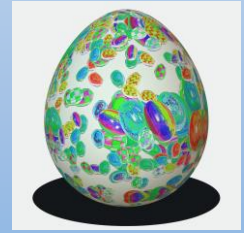




## Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024



### Dates to Remember

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Bake Sale

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Easter Holidays school closes at 12pm

April 12<sup>th</sup> Confirmation 3pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April - First Confession – 11 30am – Church of the Immaculate Conception, Oranmore – parents welcome to attend- all children return to school afterwards



**1) Please see notice attached re Easter Bake sale – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

## Seachtain na Gaeilge



### **Last week we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge.**

A huge thank you to our parents Claire McNamee and Yvonne Flynn who spent last Friday morning with us sharing their musical talents for Lá Glas. We had a wonderful day, enjoyed by staff and pupils. **Please see our social media page and webpage for more photos of the day.**

On Friday last, by coincidence we also had our Gaelbhreach inspection/support visit. This is a nationwide initiative that was established in response to the need to create natural opportunities to speak Irish outside of the formal classroom setting.

Below is an extract from the feedback email we received following the visit.

*Thank you very much for welcoming me today. It's always great to hear the teachers' thoughts. I commend you for the excellent work you have done this year with the committee.*

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*It was great to meet the children too. They are very versatile, thank you. It was really fun to see the music, the singing, the games and the yoga in the different classes today too.*

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*It made my heart so happy to watch the children sing, play music, play games and enjoy the SnaG activities. It was incredible and I have to give you high praise. You are doing the horses work and you should be so proud of yourselves!*

**Well done to Majella Lavelle leading the Gaelbratach committee, all the staff and boys of Scoil Iósaif Naofa.**

**A huge achievement! Comhairdeas.**

### St Patrick's Day



Well Done to our School Band under the direction of teachers Ruth Mc Donagh, Mary O Connell and Maura Keane.

They were fantastic and did their school, community and of course themselves very proud.

Please see Social Media page and school website for further pictures over coming days.

### **New FootPath**

We are delighted that this project has been completed in order to provide additional safety for pedestrians and cyclists coming to and from Scoil Íosaif Naofa and indeed the wider community.

It has been a lengthy project to get this footpath delivered, with many stakeholders involved. Thank you to all.



**World Down Syndrome Day Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**What better way to start the Easter Holidays than celebrating all of our friends with Down Syndrome, & having some fun with our new Song "Rockin' 21"**

**Will you sing with us???**

**Look at our Rockin' 21 Video Here: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/Rockin21>**

QR code below if you'd like to donate.



- Well done to the 5 aside soccer team that progress to the County Final on 26th of April in Mervue Utd.

- Cumann na mBunscol school competitions in Gaelic Football and hurling will commence after the Easter break. Training continues on Tuesday (Football) and on Fridays (Hurling).



Tesco-

Thank you to Tesco and all of you shoppers who contributed your Blue Tokens to Scoil Iósaif Naofa fund. We received a cheque for 676€ euro last week from Tesco. Much appreciated.

### Easter Camps

\*\*Please see details of additional camps happening over Easter Holidays

1. Oran Easter Camp – held in Scoil Iósaif Naofa
2. Corinthians Rugby Easter Camp.
3. Cookalicious – an online cooking camp that receives amazing reviews
4. Dramatastic Easter Camp which will be held in Renmore, Claregalway, Athenry and Knocknacarra

**Hot Meals roll out April 8th**

Bradbury's and Conneely's hot schools meals begin delivering to all pupils on Monday 8th April.

**If you have not logged on and ordered your son's hot meal your son will not receive a hot lunch.**

**To order online you need to order 36 hours in advance.**

Your child will be given a label tomorrow (Wednesday) stuck to their homework diary with log in details. Simply go to [www.hotschoolmeals.ie](http://www.hotschoolmeals.ie) to log on using login details.

You can log in to place your order at any time over the coming weeks, to have your lunch ready for delivery for the new term.

No Order = no Free Lunch

If you have any difficulties around allergies or placing orders please contact [sinead@hotschoolmeals.ie](mailto:sinead@hotschoolmeals.ie)

