



Scoil Naomh Chaitríona

Newsletter - April

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Dear Parents

With all children now back in schools, the 5KM restriction lifted and the long awaited arrival of some sunshine, we have great reason to look forward to our final school term with optimism. Our children have all been amazing to date at following teacher instructions and adhering to our guidelines. There is still a lot of uncertainty around the likes of school tours and the sacraments but we will do our best to make this last term as enjoyable as we can to repay our children for their cooperation and sacrifice.

Important Dates for April

April is a month full of birthdays in Scoil Chaitríona. This month we wish the happiest of birthdays to:

Brody Duffy , Andrew Kavanagh, Agnieszka Radzik, Jodie Coyle, Anthony Duffy, Summer Ward and Chloe Kennedy.

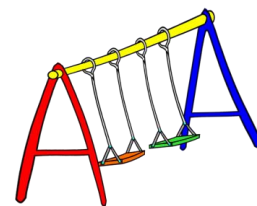
We also have several birthdays on our staff; We wish all the best to **Margaret, Nuala and also Mr Bracken who celebrate their birthdays this month.**



Reminder: School will be closed Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th of May for Bank Holiday Weekend.

Construction Works/ Upgrade of Playground and Fencing

April has proven to be an even busier month than usual in Scoil Chaitríona. Over the Easter break we began work on replacing our playground surface and securing the school grounds with additional fencing. We eventually hope to have our main entrance fenced and gated also. Once our grounds are secured we can then look into buying equipment for our playground. We have created a suggestion box in the school foyer for our pupils to share their ideas with Swings, Monkey Bars and bike racks currently the most popular suggestions!



News and Upcoming Events

Kindness Week

On the week starting 19th April we will be holding a Kindness Week. This initiative will encourage our pupils to be nice and treat others with respect. There will also be an emphasis on bullying and cyber-bullying. We hope this week will empower our school community to deal effectively with bullying. Children should be able to recognise bullying and understand what to do if they are victims or if they see someone else fall victim to bullying behaviour.

We will have fun team building exercises including whole school art projects and a friendship walk around the town.



Hot Meals!

Great news! Our application for the Hot Meal Scheme has been accepted. It may be June or September before we get up and running but your child could very soon be enjoying mashed potato, chicken curry, pasta or fish fingers for their lunch. We are the only school in South Donegal who have been offered the scheme and we're very excited! See the sample menu here →

Road Safety & Issues at School Entrance

The entrance to our school is continuing to be a problem with regards to traffic, congestion, and pedestrians. I met with the county council a few weeks ago and they have promised a new pedestrian crossing, lights, and signage. We have also made an application for funding through the 'Safe Routes to School' Scheme which if successful would provide funding and support for children to walk, scoot and cycle to school safely.

For now I would ask that all our pupils be walked as far as the Marian Hall by an adult in the morning. Our teaching staff will monitor the car park at home time. I would also ask all parents travelling by car to slow down, be vigilant and keep our No Parking Zone clear. Thank You.

Creative School Programme

We have had further developments with our Creative Schools Programme this week. Each classroom had a Zoom with Karen and we have now set up a 'Creative Committee' with pupils from each room. They have come up with some great ideas including an 'Art Week' and an 'Art Homework Only Night'. Watch this space!

Irish Chicken Breast Curry with Rice*
Vegetable Curry with Rice (V)
Beef Bolognese with Pasta
Creamy Pasta with 100% Chicken Breast*
Mac n Cheese with Cauliflower (V)
Veggie Creamy Pasta (V)
Traditional Irish Beef Stew with Potatoes
Meatballs with Penne Pasta
Fish Fingers with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans (V)
Chicken Breast Goujon with Mashed Potato and Vegetables
Sausages with Mashed Potato and Baked Beans
Plain Penne Pasta (V)
 (V) - Vegetarian

