



Samhain 2022



Scéalta Scoile

Dear parents,

We are making a renewed effort this year to return attendance levels to what they were pre-Covid.

The past two years have been difficult due to the coronavirus. A lot of children accumulated more than 20 days' absence last year.

Schools have a difficult task in trying to balance the following:

- We want to keep sickness from spreading in the school by encouraging parents to keep their children at home if they are unwell.
- But we want to keep attendance levels high so that children can learn and make consistent progress.

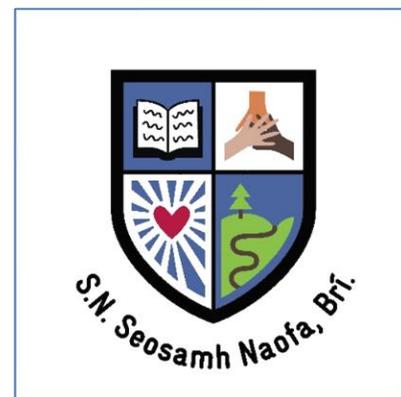
So, we are asking parents to prioritise school attendance unless their child is unwell.

Thank you for your support with this.

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First Aid

The staff received in-service in first aid recently through the Order of Malta. 5th and 6th class also received first aid training.



Upcoming Events

November 23rd and 24th

Parent-teacher meetings will be held on these days. Parents can choose face-to-face meetings or phone meetings.

December 21st

Half-day (12 noon) to begin the Christmas holidays.

Doors of Doom!

Our school doors have taken a sinister turn - Lorna is our chief suspect ...



Parents Association

The next meeting of the PA will take place on Monday 7th November at 7pm. Many thanks to the PA for their help with the Shoebox Appeal and the upcoming Christmas Cards fundraiser. Please keep the PA in mind if you are doing any decluttering as the PA will be doing a clothing collection in the near future.

Maths Week Tips for Parents

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS:

1. Encourage children to think flexibly about numbers
2. Encourage drawing whenever you can (mathematicians draw sketches all the time!)
3. When you help your children, do not lead them through step by step, as this takes away important learning opportunities for them.
4. Encourage children to work on problems that are challenging for them, so that they can learn from their mistakes
5. Encourage students to make sense of maths at all times (As they work, keep asking 'does that make sense to you?' 'Why?' or 'Why not?') Discourage guessing)
6. Praise children by rewarding effort (not by telling them they're smart)
7. Always have a positive outlook on maths
8. Never time children or encourage faster work
9. When children answer questions and get them wrong, try and find the logic in their answers
10. Give children maths puzzles
11. Play games! (For young children any board game with dice will help)

Christmas Annuals

The Folens Christmas annuals can now be ordered. They cost €3 each and are crammed with activities, jokes, quizzes and interviews. Please send in the money to Melissa if you wish to order one for your child.

Mrs Byrne's Retirement

Mrs Catherine Byrne will retire on Friday after almost 40 years' service in the school. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.



GAA News

The girls are in the A Rackard League final on Thursday night in Bellefield at 7pm. It's a tremendous achievement to get there, and we're delighted for them. Well done to Ms. Neville and Mr. Moore for all their hard work.

The boys will hopefully play a RL semi-final this week against the winners of Gorey and Bunclody.

The mini 7s boys are through to the semi-final stage on Tuesday 15th November in Bree. They played really well in Oylegate. Many thanks to Mr. Coffey for his work with the boys.

The girls were unlucky to lose to Clongeen in their Mini 7s match.