting, you are asked to contact Hilary, our school secretary, and a mutually convenient appointment will be arranged with your child's class teacher. The co-operation of parents in maintaining the appointment protocol is much appreciated. As parents will understand, it is not possible on health and safety grounds for teacher to leave their class unsupervised. Please note that the Parent teacher's meeting will commence at 7pm and last appointments are 5.30pm.

Traffic Management Plan: We ask all parents to co-operate with the traffic management plan in place outside the school grounds.

Traffic management control is essential for the safety of the pupils in our school.

However, some parents and childminders seem to ignore the rules of the road.

The "set down" area is set down only! Pupils by now are able to enter grounds unaccompanied. If you need to visit the school **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN SET DOWN AREA**. If you need to have "chat" with another parent please do likewise. With a constant flow of traffic there will be enough space for all.

Please do not park in yellow box or on roadside edge of yellow box. Only when buses depart at home time are cars allowed to park in bus stop spaces. We are fully aware that most parents /guardians comply with the management plan. Some wish to ignore basic rules of the road and therefore threaten the safety of our pupils.

The Board of Management of Scoil Iosaif Naofa monitors the operation of the traffic system. It is the policy of the Board of Management to communicate in writing with any motorist who does not adhere to the protocols and if necessary refer the matter to the Gardaí.

Parents please note: The building work will commence at the ASD Unit next week and this will be a building site. No parents are to park here at any time until work is completed. Thank you for your co-operation.

Athletics: Well done to all the pupils who represented the school in the recent schools cross country competition. Some pupils competed for the first time while others were there before. Congratulations to the pupils also who won medals and everyone who competed represented the school very well.

Lá Gaeilge.

Each Friday will now be dedicated to speaking Irish. Staff and pupils will converse and interact as much as possible each Friday. Is Feidir Libh!!!

IS FÉIDIR LIOM! YES, I CAN!



Would you like to brush up on your cúpla focal in order to help your child? If so then this site might be just what you were looking for!

'IS FÉIDIR LIOM – I can' was developed to help parents and grandparents help their children learn Irish at school. The course and its resources are freely available to all who would like to use them. You could even try out some of the interactive games with your child((ren) - quality time ag imirt le chéile!

HELP MY KID LEARN



Developed as part of the National Strategy to Improve Literacy and Numeracy among Children and Young People, this Irish website is for the parents/guardians of children aged 0 – 12 years, from birth to the end of primary school. The website is about how you and your family can enjoy learning together. It is designed to support parents with fun activities and tips according to their child's age.

Each age group has lots of ideas for helping children with talking, playing, reading, writing and using numbers.

Party Invitations:

I would ask parents/guardians and children to be judicious and discreet when giving out invitations to birthday parties during the school year. Some children may feel excluded when omitted and parents should not feel that they have to invite entire classes or large groups of children to these celebrations.

Seamount Musical: This year's production is "Bugsy Malone" on Thursday 7th of November in Kilcornan Community Hall. The cost per pupil is €5 and is payable on or before the 6th of November.

Dates to remember: Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday 25th of March 2014** in St. Joseph's Church at 11am and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 24th 2014**. The next Sunday for the Do this in Memory programme is 24th of November.

Punctuality: It is important that we develop, promote and maintain the habit of being punctual for school, events and appointments. I would ask everyone to make a special effort to be in time for school. Teachers are required to keep punctuality records in relation to children who are frequently late for school.

Congratulations to: Maireád Harrison (staff) and her husband Mark on the safe arrival of their baby boy Diarmuid.

School Closures: The school will close at 1.50pm for all pupils on Thursday 14th November- parent teacher meetings.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Is mise,

Dominic Ó Gallachóir (Principal)