

*Scoil Iosaif Naofa  
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### **Newsletter January 2017**

Dear Parents,

Cuirim faillte mór roimh gach duine ar ais ar scoil tar éis saoire na Nollag.

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and wish you well for the coming year.

#### **Table Quiz:**

**Date:** Friday 3rd February

**Time:** 9pm

In order to maintain the high standard of the playground, we will need to raise funds to carry out necessary remedial works so that many young children will keep on having hours and days of fun long into the future.

How can you help? We will host a fundraising Table Quiz in the **Pier Head** on Friday 3rd of February at 9pm.

All of the monies raised will be solely for the playground. We would like you all to come along, with a team, and also spread the word to all of the families in the surrounding areas of Kinvara.

We have not asked for financial assistance over the past ten years. All of your support will be greatly appreciated.

Jim McKee has also very generously donated a painting that will be raffled on the night. Tickets for this can be purchased at the school or at the table quiz.



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**Credit Union Table Quiz Competition:**

Well done to the pupils of Scoil Iosaif Naofa who participated in the local Credit Union Quiz. The senior team was: Ciara McIntyre, Roísín Geaney, Shona Mullarkey & Oisín Fahey who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and the junior team was: Sarah Talbot Tomas McIntyre, Gabriel Gorman & Donnacha Ganly who came 1<sup>st</sup> overall! Both teams represented the school very well. This was a fantastic result for our school. Over 61 school's took part in the quiz. They will now go forward to the regional finals on 5<sup>th</sup> of March. We wish both teams well and we are very proud of their efforts. Go n-éirí libh!



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### **Athletics:**

All pupils from 1st to 6th Class are taking part in an athletics programme in our school.. This is a fantastic opportunity for all pupils to develop proper running techniques through drills and training routines. This is proving to be most enjoyable and already we can see huge improvements. The course is being facilitated by Dermot McDermot of Believe & Achieve

Athletic participation helps people grow, learn, and enjoy themselves while they use and develop their personal, physical, and motivational skills. Believe and Achieve values the lessons that have long been taught by athletic participation – the pursuit of excellence through personal development and consistency.

Believe and Achieve is all about helping people become the best they possibly can and set and reach targets through adopting the above mindset.

### **Also well done to the following pupils:**

Well done to all the St Joseph's pupils involved in South Galway Athletics Club and Craughwell Athletics Club who participated in the Galway Indoor Track and Field in Athlone on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

Under 10-Aisling Geaney ,Aaron Flatley & Robyn Corcoran.

Under 12-Siobhan Geaney, Leah Hanley, Ellen Bermingham, Naoise Flatley, & Lucas Sheedy.

Under 13-Muireann Frawley, Ciara Crossan, Bronagh O' Driscoll, Katie McLaughlin Holly Corcoran, Alicia Locteau, Kai Hayes, Matthew Meares & Sean Malone.

Under 14- Roisin Geaney

**Events included 60 m sprints, 60m hurdles, 400, 600 and 800 mts ,long jump, high jump, shot putt, and relays**

Congratulations to Robyn Corcoran 3<sup>rd</sup> in U10 long jump

Ellen Bermingham 1st in U12 hurdles & 1<sup>st</sup> in U12 high jump

Alicia Locteau 3<sup>rd</sup> in U13 high jump

Ruairi Dillon 3<sup>rd</sup> in U13 800 mtrs & 1<sup>st</sup> in relay

Roisin Geaney 3<sup>rd</sup> in U14 ,800mtrs & 3<sup>rd</sup> in relay

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**The 11th annual Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music takes place in Kinvara!!**

The Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music, beginning its second decade, will take place again this year in St. Joseph's National School from Thursday 23rd February to Sat 25th February 2017. As the school embarks on its second decade, we are delighted and honoured that legendary Clare fiddle player, Séamus Connolly, will be joining us from Boston College where he has been the Sullivan Artist in Residence since 2004. Séamus is originally from Killaloe in County Clare and among the many honours he earned since he moved to America in the mid-1970s, is a National Heritage Fellowship in 2013 from the National Endowment for the Arts, America's highest honour in folk and traditional arts.

Music classes will take place from 10am to 1pm each morning and 'Bearers of the Tradition' workshops, where students are given the opportunity to interact with and learn from members of the traditional music community, will take place on Thurs and Fri afternoons from 2pm to 3pm. Séamus Connolly will lead these workshops for 2017.

The Joseph Browne Spring School provides an excellent opportunity for any children who are already playing an instrument as it allows them to experience music in context while they spend three continuous days playing and learning music with some of the best teachers and performers of traditional music in Ireland as well as meeting other young musicians from all over the country. Classes are offered in fiddle, tin whistle, accordion, concertina, flute, pipes, guitar and keyboard. A new class for Harp was introduced in 2013 and due to the success of the class in the past four years, will be held again this year.

The Joseph Browne Memorial Concert is a benefit concert to help towards the cost of running the Spring School and it will be held on Fri night 24th February in KAM's stunning 'Gig Room' in Kinvara Community Centre where many of the tutors will perform. As this is the 11th year of the Spring School there will be lots of surprise guests! Application forms for classes will be available from Máire O'Keeffe or from Hilary in the office and may be returned to either at the school. Watch out for further details in the coming days and please like us on <http://www.facebook.com/josephbrownespringschool>

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**Rock & Road:** The run will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of March. More details about time of race nearer the time about the kids race.  
The pupils of the school will be practicing for this race.  
The plan is to put the older kids first (they'll be fastest), and younger kids behind. The roads are all closed to traffic from 10:30 so it's very safe. There is no entry fee.  
Please feel free to run or walk the 2k with your child.  
If people want more information the web site is at: [www.rockandroad.ie](http://www.rockandroad.ie)

**Enrolment Forms:** These can be collected at the school for all pupils who need to enrol in the school for September or can be downloaded from our school web site [www.kinvarans.ie](http://www.kinvarans.ie). Could all enrolment forms be returned to the school **on or before Thursday 2nd of March.**

**Dates to remember:** Confirmation will take place on Friday **10th of March 2017** in St. Joseph's Church at 11am and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 11.00am.**

**Welcome to:** Kacey (2<sup>nd</sup> Class) and Shayla Kilkelly (Senior Infants) who joined our school lately.

**Spring Mid-term:** the school will be closed Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th of February 2017.

**Is mise,**

*Dominic Gallagher (Principal)*