

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



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Newsletter November 2013

Dear Parents,

Credit Union Art competition: Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in the Credit Union Art Competition. The adjudicators made particular reference to the very high standard from Scoil Iosaif Naofa. The following were winners from various groups in our school: Donnacha Ganly, Osgar Dunford, Alicia Locteau, Oisín Keegan and Aaron Meyler.

Traffic Management Plan: We have almost three hundred pupils in our school at present. The busiest times of the day are the morning drop off, infant pick up time and home time. We have asked on many occasions for drivers to obey basic rules of the road. However, a very small minority still do not follow basic rules of the road and on some occasions show very little regard for the safety of pupils coming to and going home from school.

The Board of Management will record details of dangerous driving and will report to the Gardai.

Making sure that we take care of all of our pupils should be top priority!

As I have said in the past, try as you may, you cannot drive your child into the classroom.

Please use set down as set down only! If you have school business, please park elsewhere and return on foot to the school.

Please do not park on double yellow lines or in clearway yellow box outside school gates.

Please drive slowly entering and leaving set down/pick up areas.

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.

Garda 7's Competition: Well done to the sixth class boy's football team. They played fantastic football all the way to the final where they were just beaten by 1 point. All of the games were hotly contested and all of our lads played with teamwork and resolve. We were unfortunate to lose Davey Scannell Goodison early through injury. The boys can be very proud of all of their efforts. It was also great to see all of the boys in sixth class participate in the training where they gave it their all.

Welcome to: Eimear(6th class) & Eoin Crosse(3rd class) who joined the school recently. Also welcome to Dana Conole & Richard Mullins who have joined our staff recently (SNA).

Santa Shop: This will take place at the school on Friday 6th of December. I thank the Parents Association for organising this event. The Santa Shop is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to select their special gift. ***“It’s not the gift of the lover it’s the love of the giver”***

Please see note attached about this. *Also we hope to have a special visitor to the school on Wednesday or Thursday before Christmas for the children!*

School Nativity play: Junior & Senior Infants will have their nativity ***“Wiggly Nativity”*** on **Thursday 12th** of December in St. Joseph’s Church at 7pm.

First and Second classes will host ***‘Twas the night before Christmas*** at 7pm in the PE Hall at the school on **Wednesday 18th of December.**

Christmas Carol Service: Pupils from 3rd-6th classes will host a carol service in St. Joseph’s Church this year. This promises to be a wonderful evening of singing, poetry and musical performance. We will let you know the date closer to the time of carol service (date not fixed yet)!!

School Choir: Sincere thanks to all of the pupils who sang in the school choir for the First Communion mass. It was great to see the tradition of former second class pupils providing a choir for all the ceremonies. They sang beautifully and are greatly appreciated by all of the school community.

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 15th of December.

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.

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.

Seamount Musical: Congratulations to Seamount College on their wonderful performance of “Bugsy Malone”. It is great to see so many of our past pupils taken to the stage and performing so well. Performing on stage is very worthwhile and benefits each pupil in their holistic development.

School Closures: The school will close at **12.00 noon** for all pupils on **Friday 20th** of December for the Christmas holidays.

Is mise,

Dominic Ó Gallachóir (Principal)