



# Nuacht Litir

## Scoil Sheosaimh Naofa

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### Márta 2021



#### Welcome Back to school.

Firstly, 'well done' to everyone for the fantastic effort they put in during remote learning. It was brilliant to see you all working so well. We are delighted to finally have all the boys and girls back in the classroom. We would like to remind you that we all need to play our part to keep our school safe and open. Please keep your child at home and seek medical advice if they are any way unwell. Thank you all for your continued support in keeping everyone in our school safe.



#### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí SnaG ar siúl ó 1ú go 17ú Márta. Bhaineamar go léir an-sult as an tseachtain i mbliana. Bhí go leor imeachtaí eagraithe againn i rith na seachtaine – cluichí teanga, comórtais, tráth na gceist, tóraíocht taisce, cláracha ó TG4, srl. Bhí atmaisféar croíúil le brath thart timpeall na scoile ar ár 'Lá Glas' (Máirt, 16ú Márta). Bhí gach duine gléasta i nglas agus bhaineamar go léir an-chuid taitnimh as an lá! Rinne na páistí ar fad iarracht ar leith an Ghaeilge a labhairt ar scoil agus sa bhaile i rith Seachtaine na Gaeilge. Leanaigí leis an dea-nós seo! Comhghairdeas le Clodagh Kenny ó Naíonáin Mhóra agus le Allyssa Harte ó Rang a 3 a bhí mar 'Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine'. Déanann an bheirt acu sár-iarracht an Ghaeilge a labhairt i gcónaí! Maith sibh!



**Town Twinning:** The Ballycommon, Ballinagar & Geashill town twinning committee wish to pass on their appreciation to all those who took part in the virtual St. Patrick's Day parade to Jeux with their 'Kicking the Ball to France' video. See can you spot anyone you know!

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=BBG+kicking+the+ball+to+france+2021](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=BBG+kicking+the+ball+to+france+2021)

### Sacraimint na hAithrí (*First Penance*)



Families preparing for First Reconciliation joined Bishop Denis in the Diocesan Penitential Service in Preparation for First Reconciliation which was livestreamed from Carlow on March 18<sup>th</sup>. While we don't have a date for First Penance at the moment the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class begin to prepare to celebrate the special sacrament for the very first time. If families would like to get ideas on how to create a Family Prayer Space at home they might like to watch this video for some ideas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtwGwTemPLw>

### Sacraimint na Chóineartaithe (Confirmation)

Bishop Denis Nulty invited all the Confirmation candidates from Ballinagar along with the other Kildare and Leighlin parishes to join him in prayer on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to formally begin their Confirmation Journey. The children may not know the date on which this journey will end but they are determined to prepare well so that when they can finally celebrate their Confirmation they will be as ready as they can possibly be.



#### Run around Ireland

As part of our Active Schools initiative all classes are taking part in the 'Run Around Ireland' challenge starting 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This 4-week challenge is an excellent way for children to learn about some of Ireland's famous landmarks and is ideal for staying active and increasing fitness levels while bringing learning outdoors.

#### Art Competition:

Well done to all our amazing artists who took part in the Town Twinning art competition. Congratulations to all of the winners: Liam Cuskelly (Snr.I), Kayden Mannion (1<sup>st</sup> class), Kevin Hensey (1<sup>st</sup> class) and Eoin Flannagan (3<sup>rd</sup> class). Well done, we are so proud of you.





### Rock your socks

To celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on March 21<sup>st</sup> our children and staff celebrated and helped raise awareness by wearing our most colourful, crazy, funkiest and cool socks! A total of €561.50 was raised for Down Syndrome Ireland. Well done and thank you to all who participated.

### Covid 19 Advice

Advice from the Chief Medical Officer to parents of school children can be found on the school website ([www.ballinagarns.ie](http://www.ballinagarns.ie)). The DES sent the following information to schools:



### 'Thank you' Bella and Róisín!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to past pupils Bella Gethings and Róisín Plunkett who along with their teacher Ms. Whelan raised €69.17 in the 'Run, Donate, Save' campaign. The money raised has been donated to the Irish Hospice Foundation and an Irish woodland rowan tree has been planted and dedicated to the pupils of Scoil Sheosaimh Naofa for their incredible effort.



### Duaiseanna Scríbhneoireachta do Mhárta



The handwriter of the term in each class was announced at our recent assembly. The winners were presented with a Handwriter of the Term certificate which recognises their beautiful penmanship. Maith sibh do na daltaí seo a leanas:

<b>Naíonáin Bheaga:</b>	Amber Flanagan
<b>Naíonáin Mhóra:</b>	Ben Ravenhill
<b>Rang a hAon:</b>	Jack Dunne
<b>Rang a Dó:</b>	Enda Norris
<b>Rang a Trí:</b>	Seán Mc Connell
<b>Rang a Ceathair:</b>	Ciara Dunne
<b>Rang a Cúig:</b>	Senon Farrell
<b>Rang a Sé:</b>	Nikita Greidans



### Boird Bhainistíochta na Scoile (March Meeting)

- The Board conducted its annual review of the Anti-Bullying Checklist.
- The Board ratified the school's Acceptable Usage Policy, the Class Allocation Policy, the General School Policy and the Parental Complaints Policy.
- The Board reviewed and ratified the school's Covid-19 Response Plan.



Our Easter holidays begin on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March & we will re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. We wish each and every one a well-deserved Easter break & hope that everyone stays safe and well. Our school motto 'Ní neart go cur le chéile' (There is strength in unity) is very apt at this time, remembering that if we all follow the guidelines we will all be safer and stronger in these times. Stay safe. Le gach dea-ghuí.