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# Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh (B)

## Newsletter

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• Summer 2017

### Best Wishes for the Summer

I would like to welcome you to our Summer Newsletter. It is only when we sit down to begin compiling the newsletter that we come to recognize the amount of activity that occurs in our school. This year was as busy as ever in the school.

Working in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh is a privilege. The boys of this school are a credit to you and they certainly make our work here enjoyable and easy. Quality staff, highly motivated pupils and interested parents mean that the chances of

educational attainment are greatly improved.

As in 2016 more than 40% of our school scored above the 85 percentile in the recent standardized tests in both Maths and English. This shows the effort put in by both boys and teachers. The newly introduced Irish test will also help us to plan for the future in a productive and positive way.

I believe that the school can be very proud of what it represents, of its pupils and teachers.

However, we all must con-

tinuously challenge ourselves and to strive to be the best that we can be at all times.

I thank you all for your wonderful support this past year. I understand and appreciate the sacrifices we all make for our children. I hope you all enjoy the holidays.

*Brian Outhbert*

### School Improvement Plan

The staff is continuing with the next cycle of the school improvement plan. This new cycle will cover the years 2017-2020.

School literacy will be a particular focus, especially dealing with the area of comprehension. Indeed a new system of comprehension skills is ready to be introduced in September for

all boys.

Having looked at the standardised tests it has been decided that the area of "measures" will be highlighted in the Maths curriculum.

Assessment of learning and for learning will be of particular emphasis over the next cycle.

The introduction of standardised testing in Irish has been a success this year and this area will be monitored carefully.

Full details of the plan will be available on the school website.

## After School Art Classes

Mr. O Sullivan continued his highly successful after school art activities this year.

Two different classes were offered and both have been highly successful.

Each Tuesday the art class was offered by Mr. O Sullivan. This is a very popular class with the boys and many different themes were explored. The pictures here show some of the work done by the boys. Mr. O Sullivan has really enjoyed this class. The talent

of the boys is great and all have had a wonderful time.

In a new development this year Mr. O Sullivan offered a “Lego” class on Thurs-



day afternoons. This class was as successful as the Tuesday art class. Up to twenty five boys came to this class to explore different facets of 3-d art.

It was a joy to watch the boys work. I'm sure that some of the pictures shown here will bring back memories to many parents of their own first experiencers with Lego.

Isn't it wonderful that such an “old” tradition is being encouraged and developed in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh.

Mr. O Sullivan is hopeful that these classes will continue and develop further next year.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Deanaimid ár ndícheall i gcónaí an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh. Eagraítear eachtraí speisialta le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge i lár Mí na Márta.

*We strive at all times to encourage the use of Irish in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh. A number of special events are organised for “Seachtain na Gaeilge” in March.*

This year a very successful concert was organized with each

class contributing an “Irish themed” item. Poetry, singing, drama, comedy all appeared on the stage, and all through the medium of Irish.

A “lá glas” (green day) was also organized.

Later in the week a “Bingo as Gaeilge” was organized and expertly run by Ms. Cronin. This has been a successful feature for a few years now. It is great to see all the boys, from Junior Infants to Sixth Cass enjoying themselves (in mixed teams of 4) and all “as Gaeilge”.

Long may these activities continue.



## Sixth Class 2017

It's that time of the year again. Forty five boys from sixth class have come to the end of their time here at Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh and are about to make their way to their next great challenge at secondary school.

Indeed it is hard now to remember the little boys who first entered our school in the Summer of 2009.

The boys have worked diligently under the direction of Ms. O Sullivan and Mr. O Hanlon and



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**Boys School**

have been prepared well for second level.

Mr. Cuthbert has thanked the boys for all their work this year. In particular he noted the importance of the senior boys in leading by example, by being role models for the younger pupils. Most of the boys in sixth

will make their way to the local second level schools although, as usual, a few boys will move away from Bishopstown.

A graduation mass will be held in the last week of June as a final celebration for the boys as they leave us.

This celebration is eagerly awaited by the boys, and not just because it will be their final event in the school.

A year book is prepared by the boys and their teachers. Each boy has a page in which he writes about his thoughts on leaving Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh, about the challenges ahead, and about their hobbies, interests and hopes for the future.

Each boy is presented with a year book on the night. A slide show, showing pictures of the boys from their earliest days in the school is also shown.

We wish them all the best in the years ahead and we hope that they never forget their time here with us in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh.



Mr. O Hanlon's sixth class



Ms. O Sullivan's sixth class





## Sciath na Scol Hurling Campaign

It was another successful year for the school hurling panel this year. A committed panel of boys from 4th, 5th and 6th classes did their upmost in all the matches they played.

Games were played against Scoil Christó Rí, Carrigaline NS, Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Carrigaline and Scoil Mhuire Youghal.

Challenge games were also organised with the team from Gaelscoil Uí Riada in Bishopstown.

After a great campaign the boys were delighted to qualify for the semi-finals of the group, winning three of their four matches.

The semi-final, however, was to be the end of the campaign. On the day our boys came up against a very strong Riverstown team. Although they gave their all it was not quite enough and our team was narrowly beaten.

Mr. McCarthy praised the boys for their efforts throughout the campaign.

He also thanked Mr. Kenny, Mr. O Sullivan, Mr. Murphy and Brendan Driscoll for their training of the team and for their help in organising the matches.

With such committed boys and teachers the strong tradition of hurling in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh is sure to continue.

## School Soccer Team

On the 26th of April, our Senior Soccer team reached the FAI Cork Finals for the 3rd time in six years. The finals were once again played at Turner's Cross.

Our boys played some excellent football at times, however came up against some very difficult opposition in Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Carrigaline, St Joseph's

Mardyke and Crosshaven BNS.

Carrigaline were the eventual winners of the tournament.



## The Senior Soccer Team

Our school was represented by

Callan O'Leary, Scott Kelleher, Kieran McFadden, Kevin Whelan-Rock, Jack O'Callaghan and Jakub Sienciki. (6th class)

Odhran Foley (5th class),

Christopher Harrington (4th class),



## Thank You Mr O Callaghan

You may not be aware but our Deputy Principal Mr O Callaghan retires at the end of this school year. Mr O Callaghan began his career here in 1978 and quickly became recognised within the Bishopstown community as a teacher of marvellous renown. This reputation has remained constant over the last 40 years.

Mr O Callaghan's pupils, both present and past, look on years spent in his class as

the most worthwhile year in their entire education. To any educator, this is the greatest compliment a student can pay a teacher.

Mr O Callaghan has over the years, endeared himself to all in Spiorad Naomh due in so small part to his professionalism, his high standards and above else his desire that the boys in his care would be challenged continuously to be the best that they could be.

The work done with music over the years also deserves special mention. Mr O Callaghan is renowned for his choirs but he also taught the recorder for many years with the school band.

Yeats once said that education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire, this to me sums up Mr O Callaghan's approach. I know I speak for us all by simply saying thank you Eoin. You have lit many fires over the 40 years, you will be greatly missed but your legacy will burn brightly.

## Credit Union Quiz Success

One aspect of the school which is worthy of particular merit is our participation, and success in the local and regional Credit Union Quiz competitions.

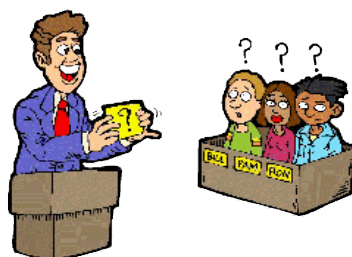
The boys are prepared by Mr. O Hanlon after a general knowledge quiz to decide the composition of the teams.

This year four teams entered at the various levels.

Regular "training" sessions were held at lunchtimes and the boys were encouraged to

read widely.

This year our under 13 team did the school proud, winning the local Bishopstown round and acquitting themselves well in the regional final in March. Well done to Evan Drinan, Eoin Meers, Eoghan Desmond and Kevin Whelan Rock from sixth class.



## The School Choir

The school choir had a very successful year under the stewardship of Ms. Spillane and Mr. O Callaghan.

The year began with the choir singing at the open night for new parents in October. This was followed by a very successful performance at the Christmas Carol Service at the Church of the Holy Spirit in December. The choir was ably directed at these performances by Ms. Spillane due to the illness of Mr. O Callaghan.



This past spring the choir entered the Primary Schools' section of the Feis Maitiú. As the choir had not entered a competitive situation for many years this was a major undertaking.

Extra rehearsals were organized, words and music had to be learned to perfection.

On the day in question the boys were really excited.

Seven choirs entered a highly competitive and entertaining competition and the boys sang with energy and enthusiasm.

The choir performed a stirring rendition of "Star of the County Down" followed by the much quieter "Dream Song".

The boys were highly commended by the adjudicator for their performance. He particularly noted how nice it was to see a senior boys' choir enter the competition.

The boys' year concluded with a per-



formance at the schools choral festival "Cór Fhéile na Scol".

This non competitive event has been running for over fifty years and there is a long tradition in the school of sending choirs, bands and groups to the Cór Fhéile. The boys sang particularly well. They enjoyed the show....and the ice cream afterwards!

Overall it has been a great year of choral singing in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh. We hope that this tradition continues long into the future.

## Confirmation Classes





## Permanent Appointments in Our School



Ms. Aoife O Sullivan



Ms. Hazel O Connell



Mr. Conor O Sullivan

## Staffing Arrangements 2017-18

### Juniors

Ms Dodd  
Ms Leonard

### Seniors

To Be Confirmed  
Ms O Sullivan

### First

Ms Ní Chruallaoí  
Mrs Winslow

### Second

Ms Corkery\*  
Mrs Hynes

### Third

Ms O Connell  
Mr O Sullivan

### Fourth

Mr Carroll  
To Be Confirmed

### Fifth

Ms Curzon  
William McConnell \*

### Sixth

Mr O Hanlon  
Ms Henchin\*

### Resource Teachers

Ms Ní Cheallaigh  
Mr McCarthy  
Ms Cronin  
A.N. Other/ Mrs Kelleher (Job Share)  
Ms Holden/ Ms O Callaghan (Job Share)  
Ms Nelligan\*

Ms. Nelligan, Mrs. Corkery and Ms. Henchin are on maternity leave, returning to school in 2018. Substitute teachers will be appointed in the Summer to cover these absences. Three other teachers will be appointed in the Summer. These will cover the vacancies which have arisen due to job sharing positions and will also cover Ms. Spillane's position as she is taking a career break.

## After School Music

Colette Morley and Ms. Nelligan have continued the long tradition of after school music classes in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh.

Accordions have always been a part of the tapestry of the school and Colette is anxious that this be maintained. A small but committed band of accordion players stays behind each Tuesday afternoon to continue this long standing tradition. These boys join the whistle players in the

band to perform at the school Christmas concert each December.

Guitar classes have been offered for a number of years now and this Thursday afternoon class continues to be popular with a high demand for places.

This year, for the first time, a ukulele class was offered and this latest venture is proving a success and the distinctive sound of the ukulele can be heard around the school on

Wednesday afternoons.

At the time of writing the ukulele students in sixth class are busily preparing for the end of year ceremony where they will perform for the first time.

Well done to all concerned.



## Success at the City Sports

After a number of trials the school athletics team was picked to represent us in the Cork Primary School Sports which took place this year on the 1st of June in C.I.T.



*Under 13: Kieran McFadden & Darragh Cooper Power*

*Under 12: Kevin Murphy & Gavin Igbinoghene*

*Under 11: Bill Cahill & Gary Holland*

*Under 10: Bobby Kelleher & Fergal Cotter*

*Under 9: Jack Drinan & Byron Igbinoghene*

*Under 8: Michael Koledoye & Harry Quinlan*

*Under 7: Enrique Manning Munoz & Liam O'Connor*

It was a very successful day for our school.

Bill Cahill and Michael Koledoye won their individual finals. This was a fantastic achievement...well done to both.



A further success came our way when the under 11 relay team came third

in their own final. Well done to Bill Cahill, Bobby Kelleher, Hugh Hoare and Samuel Okoye.

Overall a great day for the boys.

Special thanks are due to Mr. O Sullivan for all his hard work preparing and training the boys.





## Our Communion Classes

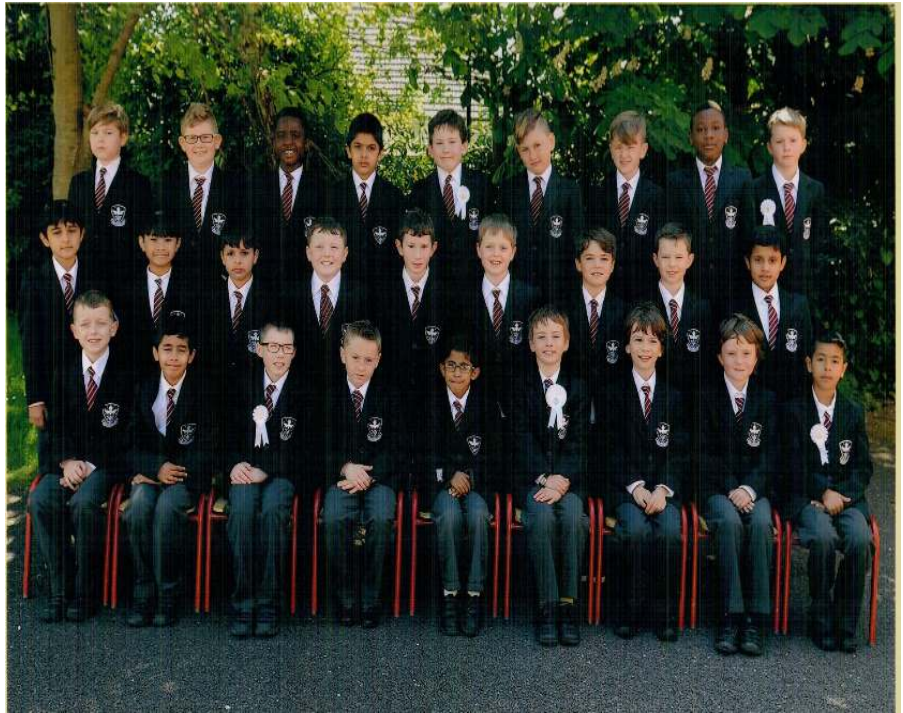
Saturday May 14th was a very important day in the young lives of the boys in second class. This was the day that they made their First Holy Communion.

The boys had been preparing with great enthusiasm for their big day. Many practices had been held in the church, prayers and hymns had been learned and overall the boys were more than ready when the big day arrived.

Mrs. Winslow and Mrs Hynes had the boys ready in place as the Mass began.

And didn't the boys look splendid in their school blazers, shirt and tie. It was a very reverent ceremony as the boys received the sacrament.

Mums, Dads and families were indeed very proud of the young boys on this most important day.



Mrs. Winslow's Class



Mrs. Hynes' Class

## School Chess Tournament

Great excitement has been the order of the day in the school recently as the chess tournament has reached its conclusion.

Mr. McCarthy has been running the tournament for as number of years now and it becomes more popular each year.

Each class runs its own preliminary tournament. All boys are guaranteed at least two matches with the

“back door” system proving popular with the boys.

Eventually each class provides its best two players to play off against the other boys of the same year.

The grand final is a great occasion in every class.

This year was no exception. Mr. McCarthy was particularly happy with the development of chess coaching this year. The boys from sixth class took on a coaching and mentoring role with the younger

boys in second and third classes. Those who had no knowledge of chess were taught by the senior boys and those with little or no experience of the game were given valuable instruction on the finer points of the game.

Mr. McCarthy is also very grateful to two boys in fifth class: Ben Foley and Martin Crowley for their great assistance in organizing the tournament with him.



## Chess Results

### 6th Class:

Winner: Eoghan Desmond

Second: Robert Fitzgerald

### 5th Class:

Winner: Christopher Furlong

Second: Jake O Kelly

### 4th Class:

Winner: Oisín Rea

Second: Darragh Griffin

### Third Class:

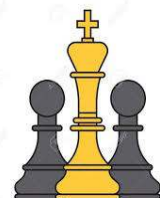
Winner: Eoin Sweeney

Second: Grant Bryan

### Second Class:

Winner: Eli Murphy McKeown

Second: Ahroon Santosh





## School Tours in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh

It's probably the boys' favourite part of the year. School tours loom large in the boys' minds as the third term progresses. And what an experience they have....

From visits to Rumley's Farm for the infants to activity tours and Zip Wire activities, the boys have it all.

By the time they reach sixth class a wide variety of activities will have been experienced.. The sixth class tour to the activity centre at Ballyhass lakes is a particular favourite

with its wide variety of challenging and enjoyable activities.

Other "tours" also have to be mentioned. For example the boys from 5th Class enjoyed a wonderful tour of UCC this year along with their teachers Ms. Curzon & Mr. McConnell.

The tour comprised of a visit to the Aula Maxima, the Main Quadrangle, the Stone Corridor and a visit to the newly refurbished Crawford Observatory. The tour

concluded with a Junior Conferencing Ceremony and each boy was awarded a Junior Graduation Scroll to record .

In similar vein the boys from 6th class enjoyed an Engineering Workshop at CIT in March as part of Engineers Week .

## School Tour Photos





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### 2017-2018 School Calendar

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School Closed/ Holidays



There may be an inservice day for teachers during the year



Half Day



First and Last Day of School