

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh (B)

Newsletter

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Best Wishes for the Summer

On behalf of all of the Board of Management and staff of our school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable summer break. It's a time for recharging the batteries and readying ourselves again for the challenges that the next academic year will bring.

This past school year has been an exciting one here for us; the level of engagement witnessed in the teaching and learning of the children never ceases to amaze me. We do really

understand that we are working with really wonderful children who are extremely well supported in their homes.

For us, this has many implications. Most pertinently, the staff of our school are fully aware of the level of responsibility that we have in ensuring these optimum conditions for learning are exploited and every child in our school reaches his full potential.

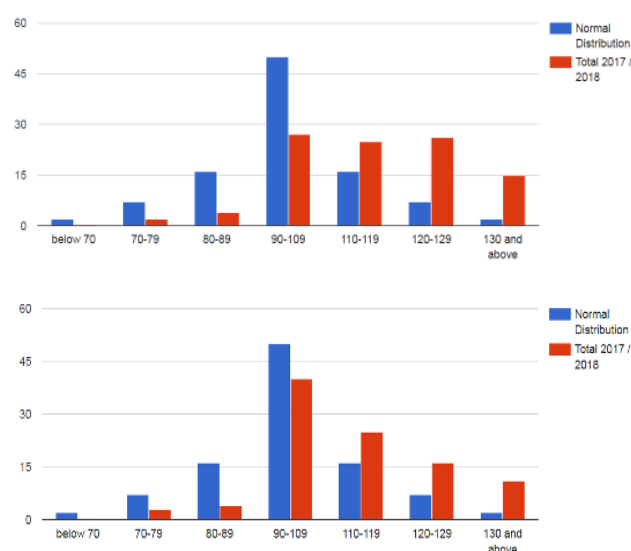
This is not an easy task, despite the many opportu-

nities our environment provides and it is important that we all recognise the wonderful work of our school staff. The level of dedication and care that they display daily is a testament to the professionals that they are. I am sure you would agree that your children are in safe hands!

Thank you again for all of your contributions. Together, we will help our boys to be the best that they can be.

Standardised Testing

Our annual Standardised Test results are presented opposite in graphical format (Maths on top, Reading on the bottom). It is heartening to see such positive results and we remain in both subjects well above the national averages (red represents our results, blue the national average). Well done to everybody for all their work.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Deanaimid ár ndícheall i gcónaí an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn i Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh. *We strive at all times to encourage the use of Irish in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh.*

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh from Monday 12th March to Friday 16th March. This is an annual celebration of the Irish language where schools organise activities and incen-

tives for the school community to make an extra effort to speak the Irish language. In true Spioraid Naoimh spirit, students brought the language to life inside and outside the classroom which created a fantastic atmosphere around the school.

We held a whole school Seanfhocail Poster Competition and there was a winner picked from each class. The winner's posters are displayed in the corridor by the library. Well done to all the

winners!

We also held a whole school ceol-choirm (concert), which was a huge success. Each class performed a song in the Irish language or a song with an Irish theme.

Well done to all the teachers and all the boys for their fantastic performances. We are looking forward to Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 already!



Sixth Class 2018

It's that time of the year again. Fifty one 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 2010.

The boys have worked diligently under the direction of Mr Murphy 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 ceremony 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



Mr Murphy's sixth class



Sciath na Scol Hurling Campaign

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The boys had another very successful year winning the four matches in their section. Victories were achieved against Scoil Chriost Ri, Gaelcoil Charraig Ui Laighin, Scoil Mhuire Lourdes, Carrigaline and Scoil Mhuire, Youghal.

This resulted in them qualifying for the semi-final of the top section. On the day we had to play second best to an excellent Glounthaune team.

Mr. McCarthy praised the boys

for their efforts during the campaign. He also thanked Mr. Kenny and Mr. Murphy for training the team.

The Sciath competitions revert next year to the old system

where schools of a similar size play against each other in their own division. This should suit us better in the years ahead. We would also like to thanks Bishopstown GAA Club for the use of their facilities.



School Soccer Team

In March, our senior team played in the first round of the FAI 5 a side soccer tournament. We have reached the Cork finals of this national competition twice in the last 3 years so hopes were high going into the tournament. After an initial postponement due to

the snow, we eventually travelled to Carrigaline. Unfortunately we came up against strong opposition in Glasheen, the North Mon and a school from Bantry who were the ultimate winners.

Our 4th class team played their tournament in Midleton in Febru-

ary, finishing 4th in a 12 team mini tournament.

In June the school entered 2 teams into the Morning Star 6th class Soccer Tournament. One of our teams lost in the semi final to penalties. All the boys had a great day.



Student Teachers from the USA

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh hosted 21 visiting student teachers and their two supervisors from Baldwin Wallace University, Ohio, USA from 14/5/18 to 23/5/18. Each class had one or two visiting teachers who observed teaching practices in Irish classrooms and also delivered lessons to our students.



Our time at Scoil An Spioraid Naoimh Boys school was a wonderful experience for all.

Our teachers had a wide variety of experiences during our short time, which broadened our horizons within education.

I personally got placed in second class with Mr. Kenny and immediately got immersed into the classroom. I as well as other student

teachers, got the opportunity to teach both PE and general education lessons. It was such a fulfilling experience to gain the knowledge of the difference in education between America and Ireland and to observe the difference in classroom dynamics.

We are so thankful for Mr. Cuthbert opening up his school to us and will forever carry our time and our students in our hearts forever!

Cheers!

Nicole Gladish
Early Childhood Education
Student(K-5)
Alpha Gamma Delta-Risk
Management
Baldwin Wallace University
class of 2019

Friends For Life Programme

The FRIENDS for Life Programme commenced in the school for the first time during the third term. The FRIENDS for Life is an evidence-based anxiety-prevention and resilience-building programme designed for use in schools. Developed by Dr. Paula Barrett in Australia, the programme is designed to teach students the skills required to manage their emotions, thoughts and body responses to life stresses. The programme also seeks to develop self-esteem and teach coping skills in a simple and structured way.

A number of Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh teachers were trained by the NEPS school psychologist to teach the programme in March this year. Each week for 10 weeks the fourth class boys learned different resilience skills. The programme was a great success and will be taught to next year's fourth class. The junior version of this Programme 'FUN FRIENDS'. will be rolled out in First class also.

FRIENDS is an acronym for the skills taught throughout the programme:

F Feelings

R Remember to Relax. Have quiet time.

I I can do it! I can try (Inner helpful thoughts)

E Explore Solutions and Coping Step Plans.

N Now reward yourself! You've done your best!

D Don't forget to practise.

S Smile! Stay calm, Stay Strong and talk to your support networks!



4th class were asked what was the most important thing they learned in FRIENDS for Life ? Here are their answers:

Ask for help when I needed it

I can turn a bad problem into a good one

Relax when I feel I'm worried

Doesn't matter what other people think of you

Learning how to deal with red thoughts

Changing red thoughts into green thoughts

Making a coping plan to help with problems

Relax when angry or worried

How to relax

How to relax when stressed or angry

How to think positively

Be confident

How to deal with a bad situation

How to cope with different situations

To challenge your red thought with a yellow thought challenger

How to think positive and helpful thoughts when I'm worried or nervous

How to cope with different feelings

How to calm down and relax

How to turn unhelpful thoughts into positive thoughts

Permanent Appointment in Our School



Mr Tom Kenny

Confirmation Classes



Staffing Arrangements 2018-19

Juniors

Ms Dodd (will be on
maternity leave)

Ms Leonard

Seniors

TBC

TBC

First

Ms Ní Chrualaoí

Mrs Winslow

Second

Ms Holden (will be on
maternity leave)

Mr Kenny

Third

Ms O Connell (will be
on maternity leave)

TBC

Fourth

Mr Carroll

Ms Henchin

Fifth

Ms Curzon

William McConnell

Sixth

Mr O Hanlon

TBC

Resource Teachers

Ms Ní Cheallaigh

Mr McCarthy

Ms Cronin

Ms O Sullivan

Ms Nelligan /Mrs Kelle-

her (Job Share)

Ms Corkery/ Ms O Calla-

ghan(will be on maternity
leave) (Job Share)

TBC

Ms O Connell, Ms Dodd and Ms. Holden and Ms O Callaghan are on maternity leave, returning to school in 2019. Substitute teachers will be appointed in the Summer to cover these absences. Five teachers will be temporarily appointed in the Summer. These will cover the vacancies which have arisen due to job sharing positions, secondment and will also cover Ms. Spillane's and Mr O Sullivan's career break. Mrs Hynes is taking her second year seconded by NCSE as visiting teacher for Visually Impaired.

Cork City Soccer Visits

In March, 28 boys from 3rd class attended Cork City v Sligo Rovers, and in May, 46 boys from 4th class went to City v Bray Wanderers. Both classes had visits from Shane Griffin and Karl Sheppard who presented James O'Cal-

laghan and Aaron O'Connor with their Clonakilty hampers that they won in a colouring competition.

Kieran Sadlier and Tobi Adebayo-Rowling from Cork City FC called to the school in

June, and they brought with them the FAI Cup and the League Championship trophy which they won last November. They beat Dundalk in the FAI Cup final, and Dundalk were also runners-up in the league.



Cork City Sports

After a number of trials, the school athletics team was formed and chosen to represent Scoil an Spioraid Naomh in the Cork Primary School Sports, which took place this year on the 1st June in C.I.T.

Under 13:

Kevin Murphy, Martin Crowley

Under 12:

Bill Cahill, Odhran Foley

Under 11:

Bobby Kelleher, Christopher Harrington

Under 10:

Jack Drinan, Tom McKeown

Under 9:

Bredjanio Muniunga, Callum Harrington

Under 8:

Cian Healy, Eoin Cuthbert

Under 7:

Daniel Ryan, Zachary Murphy McKeown

Under 11 relay:

Bobby Kelleher, Jack Drinan, Charlie Galvin, Robert O Leary

Over 11 relay:

Kevin Murphy, Martin Crowley, Bill Cahill, Liam O Mahony

Jack Drinan came second in his sprint, narrowly missing out on the top spot. Well done Jack! After a very successful year in 2017, we were promoted to a higher grade this year with stronger

opposition. Well done to all our athletes, who did the school proud on the day. A special thanks to Mr. O' Sullivan and Mr McCarthy for all their hard work preparing and training the boys.



World Book Day

The snow in March interrupted World Book Day celebrations but the students were delighted to get a second chance to dress up as their favourite characters & celebrate books of all kinds later on in the month!



Basketball

In February the Scoil an Spio-raid Naomh Boys basket ball team played in the Garda Basketball Tournament in Neptune Stadium. They won one game and lost one but had a great day out.



Soccer Marathon

On the 22nd June the school held their annual Soccer Marathon. The boys had a great day playing soccer in the sunshine. The teachers even braved themselves to take on our mighty student soccer team. The game finished 2 all but the teachers narrowly won after penalties.



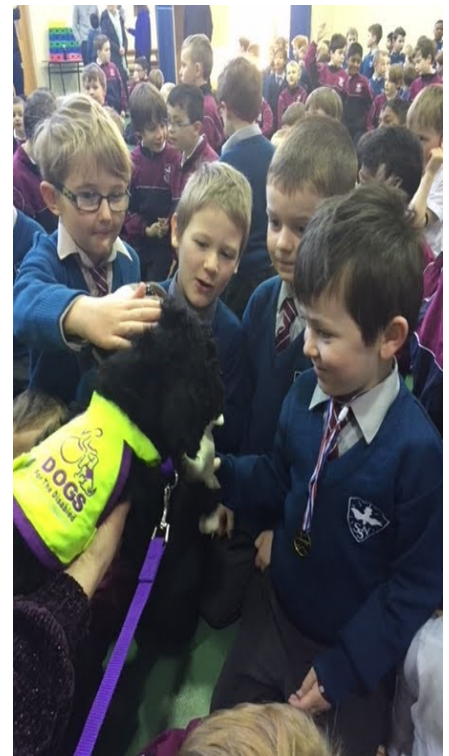
Visitors to the School

During May fourth class had a visit from Lt Cmdr. Neil Manning of the Irish Navy. Neil is captain of the L.E. James Joyce and he spoke to the boys about his career in the navy so far, missions he has been on in the Atlantic, the Irish Sea and the very special mission he went on to the Mediterranean in the summer of 2016 when he and his crew rescued over 3,500 people during that summer. He showed us a fantastic slideshow of all the photos and videos he took along the way. The boys had loads of questions for him!!!



Dogs for the Disabled

During the month of January we had a visit from Dogs for the Disabled. Trainers from this Cork based charity spoke to the students about the important work they do in providing assistance dogs for people with disabilities. The boys loved meeting all of the puppies in training!



Our Communion Classes

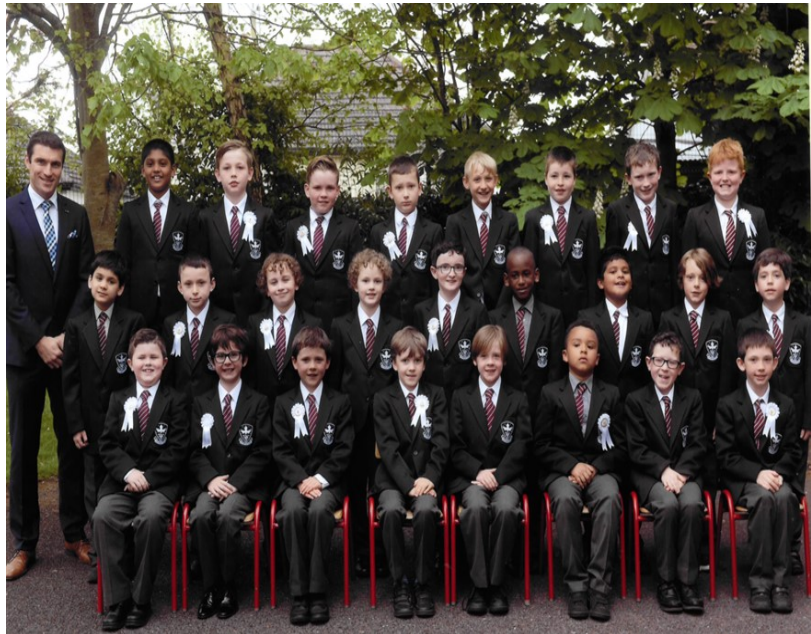
Saturday 5th May was a very important day in the young lives of the boys in second class. This was the day that they made their First Holy Communion.

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.

Mr. Kenny and Ms. Kavanagh 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.



Mr Kenny's Class



Ms Kavanagh's 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 popu-

lar with the boys.

Eventually each class provides its champion to play off against the other champion 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 fifth and 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.



Chess Results

6th Class:

Winner: Christopher Furlong

Second: Jack Healy

5th Class:

Winner: Darragh Griffin

Second: Fergal Cotter

4th Class:

Winner: Abdullah Ozler

Second: Alex Healy

Third Class:

Winner: Eli Murphy McKeown

Second: Efe Ozler

Second Class:

Winner: Christior Aron Marfa

Second: Liam O Connor



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.

In addition to their official school tour the boys from 5th & 6th Class had an enjoyable experience attending Sci Fest 2018 in April. This was held at CIT and featured science projects and experiments from secondary

schools in the Cork area. The boys had great fun viewing and interacting with the many interesting displays. No doubt it will help to inspire many of them to study science subjects when they move on to second level themselves.

School Tour Photos



Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh

2018 - 2019 School Calendar

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School Closed/ Holidays



Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)



Half Day



First and Last Day of School