

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



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Newsletter November 2016

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: Rose Keegan, John Durkan, Rose White and Brian Whelan. Comhghairdeas!!



Santa Shop: This will take place at the school on **Friday 9th 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”***

See note below from Parents Association:

The Parents Association will hold its’ annual **Santa Shop on Friday December 9th** .

This is a very exciting and educational experience for the children at our school. The children have the opportunity to buy presents for their loved ones and at the same time learn about budgeting, saving, counting and spending money. This experience gives the children a unique sense of independence and responsibility.

The Parents Association will put a wrapped box for all gift contributions into each classroom on **Thursday November 23rd.**

How it works..?

Parents may have unwanted gifts in a box/drawer at home and our Santa Shop would be grateful for these contributions. We are NOT asking parents to purchase new items for this event – the concept is to encourage the recycling of new or **gently-used** items.

Examples of items include:

jewellery*, toiletries, ornaments/bric-a-brac, kitchenware, frames, DVDs, CDs, paintings, books & toys. We would ask if teddies etc. are offered to ensure they are safe for use and are in good condition. Presents for the men/boys in the children's lives are in big demand and we always struggle to meet that demand – any help in this regard would be fantastic! **We also welcome empty jewellery boxes to enhance the gift-wrapping.*

Each year we use the money raised through this event to pay for Santa's visit to the school, as well as contributing towards meat vouchers for our Christmas hampers.

The Santa Shop is almost upon us and all our elves are very busy getting ready for Friday 9th of December!!

Santa Shop:

Please note children will not be allowed to spend in excess of 5 euro – they can buy two gifts for 1,2 or 3 euro – last year children brought in full wallets of money and we would hate for any child to mislay cash as a result of the Santa Shop so please ensure they know that 5 euros will be more than enough.

Santa's Shop



Seamount Musical: Congratulations to Seamount College on their wonderful performance of "Guys and Dolls ". 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 noon** for all pupils on **Thursday 22nd of December** for the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Cards: We ask that Christmas cards would not be given out in school. Some children may feel excluded when they don't receive a card.

School Orchestra:

I would like to congratulate Ms O'Keeffe and her orchestra on their wonderful performance at the Christmas Lights Ceremony on Saturday last. Their performance greatly enhanced the Christmas spirit. Well done all.

Thank you: The Trick or Treat Fancy dress at Halloween raised €380.00 for Temple Street Hospital. Well done to everyone, it was a lovely fun day and great to raise much need funds for Temple Street Hospital.



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 20th 2017 at 11.00am

Allergies/ Medication: Please inform the school of any allergies which your child may have and any prescribed medication which they may require during school time. It is essential that our records in relation to this are kept updated.

School Visits: As stated in school's Code of Behaviour, an appointment must be made with the school secretary. We also request that each visitor report to the office.

Please use the *sign in sign out book* if you have to collect your child before home time.

Junior & Senior Infants Nativity:

The junior & senior infants nativity will take place on Thursday 15th of December in St. Joseph's Church at 7pm.

A must see performance!

Table Quiz: The table quiz for the playground fundraiser has been postponed until January 2017.

We will let you know arrangements in the New Year.

The Jim McKee raffle has also been postponed. Tickets are still for sale in the school office. €10 if you would like to support the draw.

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Dominic Gallagher (Principal)