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## **January Newsletter 2018**

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.

### **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: Tomás McIntyre, Matthew Meares, Joe Corless & Daniel Corles who came joint 4<sup>th</sup> overall and the junior team was: Stephen Holland, Emma Cullinane, Adam Cunningham & Hugh O'Shaughnessy who

came joint 2<sup>nd</sup> and lost out on the second tie breaker and came 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Both teams represented the school very well. This was a fantastic result for our school. Over 61 school's took part in the quiz.



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**The 12th annual Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music takes place in Kinvara!!**

The Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music, a regular feature of the Kinvara Music Calendar and now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, will take place again this year in St. Joseph's National School from Thursday 15th February to Sat 17th February 2018. 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 1.30pm to 2.30pm This year a 'Peer Performance' Recital will take place on Thurs 1.30 - 2pm This will provide a platform for young musicians to showcase their talents. Let us know if you would like to play a tune or two. Renowned author and musician, Kate Thompson,

will visit the Joseph Browne Spring School also on Thursday when she will give a workshop on care and maintenance of your instrument from 2pm to 2 30pm. On Friday the intricacies of arranging Irish traditional music will be the focus of the afternoon session when Eileen O'Brien will lead a masterclass in arrangement.

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. It also provides a place to meet other young musicians from all over Ireland.

Classes are offered in fiddle, tin whistle, accordion, concertina, flute, pipes, guitar, harp, keyboard and uilleann pipes. Banjo classes will be offered depending on demand. 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 16th February in KAM's stunning 'Gig Room' in Kinvara Community Centre where many of the tutors will perform. Application forms for classes are available from Máire O'Keeffe or from Hilary Sexton in St Joseph's School

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office and may be returned to either at the school. Application forms will also be available via our facebook page. Watch out for further details in the coming days and please like us on <http://www.facebook.com/josephbrownespringschool>

**Rock & Road:** The run will take place on Saturday 4th 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)

The Rock and Road has announced a new early season marathon in addition to the existing 10k and half marathon races taking place, as always, on the first weekend in **March, Saturday 3rd**. The organisers are currently looking for additional marshalling staff to assist with the new marathon course, with financial contributions available to Clubs and organisations who participate (please contact Eoin on (087) 975 8056 or email at [eoin@dolmensports.com](mailto:eoin@dolmensports.com) for more information on this).

The marathon begins and ends on the same route as the scenic half marathon course, but extends further into the Burren landscape taking in the Kilmacduagh Monastery. This event is now in its 8th year and attracts 2000 runners from all over Ireland in no small part due to the huge welcome afforded to the competitors by the local community during the races themselves, at the pier for the finish and on into the evening in the village. This is a great early season goal or test run, particularly for another of the big races in the West - the Connemarathon in April. More details on both races at [www.rockandroad.ie](http://www.rockandroad.ie) and [www.connemarathon.com](http://www.connemarathon.com).

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**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 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.**

**Dates to remember:** Confirmation will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 in St. Joseph's Church at 11am and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 11.00am.**

**Spring Mid-term:** the school will be closed Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of February

**Darkness into Light:** for Pieta House will take place on the **12<sup>th</sup> May at 4.15am** 2018 in Kinvara again this year for the 4<sup>th</sup> time.

**Is mise,**

**Dominic Gallagher**

**(Principal)**