

## Scoil Phádraig Naofa News Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach our upcoming holidays, may I take this opportunity to wish Parents, Children and Staff a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Over the course of Term 1 a lot has been achieved. All of the boys and girls here in Scoil Phádraig Naofa have really excelled since we returned to school way back in September. They continue to mind each other, effortlessly do all that is asked and help make Scoil Phádraig Naofa the warm and caring place that it is. I would also like to acknowledge the supreme efforts of all our staff here in this regard. Our teachers, SNAs and support staff bring so much kindness, dedication and expertise to our school community each day. We all also greatly appreciate the support of our schools Board of Management. They have worked extremely hard to ensure our school received all that is required to help ensure a safe learning environment for all. The Board are currently arranging for all of our classrooms to be fitted with HEPA filter air filtration systems for our return in the new year. Now is a time for family, togetherness and gratitude for all that we have. I hope this Christmas brings you all cheer and plenty of those family moments of togetherness and joy that will form life long memories for all the boys and girls of Scoil Phádraig Naofa. We look forward to 2022 with renewed hope and optimism.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

Ní neart go cur le chéile,

Edward McCarthy

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### Dates for your Diary:

**School Closes for Christmas on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12 Noon and re-opens on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**



### Green Flag Award

We were awarded our Green Flag in October. This was a very proud day for all at Scoil Phádraig Naofa as we celebrated our first school Flag. Our Green Schools Committee encouraged all those at SPN to focus on reducing our litter and waste and we introduced a compost bin. We remember to “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”.



### GAA Training

The children in Fifth and Sixth class have enjoyed GAA training with Eddie Murphy during this term. The children have developed their skills in a number of different areas, e.g. hand passing and picking up the ball, to name a few. Pupils enjoyed working together with guidance from Eddie and their teachers.



### Irish Dancing

We welcomed Miah Walsh back to school this term for Irish Dancing. Many of our younger classes enjoyed the music, fun, dancing and encouragement from Miah during our PE Dance classes.



### After School Activities

Tennis, Karate and Irish Dancing made a very welcome return to Scoil Phádraig Naofa in November. Pupils from a wide range of classes came together to participate in these activities. We are very thankful to all those involved in After School activities for their continued involvement and support of all pupils.

## Science Week

We celebrated Science week in early November. Pupils enjoyed participating in a range of experiments throughout the school. Many pupils brought in their own Science experiments from home to share with their class.



**Junior Infants in Room 4 – Colour mixing experiment**

5<sup>th</sup> Class were very fortunate to participate in a virtual class based upon electrical circuits – ‘The house of Circuits’ with the support of The Lifetime Labs. This interactive and ‘hands on’ lesson was enjoyed by both our staff and pupils.



**Fifth Class –The House of Circuits**

## Space Week

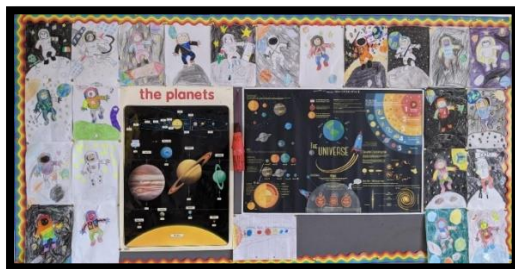


In October Third and Fourth Class enjoyed a virtual classroom experience with the Blackrock Castle Observatory. They explored the night sky, the stars and the solar system.

Many classes explored Space and Astronauts and created beautiful Art work.



**Room 12 – Our Awesome “Future” Astronauts**



**Room 15 - Our Planets**



**Room 14 – Our Solar System creations**



### **The School Book Fair**

Our much loved Annual Scholastic Book Fair returned in person this year. There was a lovely buzz of excitement throughout the school during this week. The children had great fun visiting the book fair and selecting their books. Many thanks to all those who organised, helped and supported our book fair, it was greatly appreciated.



### **Team Hope Shoe box Appeal**

Once again the thoughtfulness and kindness of our pupils and their parents at Scoil Phádraig Naofa was displayed during our annual Team Hope Shoe Box appeal. We prepared, collected and sent 334 boxes to children who are less fortunate than us who live around the world. The sight of the 'mountain' of colourfully wrapped presents was truly amazing. A sincere thank you to all.



### **Creative Dance Workshop**

Third Class enjoyed a Creative Dance Workshop with Helga Deasy in late November. Pupils had an opportunity to learn a number of dance steps and to choreograph their own dance moves.



## Art Work

As parents and family are unable to visit our school at the moment please enjoy a selection of some of our Art displays which our pupils have enjoyed creating during the last number of weeks.

