

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh (B) Newsletter



Wishing you and yours a peaceful Christmas

Fáilte romhaibh go léir ar ais tar éis na laethanta saoire. Fáilte freisin roimh na daltaí nua I Naionáin Shóisireacha agus i na ranganna eile tríd na scoile. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh siad go léir taitneamh agus tairbhe as a gcuid ama i Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh.

September has come around again. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our pupils back to school. I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer and are well rested for the busy year ahead.

Thank You Mr Fennell

As many of you are probably aware already, Mr Fennell is retiring from the teaching profession on the 31st of December. As principal of our school, I will be very sad to see him leave us.

He has been a wonderful teaching colleague but more importantly, he has devoted himself totally to the school and your children for almost forty years now. Mr Fennell has been an

I would especially like to welcome to our school, the parents of our new junior infants as well as the parents of other new pupils who have joined our school. We hope that your child's time at Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh (B) will be a very positive and rewarding experience.

This newsletter outlines our plans for the coming term. We hope that the information contained within it will help to answer any questions that you may have regarding school and school activities during the first term. You will also find this information on our

institution in this school for as long as I can remember. I have never met somebody as conscientious about his work or the pupils in his care.

Words of mine are not going to do this man justice here. All I can say is that it was a privilege to work alongside the man and on behalf of the whole school community I want to sincerely thank him for what he has given this



school website
(www.spnaoimhb.ie).

The summer has brought about change in the staff schedule. As you are aware, Mr Meaney has decided to retire. On all our behalf I wish him a long and happy retirement and thank him sincerely for all he has given to the school and the parish over the last 33 years.

On my own behalf, I feel honoured and privileged to be chosen as principal of our school. We have a wonderful school, a superb staff and above all else, an ethos which encour-

school and parish throughout his teaching career. Ní bheidh a leitheid ann arís.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Fennell the very best in his retirement. I hope it is a happy and healthy one. The tyres of his bicycle better watch out—I would think they will need changing very shortly.

Junior Infants Visit to Bishopstown Library

Miss Dodd's and Miss O Donovan's classes both went on their very first school outing recently. They were invited to attend a special orientation day at the Bishopstown Library.

They were all given membership and a free pack which contained some age related books and activities. We were delighted with the invitation to the library and we were very

pleased to see many of our juniors familiar with the surroundings down there.

However I must add, on their return to school and when asked about the best part of the day, the unanimous answer from our infants was the spin in the big bus!!! Well done boys! A great day had by all. Our thanks to the library staff, very much appreciated.



After School Activities

Text a Parent



We rolled out our text a parent service very recently and it has been very well received by parents as far as I am aware. We think it is an excellent service and

it certainly saves on time and resources in comparison to sending home notes. If you have been receiving the two text messages we sent to date, please contact your son's teacher and forward on your details. Also, if you change your number, please inform the school.

Visit of the Army Band



The Army Band came to our school for the very first time in October. It was organised through the Cork Jazz Festival Committee. The boys got the opportunity to recognise the various instruments of the band and certainly had a very enjoyable morning listening to such wonderful musicians. A fabulous morning I must say.



Deputy Principal	Mrs Kehily
Junior Infants	Miss Dodd
Senior Infants	Miss Lennord
First Class	Mrs Corkery
Second Class	Miss Nelligan
Third/ Forth Class	Mr Foley
	Mr Fennell
	Miss Kelly
Fifth Class	Mr O Hanlon
Sixth Class	Mr O Callaghan
Learning Support	Miss Ní Cheallaigh
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Rynng
Special Needs Resource	Miss Cronin

School Closures : 2010 /2011

School opening Monday 30th August after summer break
Staff Meeting Thurs. 23rd Sept. Classes dismissed at 1.00 p.m.
Mid –Term Break Monday 25th –29th October (inclusive)
Parent / Teacher Meeting 10th & 11th November
Church Holiday Wednesday 8th December
Christmas Holiday Fri. 24th Dec. to Fri. 7th Jan. 2011 (incl.)
(School re-opens 10th Jan. 2011)
Staff Meeting Thurs. 20th Jan. 2011 (classes dismissed at 1.00 pm)
Mid – Term Break Monday 21st - 25th February (inclusive)
Patrick’s Day Thursday 17th March & Friday 18th
Easter Holidays School closed from Mon.18th- Fri 29th April (incl.)
(School re-opens Tues. 3rd May after May Bank Holiday)
Staff Meeting Thursday 19th May classes dismissed at 1.00 pm
June Bank Holiday Monday 6th June
Summer Holidays Closing Thursday 30th June 2011
Please Note:
The school will be closed for a planning day on a date to be confirmed