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Dear Parents

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**Sponsored Walk & School Celebration:**



- We were absolutely “blown away” with the generosity of all those who sponsored the children in our recent “Heritage Town Walk”.
- The phenomenal amount of €7,700 was raised for the Parents council!!!
- The children were all amazing on the day. Each and every one of them (from Junior Infants up to 6<sup>th</sup> class) completed the approx. 3.5km walk. Well done to everyone!!
- We are so grateful to all parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends who donated so generously.
- The money will be used to fund different workshops for the children
- We also celebrated our SCN Family Fun day on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> – to mark the end of the Scoil Chroí Naofa era, in advance of the upcoming amalgamation.
- Sincere thanks to all the staff who organised the festivities and to everyone who joined in on the fun for the day. There is no doubt but Scoil Chroí Naofa has a special place in the hearts of many people!

**Junior Infants 2024 / 2025:**

- Last Friday we welcomed next year’s Junior Infants to the school, to meet the teachers and their new classmates.
- All the new pupils seemed very happy & excited to start school on August 29<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to helping them with their transition to primary school.
- Please find a link below to a short YouTube video of some of the photos from the day:  
<https://youtu.be/VudPXrJfMug>

### **Athletics:**

- Congratulations to all our athletes who competed in the Schools County Sports which took place in Dangan yesterday.
- They girls ran really well and were great ambassadors for the school.
- A very special “well done” to Sophia King who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400m. She ran a fantastic race and was just “pipped-at-the-post”!
- Sincere thanks to Mr McDonald who coached the girls for the event.

### **Active Sports Week:**

- We are celebrating Active Sports week this week.
- Our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils have organised an incredible fun filled week of activities for all the pupils in the school.
- Last week Junior Infants got to experience Sports day, which was held on the astro pitch on the bottom yard. The pupils took part in fun activities such as:
  - Sack Race, Egg & Spoon race, 3-legged race
  - Obstacle Course, Tug of war, Long Jump
  - Parachute games, Water race
  - Penalty shoot-out, Target Throwing, Long kick
- Senior Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> class will have their Sport day in Scoil Chroí Naofa one of the days this week
- The Sports day for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be held down at the Boys school so that the classes from both schools can enjoy the activities together.



### **Accelerated Reading:**

- Well done to all the pupils in classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> up to 6<sup>th</sup> for their enthusiastic participation in the accelerated reading programme this year!
- It was a very successful initiative and has fostered a new love for reading in many pupils!
- The pupils for this school year so far have read:
  - 5,047 books
  - 47,263,294 words
  - for 15 mins per day!

### **End of Year Report cards:**

- All pupils end of year report cards are now available to view on Aladdin.
- There is also an explanatory leaflet in relation to Standardised test scores, for your information.

### **Special Education Teachers:**

- Special Education Support for all children will wind down this week
- All the Special Education teachers would like to wish all the children a very Happy Summer!

### **End of Term:**

- Homework has finished in all classes – please ensure all school text books are returned to the class teacher this week.
- There will be an End of School mass for all pupils & staff in the hall on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am.
- Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day of term and a half day – all children go home at 11.45am.

### **Graduation:**

- Graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> class girls will take place in the school hall on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Parents are very welcome to attend
- This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> class girls' final day in school.
- The girls do not need to wear their uniform on this day.



*Please note: for girls transitioning to secondary school, parents need to forward any professional reports to their child's new school, along with the Enrolment form. Scoil Chroí Naofa will only share information in relation to attendance, end of year school reports and standardised test results with your child's new school.*

### **Book / Supplies Lists:**

- The Department of Education are funding the cost of all textbooks, workbooks and copies for all pupils again this year.
- In practice this means that the school will purchase all these items for all pupils and the pupils will receive the items on the first day of school (Thurs Aug 29<sup>th</sup>).
- The textbooks will remain the property of the school, as these will be re-used for pupils each year.
- There are some other items which pupils will need for school, and these will be specified on a "Supplies list" which will be emailed to all parents later this week. The name of your child's teacher will be noted on the "Supplies List".
- The usual €50 school costs fee will still apply, as this figure is used to cover photocopying, arts & crafts materials, school insurance etc. for the pupils

### **School Summer Programme:**

- The school is holding a 3 week School Summer Programme from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr Naughton, Mr Hanley & Miss O'Connor will run the programme and will be assisted by our SNAs. Children who meet the criteria for the programme have been contacted.

### **Community Links:**

- **Summer Dance Camp** – run by Ultra Flex Dance academy in Athenry, Loughrea & Oranmore during July & August. Check out [www.ultraflexdance.ie](http://www.ultraflexdance.ie) or contact 087 7799489 to register your interest. All skill levels welcome; from absolute beginners to experienced dancers. For ages 5-11. Tues/Wed/ Thurs from 10am-1pm. Athenry: Aug 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, Loughrea: Aug 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Oranmore: Aug 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost: €75.
- **Fun2Bfit Summer Camp** – Monivea & Cregmore: July 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2024. The camp is jam-packed with lots of different activities such as basketball, soccer, football, dodgeball, tag rugby, hip hop dance, tiktoks, fitness games, sports day activities, quizzes, treasure hunts, obstacle courses, penalty shootouts, discos & more! There is something for everyone in this energetic, fun, friendly & positive camp. It is catered towards boys & girls aged between 3.5 to 12 years. It runs from 10am to 2pm each day and the cost is €70. To book, log on to [www.fun2bfit.ie](http://www.fun2bfit.ie) or click on the link below. You can book now & pay later if that works better from you: <https://fun2bfit.ie/camp-registration/>

## September 2024 / 2025 classes & teachers:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Campus</b>	<b>Room</b>
Junior Infants A	Mr Naughton	Campus A	Room 3
Junior Infants B	Mrs Duffy	Campus A	Room 2
Jun / Sen Infs	Miss Dolan	Campus A	Room 5
Senior Infants A	Mr McDonald	Campus A	Room 1
Senior Infants B	Mrs Stewart	Campus A	Room 4
1 <sup>st</sup> Class A	Mr Hanley	Campus A	Room 8
1 <sup>st</sup> Class B	Ms McSpadden	Campus A	Room 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class A	Ms McHugh	Campus A	Room 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class B	Mrs Callanan	Campus A	Room 9
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class A	Ms Alani	Campus A	St Anns Prefab
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class B	New Teacher	Campus A	St Therese Prefab
4 <sup>th</sup> Class A	Miss Murray	Campus A	Room 16
4 <sup>th</sup> Class B	Mrs Monson	Campus A	St Brigid Prefab
4 <sup>th</sup> Class C	Miss Hyland	Campus A	Nano Nagle Prefab
5 <sup>th</sup> Class A	Mrs Greally	Campus B	Classroom 1
5 <sup>th</sup> Class B	New Teacher	Campus B	Prefab 2
5 <sup>th</sup> Class C	Mr McAndrew	Campus B	Prefab 1
6 <sup>th</sup> Class A	Mr Duffy	Campus B	Classroom 3
6 <sup>th</sup> Class B	Mr Kelly	Campus B	Classroom 4
6 <sup>th</sup> Class C	Ms Morrissey	Campus B	Classroom 2

### A Personal Note of Thanks to Parents:

- I wish to most sincerely thank both the Parents Council and the parents of the school community as a whole for all the support you have given to Scoil Chróí Naofa throughout the years but especially since my arrival 6 years ago.
- We have achieved so much together: namely the hot school lunches and the mobile phone ban this year alone not to mention the €7,700 that the sponsored walk earned last week!! One of the biggest to date! All proceeds go back to the children.
- I thank you personally for always trusting us to do our best for your children. It's been a pleasure and a privilege working with you all.
- All the staff and I can do now is to encourage you all to continue to take up active parent council roles in Athenry Primary School. We've so much more to do and look forward to in the years ahead.
- The next PC meeting will be called sometime in term 1 next year.

Buíochas croíúil. Bíodh Samhradh álainn agaibh go léir!

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*Fergal Naughton*

**Príomhoide**