



# Scoil Naomh Chaitríona

## Newsletter – May & June

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### Dear Parents

With the countdown on to the summer holidays, May and June tend to be very busy months. We have testing in English and Math, School Tours, Active Week and Creative Week among our list of upcoming activities. Have a read below to learn more.

### Important Dates Coming Up

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Fri):** School Closed (Rory Gallagher Festival)

**June 6<sup>th</sup> (Mon):** School Closed (June Bank Holiday)

**June 7<sup>th</sup> (Tues):** School Tour- Arrive for 8:45 am/ Pick up 3.00pm (Ms O Reilly's & Mr Carr's)

**June 10<sup>th</sup> (Fri):** Sports Day – Wear P.E. Gear

**June 14<sup>th</sup> (Tues):** Induction Day for new Junior Infants

**June 16<sup>th</sup> (Thurs):** School Tour – Bus leaving school 8:00 am

**June 20<sup>th</sup> (Mon):** Graduation Mass for 6<sup>th</sup> Class

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Wed):** School closes at 12:30 for Summer Holidays



A very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthdays in May

**Umaiza (7), Charlie B (8), Emanuel (9), Leon (11),**

### Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our 6<sup>th</sup> class and 2<sup>nd</sup> class children who made their First Holy Communion and their Confirmation in May. You were all wonderful on the day and we're super proud of you here.



## News and Upcoming Events

### School Tours

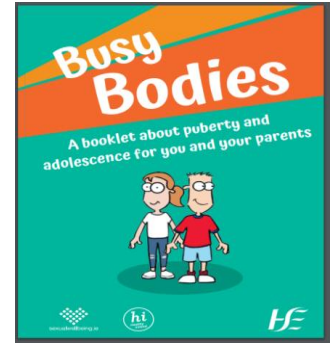
Ms O'Reilly and Mr Carr's classes will be visiting Lurgy Brack Farm and Arena 7 in Letterkenny on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June for their school tours. A letter has gone out to all families about what they will need on the day. You can also read this letter here:

<https://tinyurl.com/schooltourSC>



### Teaching of RSE

As part of the SPHE school curriculum all schools are obliged to teach lessons on 'Relationship and Sexual Education'. There will be a letter sent out in the coming week with more information but we plan to deliver these lessons the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> June.



### Active Week and Creative School Week

Our Annual Active Week kicks off on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June and Creative Week will follow starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. We have lots of fun events planned including our Sports Day and a visit from artist Jarla Duffy



### Junior Infant Induction Day

Next year's Junior Infants will have a chance to visit our school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of June. We will have plenty of fun activities on the go to make them all feel welcome. The day will run from 1pm to 2:30pm.

### Testing

Children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class have been sitting their English and Math standardized tests this week. The results of these tests will be included in the end of year report cards.



### New School Year, Classes, Booklist and End of Year Reports

We are already making preparations for the new school year. Children will return to school on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.**

Due to our rising numbers we will have an additional teacher join us in September. As it stands the classes and teachers for next year will be as follows:

**Infants:** Ms O'Reilly                      **1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> class:** Mr. Carr

**3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> class :** Mr Bracken              **5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> class :** Mr Kelly

**S.E.T Team:** Will include Mr Gallagher and our new teacher.

End of Year Reports, 2022/23 calendar and booklists for the new school year should be in the post to you by the 17<sup>th</sup> of June.



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### Summer Camp

Following the success of last year's Summer Programme, we are looking into the possibility of setting one up again come the end of June. This "summer camp" will focus on improving the literacy and numeracy levels of attendees in a fun way. Each day would run from 9:30am - 2:00pm. (Exact dates to be confirmed but most likely will start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> of June and will run for 5 days.

If you would be interested in sending your child please fill your name at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/kZX8eJYKZyeRbz4e8>

Please Note: Places may be limited so full attendance is essential. The school will allocate places according to needs of the children, their age and class levels.

### Internet Safety

On 30<sup>th</sup> May, guest speaker, Ger Brick, delivered an online workshop on internet safety and cyber bullying. It was a very informative talk and at times quite shocking. He covered a wide range of topics including which apps and games are suitable for children, how to have more control over what material your child accesses online and how to limit the information and data you share online. Ger is sending on some slides from his presentation and I will be sharing these with you all when I have them.

### Punctuality

Since the return to school following Covid-19 we have noted that the punctuality of some of our children has been far from ideal. If your child is 10 minutes late each morning, over an entire school year, that adds up to over 6 full school days worth of teaching time missed. Going forward teachers will be monitoring lates closely and keeping a record on the school register as we are obliged to do by the Department of Education.

### Graduation Mass

We will be having a Graduation Mass for our outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> class on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. This mass will be held in the Marian Hall and all parents and families are welcome to attend to give our wonderful 6<sup>th</sup> class the send off they deserve.