



# Scoil Naomh Chaitríona

## Newsletter - October

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### Dear Parents

The last ten weeks have flown by so quickly and everyone has settled nicely back into routine. It has been a busy but enjoyable half term and we expect more of the same in the lead up to Christmas. For some families these past weeks have had a “stop-start” feel having to keep children off school due to colds and flus. I can only imagine how frustrating it must have been, but I thank you for your consideration. I hope you all have had a nice mid term break and feel refreshed and recharged for the months ahead.

### Important Dates Coming Up

**November 1<sup>st</sup> (Monday):** School reopens following mid-term break.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday):** Photographer visiting the school.

**November 12<sup>th</sup> (Friday):** School finishes at **12:30** (Teacher Training)

**November 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** Parent Teacher Meetings. School finishes at **2:00pm**

**Birthdays:** A very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthdays in October

**Esmae (5), Josh (6), Maeve (7), Angelina (8), Paddy Joe (9), Aldo (10), Daithí (10), Paul (11), Joel (12), Bróna (12)**



### School Closures and Parent Teacher Meetings

This November there are a few dates to note on your calendar. School will close earlier than usual on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November (12:30)** for an in-service training day and on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November (2:00)** for Parent Teacher Meetings. Unfortunately, all indicators would suggest that these meetings may have to take place over the phone once again. Some of these phone calls may be scheduled for different evenings throughout the week.



## News and Upcoming Events

### GOAL

A huge well done to all who participated in our GOAL Jersey Day. We managed to raise €160 for GOAL an Irish charity who supports vulnerable communities around the world.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We have always had a strong tradition of participating in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Families fill a shoebox of goodies which is then shipped off to a boy or girl living in poverty. Shoeboxes would need to be in school next week for collection. Learn more here: <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/how-to-fill-a-shoebox/>



### Wrapping up for the Winter!

The guidelines currently advise us to keep all windows and classroom doors open throughout the day. This improves ventilation and reduces any risk of transmission. However, it does mean our classrooms will be colder than usual. We will have the heating on, but your child may wear a jacket or coat in class also.



### Photographer School Visit

The photographer will visit our school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please ensure your child has full uniform. These photographs will be available for purchase.



### Enrolment for Coláiste Cholmcille 2022

Coláiste Cholmcille's online enrolment portal for incoming First Years 2022 will launch on the school website [www.cbbs.ie](http://www.cbbs.ie) on Monday, November 15th. If you have any queries in relation to the process, please see Coláiste Cholmcille's admissions policy on the school website or contact the school at [info@cbbs.ie](mailto:info@cbbs.ie) or 0719858288.

Parent/Guardian/Student(s) are invited to take a tour of the school using the following link <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=maTpq9mvHLE>



### Wellbeing Month

Once again November will be "Wellbeing Month" in Scoil Chaitríona. Children will enjoy a month of activities which will focus on improving their physical and mental health.



### Fr. Vincent

We are delighted to have Fr. Vincent of Rossnowlagh Friary joining us in school every Thursday for an hour to work with our Sacrament classes (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for the coming year.

### Ms O'Reilly's Room

The Junior Room became a very eerie place over the past two weeks. Ms O'Reilly completely transformed our Aistear Room and had it looking extra spooky. Check out these snaps of our children having great fun while learning through play.



### Mr. Carr's Room

Our Middle Room had great fun creating their own witch's recipe poems inspired by Shakespeare's famous "Song of the Witches". Check out some of them online at : <https://www.scoilchaitrionaballyshannon.ie/news/spooky-halloween-poems/>



Double double toil and trouble,  
Fire burn and caldron bubble

Rotted dog food, old piece of wood,  
Tongue of a dog, leg of a frog.

Spider's leg, chicken's eggs  
Human's toe, JoJo's bow.

Eye of a lizard, shell of a snail  
A man very pale.

By Jodie Addison Coyle

Double double toil and trouble,  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Rotten dog food, my dog pooed  
A snail's shell, slug's gel.

My Dad's favourite tie, warm shepherd's pie  
Human flesh, my granny's old dress

A fox's nail, a rat's tail  
A bird's beak, smelly feet

By Mia Duffy

### Mr. Kelly's Room

Our Senior room have been as diligent and hard working as ever this month. They really embraced Maths Week and enjoyed the variety of activities including Problem Solving Quizzes and Tower Building Contests. Have a look at some of their fun below. Well done to Joel on building the tallest tower!



See more of our Maths Weeks photos on our homepage at <https://www.scoilchaitrionaballyshannon.ie/>