



# Nuacht Litir

## Scoil Sheosaimh Naofa

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## Bealtaine 2022

### Welcome

A warm welcome to new pupil Charlie Rogers who started in 2<sup>nd</sup> class recently.

### Ukraine Sponsor Walk

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March pupils and staff completed a 1km Sponsored Walk/Run in Aid of Children in Ukraine. An incredible total of €6370.55 was raised and donated to UNICEF to support their work in Ukraine.



The children and staff of Scoil Sheosaimh Naofa wore beautiful bright colours on 8<sup>th</sup> April in support of Rainbow Day to raise necessary funds for **Laois Offaly Families for Autism (LOFFA)**. LOFFA is a local support group that actively campaigns to raise awareness of autism in our area and seek health, educational and support services that are appropriate to meet the needs of our children and adults with autism. We raised a total of €353.50 for LOFFA. Thank you to everyone for their support.

### Vex Robotics

Richard O' Donoghue, Liam Johnson, Ríona Quinn, Eoin Gorman, Ruby Gethings, Cian Dunne, Aoife Donegan and Isobel Hayes have been involved in the Vex team. They have created and designed two robots. They have programmed these two robots through coding so they are self-driven or also be controlled by one of these students. They will be competing soon in a Vex robotics competition. They have worked extremely hard and have developed excellent robots. The future is very bright and they have shown great creativity and talent.

## Comhghairdeas!

Congratulations to Sophie Greham in Junior Infants for winning an MVP (Most Valuable Player) for the Shannonside Steelers wheelchair basketball team this season last weekend. Well done Sophie, it's so well deserved.

Comhghairdeas to Jane Norris 6<sup>th</sup> Class on her win in the U15 Scór at the Offaly Fleadh Cheoil last weekend.

Well done to Adam Malone and Odhran Gilmartin who represented their club at the semi-final of the Sketchers FAI Cup recently.

Well done also to Eoin Gorman & Calleigh Pierce who represented the school at the Cumann na mBunscol Football Skills Competition this week.

Congratulations to Ms. Rabbette who has recently been on a nationwide tour with Robert Mizzell. This highly acclaimed 'Nashville Songbook Concert Tour' has played to packed venues all over the country and Noreen has been central to its success. We are truly blessed to have such a talent on our staff and she is always so giving of her time and talent when it comes to any school occasion requiring music.

### Swimming

3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils completed six swimming sessions in Aura swimming pool. Many thanks to the Parents' Association for their support with buses to the pool.



4<sup>th</sup> Class pupils recently took part in ESB Science Blast. Their science question was 'Does Physical Activity affect productivity levels?'

They had a Zoom interview with a judge from the Science Department in UCD. Following this they were awarded with a Science Blast trophy.



Confirmation takes place this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils celebrated First Penance on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Ballinagar. They are actively preparing and looking forward to their special day. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11:30.



### **Cumann na mBunscol**

Cumann na mBunscol has resumed for boys and girls. Training continues after school on Wednesdays for girls and Thursdays for boys.

### **Offaly Down Syndrome Fundraiser**

The school will take part in the 'Rock your Socks' event whereby children, parents and teachers are asked to wear the craziest, loudest, oddest, funkiest, coolest, grooviest socks that they can find! Donations will be collected on the day, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.



### **Tabhair Aire**

A reminder to all drivers to please take extra care during drop off and collection times and always keep disabled spaces free for users.

### **Yard Supervision**

Please note: Children are supervised in the school yard each morning from 8:55am.



### **Parents' Association**

Many thanks to our fantastic Parents' Association who have agreed to support us with:

- Buses to swimming lessons and football matches
- Book rental fees contribution
- School tour contribution

Please support our Parents' Association by supporting the community lotto.



### **Boird Bhainistíochta na Scoile**

April's Meeting:

- The Board approved Solas Class enrolment for September 2022.
- The Board ratified the Maths, SPHE and Fire Drill policies.
- The Board thanked the Parents' Association for their continued support.
- The Board thanked the pupils, teachers and parents for the work in preparing for the Sacraments and wished the pupils well.
- Date for next meeting is May 31st.

### **Absences**

If your child is absent, please send a note to the class teacher via Seesaw or send a note in with your child when they return to school.

Should you need to contact the office please do so between 9am and 2pm (unless urgent) or email the school at [info@ballinagarns.com](mailto:info@ballinagarns.com)



**Scoil Dúnta** There will be a half-day closure on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May to facilitate Primary Language Curriculum Teacher Training.

School will be closed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.