



Scoil Naomh Chaitríona

Newsletter – April

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Dear Parents

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and that the children are all refreshed and re-energised as we head into our final term. Term 3 is always busy but fun as we look forward to Confirmation, First Communion, graduations, school tours and plenty of other fun activities. There are also a few upcoming school closures and important dates to be mindful of and I have included these below.

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Important Dates Coming Up

Upcoming Closures

28th April (Friday): School Closed. Reopening Tues 2nd May after Bank Holiday

26th May (Friday): School Closed for Curriculum Training Day

2nd June (Fri): School Closed. Reopening Tues 6th June after Bank Holiday

22nd April (Saturday): Ceremony of light Mass – Confirmation 6:15pm

23rd April (Sunday): Do This In Memory Mass – Communion

7th May (Sunday): Confirmation at 11am

20th May (Saturday): First Holy Communion

7th June (Wednesday): Induction Day for new Junior Infants

News and Upcoming Events

Sacraments

May will be a big month for many of our children who are preparing for their sacraments.

Confirmation: Sixth class will be making their Confirmation on **Sunday 7th May** at 11am.

Confirmation Practice will take place on **Friday 5th May** at 6:30pm. There is a Service of Light Ceremony this Saturday at 6:15pm

Communion: Second class children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May at 11am. There is a Do This in Memory Mass this Sunday at 11am. Children should bring a bottle of water to be blessed.

Fundraising

I wish to express my gratitude to all who participated in our school fundraisers over the past few weeks. Your generous support and enthusiasm made the events a huge success. We managed to raise over €2,500 which will go towards the purchase of new resources and some fun surprises for the children. It is through your efforts we can continue to provide the best possible education for our children. Thank You!

Curriculum Training Day

As you may be aware, the Department of Education are rolling out a new curriculum. As part of this, teachers will have an in-service training day on Friday 26th of May. The school will be closed to pupils on this day. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Upcoming Activities

Cycle Lessons have been a big hit with our 5th and 6th class pupils. In their final lesson this Thursday they will be taken out in small groups to learn the rules of the road and how to cycle safely. We will be joining the Cycle bus once again every Wednesday morning, meeting at Spar for 9am. All children from 1st class and upwards are welcome with their helmet, hi-vis and safe, road worthy bikes.

The children in Ms O'Reilly's and Mr Carr's rooms will be visiting the Abbey theatre next Tuesday 25th to watch a drama production of Dr Dolittle.

Children in Mr Bracken's and Mr Kelly's classes will be participating in the BLAST initiative through which they will be exploring the science behind how electrical circuits, lighting and LEDs work.

Creative Schools Week will kick off on the 8th of May. Children will have an opportunity to showcase their artistic and creative flair. We have many fun activities lined up and guest visits from a variety of artists.

All-Ireland Champion

Congratulations to Charlie Ward on his fantastic achievement in becoming an all-Ireland boxing champion at the weekend in the National stadium. Charlie has been putting in hours of hard training and cardio and we were all delighted to learn of his success. Well done champ!



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Each March we put an extra emphasis on promoting our Irish language and embracing our culture and traditions. The children had a lovely time learning Irish poems, songs and dances. We finished the week off with a concert in our school hall and a céilí session.



Easter Fun

Such fun we all had in the lead up to Easter with Easter Art, Egg hunts and our end of term Table Quiz.



Maths for Fun

Maths for Fun was a great success in the Junior Room. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to come in and help out.

