



# Nuacht Litir

## Scoil Sheosaimh Naofa

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## Meitheamh (June) 2021

### Active School Week Week

Our Active/Sports' week took place last week 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June. The weather was great for it and the boys and girls really enjoyed all the different activities that were organised for the week. It was a great success! Thanks to all the teachers who helped to organise it too.



### School Fun Day

In the absence of school tours this year, our school held a FUN Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. It was organised and ran by Flow Promotions. It was a most enjoyable day for both pupils and teachers with a huge variety of activities on show. The fun was rounded off with the delightful arrival of an ice-cream van which only added to what was a tremendously successful day!!



Ms McManus will be returning to Castlejordan National School as a mainstream teacher in September. We thank her most sincerely for her dedicated work here in Ballinagar and wish her continued success in her teaching career. Ms McManus has been a valued member of our staff for 5 years and she will be greatly missed by staff and students alike.

Ms. Daly, Ms. Kenny and Ms. Kelly will also be leaving us this week, we thank them for their continued hard work throughout the year and wish them every success for the future!

We also say goodbye to the children of Rang a Sé. After an eight-year journey in the school, they are now ready to move on to secondary school and we wish them well. In what was a challenging year, they have been excellent role models, worked hard, raised money for charities and were ever helpful around the school, níl bréag ar bith ansin! Go n-éirí leo go léir.



### Parents' Association

Thank you our brilliant Parents' Association for their continued support over the year and in particular for funding the subsidy per pupil for both the school Fun day and book rental cost. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

### Bingo

A huge thanks to Ballinagar GAA, all the parents and wider community who bought bingo tickets to support the school. The Bingo nights were very enjoyable and successful. Your support was much appreciated!



### Fundraising

As part of our Active/Sports' week, each class 'walked a mile with a smile' for the BIFFO challenge. This took place in Ballinagar GAA grounds and we raised €343.10

Thanks to everyone who got involved and for your very generous donation!



### **Important Dates.**

School will re-open on Thursday August 26<sup>th</sup> for the new school year.

Confirmation for 6<sup>th</sup> class is scheduled to take place on Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>. This will hopefully be confirmed with HSE early next week and parents will be informed as soon as possible.



### **Peil Ghaelach**

Boys and girls from 2<sup>nd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> class enjoyed some GAA skills and training on Friday afternoons from 2:50pm–3:50pm. Many thanks to the teachers for giving their time to this. There was a great interest and enthusiasm shown from the pupils and it was very enjoyable.



### **Athletics**

Thanks to Offaly Sports Partnership for the 6-week Athletics programme which ran in our school during May and June. Pupils from all classes thoroughly enjoyed the activities over the last few weeks.



### **Cleachtadh Múinteoireachta**

Thank you to Teaching Practice student Amanda Fox, who showed great commitment and dedication to her role and we wish her well in her future career.

### **Term 3 Best Handwriting Awards**



The following students were presented with their Term 3 Best Handwriter certificates. Well done to all!

**Naíonáin Bheaga:** Oisín Dillon

**Naíonáin Mhóra:** Conor O' Donoghue

**Rang a hAon:** Scott Warner Reilly

**Rang a Dó:** Adam Young

**Rang a Trí:** Cathal Cuskelly

**Rang a Ceathair:** Seán Fitzpatrick

**Rang a Cúig:** Calleigh Pierce

**Rang a Sé:** Tess Flynn

### **Go Raibh Maith Agaibh**

I would like to say a sincere thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff for their efforts this year in keeping our school safe. There have been many challenges and changes, none more so than in the past week, but the support from the entire school community was consistent throughout.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank the pupils, parents and staff for their support in my first year here in Scoil Sheosaimh Naofa. Our school has an immense reputation throughout the county and from my first day here, I could clearly see why.

Next year my sincere hope is that we can continue to grow, adapt and develop, while remaining true to the values and traditions that have made this school so special for so long.

Finally, and most importantly, well done to all the boys and girls for all their hard work and uplifting attitude throughout this unique school year. They have shown resilience and positivity on so many occasions. Your parents, teachers and SNAs are very proud of you and you should all be very proud of yourselves. Well done and enjoy your summer holidays.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.

Niall Spain