



# Scoil Naomh Chaitríona

## Newsletter – Mid Term

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### Dear Parents

I would like to thank you all for supporting your children and the school throughout this first half term. I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy break and we hope to see you all refreshed and recharged again on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. This is just a quick newsletter to give you an insight into some of the upcoming activities planned for after Mid Term.

### Parents' Yoga

Our final Yoga session will take place on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am in the school hall. These sessions are opened to all levels and newcomers are most welcome. Come along and give it a try. Feedback has been very positive from all participants to date. If the demand is there, we will run another round of classes soon. There was a lot of interest in Zumba classes from our Parent Survey. Unfortunately, any instructors we contacted had to travel quite a distance and as a result the classes were working out too expensive. We will however keep looking. If you know of anyone locally, do get in touch.

### Bedtime Reading Club and Toy Library

After the break we are planning to run a Bedtime Reading Club and Toy Library. The reading club will allow parents to borrow a few books on a Monday to read to their child each night at bedtime. You can return these books on the Friday and then borrow more for over the weekend. This club will initially be opened to all parents of children in Junior Infants up to Second Class.

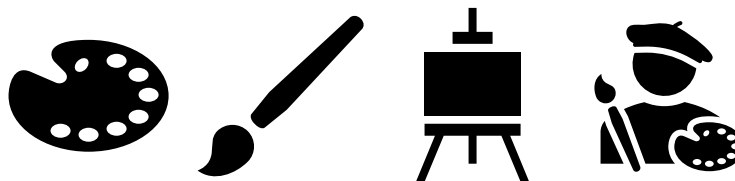
We also will have a Toy Library operating which will be open to children of all ages. We have a variety of educational toys and Board games that may be borrowed / returned on a Monday or Friday.

This scheme will be supervised by Anita our Home School Community Liaison. We will have a trolley either at the school gate or Marian Hall on Mondays and Fridays, so you don't have to stray too far from your car to borrow an item.



## Arts and Crafts (After School Club)

Ms O' Reilly is planning to start an after-school's club following the Mid Term Break. This club will allow children explore their creative side and develop their artistic skills. This club will run on Tuesdays from 3-4pm starting on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> November. Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class are welcome to join. We will need an idea of numbers so we will be sending out expression of interest forms. These classes are free of charge.



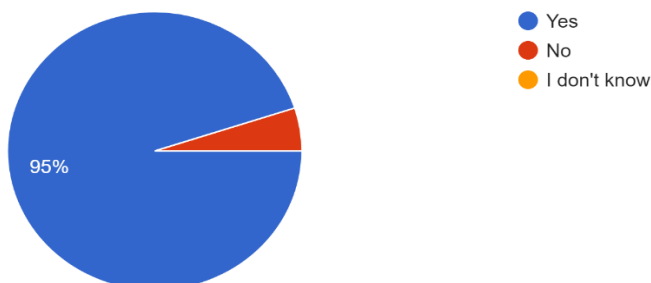
## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A gentle reminder to have all Christmas shoeboxes returned by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November so that we can get them out in time for delivery. Learn more here: <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/how-to-fill-a-shoebox/>

## Results of Our Parents' Survey (Literacy and Numeracy)

Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to fill in our survey. The results were very insightful and have greatly helped our focus in planning for the future development of the school. It was lovely to see that so many children enjoy coming to our school and have an interest in learning. Having studied the results, Communication has popped up as an area in which we can still make improvements (particularly in relation to your children's progress in school) and we will endeavour to focus more on this going forward. Please find survey results below.

My Child enjoys school  
20 responses



### My Child is doing well in school

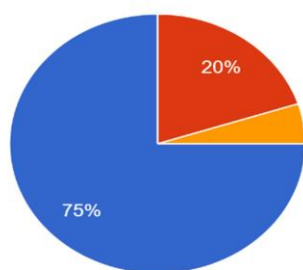
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- Yes
- No
- I don't know

### How would you rate the communication from the school about your child's progress?

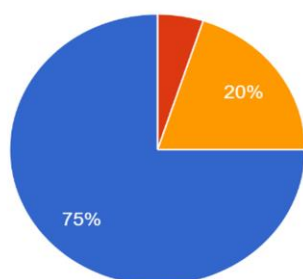
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- Good
- OK
- Poor

### My child likes Maths

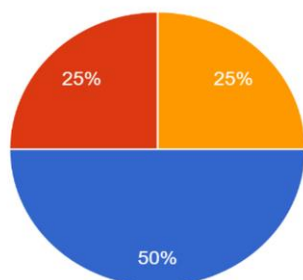
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- Yes
- No
- I don't know

### How do you feel your child is progressing in Maths

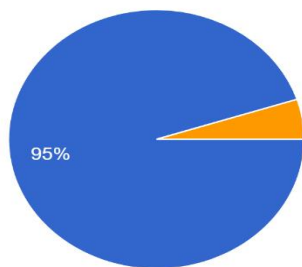
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- I feel my child is making very good progress
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### My child likes English

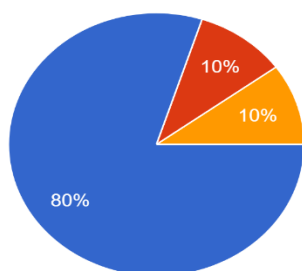
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- Yes
- No
- I don't know

### How do you feel your child is progressing in English

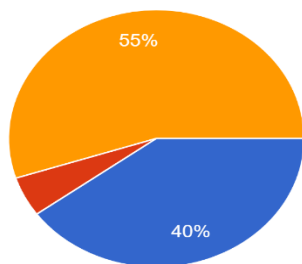
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### Does your child need help with their homework?

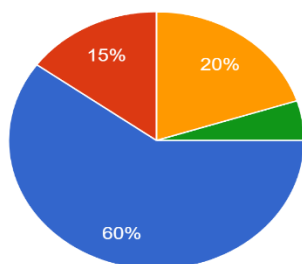
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- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

### In relation to reading...

20 responses



- My child is a good reader and enjoys reading for pleasure
- My child is a good reader but rarely reads outside of school
- My child has an interest in reading but is having difficulties
- My child dislikes reading and is having difficulties