

Scoil Phádraig Naofa

Summer time Newsletter

As we approach the end of our final term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your continued support and co-operation. Thanks to everyone for working together with the various measures which were in place during this school year. I would like to sincerely acknowledge all members of staff, whose professionalism and dedication are a source of great pride for Scoil Phádraig Naofa.

We all wish our Rang a Sé pupils a fond farewell and continued success as they move on to academic and extra-curricular opportunities in secondary school. We are excited about the future of our pupils graduating on Thursday and are immensely proud of them all.

School will re-open on Tuesday August 30th for the new school year 2022/2023. Further information in relation to school reopening will be communicated with you all closer to that time.

All the boys and girls of Scoil Phádraig Naofa have been wonderful all year. I wish them all a happy, healthy and fun-filled summer.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Edward McCarthy

Dates to Remember:

School Re-opens Tuesday August 30th 2022.



First Holy Communion

The children in Second Class received the Sacrament of the Eucharist on May 7th as Rev. Pat O'Mahony celebrated the mass. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny morning which enhanced our celebrations. The children were truly amazing and sang beautifully. We had an opportunity to celebrate as a school community in the halla following the mass. A sincere thank you to all the First Class parents and Parents Association who served tea/ coffee and yummy cakes.



Mini beast hunting with our Buddies

Senior Infants and their Sixth Class Buddies went on a Mini Beast hunt. They used magnifying glasses, petri dishes and made notes and drawings of all the minibeasts. It was great fun to work with our Sixth Class buddies. All the Mini Beasts were returned to their habitats after our hunt.



Musical Instruments

As part of their construction project, Third Class created their own musical instruments using a wide variety of materials. Pupils had great fun 'rockin out' in the classroom.



Hockey Blitz

Third and Fourth Class girls participated in our first Inter-School Hockey Blitz with local primary schools. The event was hosted in Garryduff. The girls did an amazing job representing our school. Well done to all!!

In late June, all pupils from Fifth and Sixth class had the opportunity to participate in a friendly Hockey blitz with Scoil na nÓg, Glanmire. The event incorporated both players and non- players in the matches and great fun was had by all.



Growing Sunflowers

It was a busy growing season in SPN where Third Class planted some sunflower seeds. With much care and attention these seeds continued to grow and will continue to bloom during the summer season.



Camogie and Football

It was in early May that our Sixth class girls took to the field to participate in the Douglas GAA Camogie Blitz with various schools. The girls played really well and displayed a strong team spirit.

In mid- June our Boys Sciath na Scol Football team played in Blitz in Crosshaven. They had an action- packed day full of sea air, sunshine and football.

Finally, our Girls Sciath na Scol Football team, travelled to Passage West on June 15th to join a number of local schools in a football blitz.

We would like to thank all those who came to training and played in the matches – Well Done to you all! A special thank you to all school coaches who have supported all our Camogie and Football players this year.

Centenary of British Handover of Collins Barracks



Representatives of Scoil Phádraig Naofa attended the ceremony which commemorated the centenary of the handover of Victoria Barracks (now Collins Barracks) in May 2022. The events began with a ceremonial parade which was led by the “1 Brigade Band under the baton of Capt Fergal Carroll followed by a party drawn from 1 Brigade Artillery Brigade, which is based at Collins Barracks.”



Collins Barracks Fun

Following the ceremony our SPN pupils had an opportunity to use some of the equipment, e.g navigational equipment. The children also enjoyed posing a wide range of questions to members of the Defense Forces.



Glucksman Visit

The month of May continued to be a busy month where pupils were out and about. Third Class visited the Glucksman Art Gallery in UCC. They took a mini walk of the university campus, where they walked around the quad and saw the Boole Library, Honan Chapel, and President's garden. Pupils also learned about the architecture and history of the Glucksman building. They attended the Parklife exhibition which looked at biodiversity in contemporary Irish art, and how forms of biodiversity can thrive in both urban and rural areas. The children were supplied with individual clip boards and sketched different animals, birds and insects with pencil. Despite such a busy morning our artists did manage to find time for a picnic lunch in UCC.



Assistance Dog Visit

The beginning of June saw SPN welcome Yarrow, an Assistance Dog from The Irish Guide Dogs, to Junior Infants for the morning. Pupils in Junior Infants had an opportunity to chat to Yarrow and his person. We discovered a lot of valuable information about an Assistance dog e.g. do not pat an Assistance dog without permission. Most importantly we discovered Yarrow's birthday is in September. Word of Yarrow's visit spread quickly. Mr McCarthy and some pupils from other classes popped by to say hello! to Yarrow.



Cork City Sports 2022

The return of the Cork City Sports dawned early on June 3rd where we saw our pupils in sporting action at MTU sports grounds. All our SPN athletes took great pride as they represented SPN alongside the other competing schools. Our Senior Girls Relay Team achieved success when they came in Third Place, whilst our Junior Boys Relay Team also achieved Third Place. Meanwhile Darragh Lynch was busy running in the Quarter finals race during our team photoshoot.

Well done to all the SPN Cork City Sports Team of 2022 and the coaching staff.



Rising Sun Karate Visit the Lord Mayor

We are very fortunate to have Rising Sun School of Karate, under the guidance of Barry O'Regan, provide one of our many after school activities. Recently our SPN Karate enthusiasts visited the City Hall, Cork with Sensei Barry. They had an opportunity to meet with our current Lord Mayor, Cllr. Terry Shannon, where they visited his offices and the Council chambers. They were all very excited about their visit and shared their news in school the following day.



Bricks4Kidz visit

Second and Fourth classes enjoyed a workshop with Bricks4kidz at the beginning of June. Children had an opportunity to create wonderful colourful Lego Art mosaics. During the workshops the children proved to be enthusiastic builders when creating their individual Technic Speed Bots and Dragsters. All our budding engineers and designers had a great morning.



Cycle Right – 5th class

Fifth Class participated in a cycling workshop spanning over 5 sessions. Pupils covered areas such as bike safety, the mechanics of the bicycle and cycling and most importantly the Rules of the Road. The pupils all enjoyed the sessions and learned a lot of valuable information. It was lovely to see all the children cycling in the yard and then progressing onto the 'road' (on school grounds). Happy Cycling!



New Junior Infant Visit

Our new Junior Infants visited Scoil Phádraig Naofa on Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th of June. The children had an opportunity to meet with their new friends and to visit the classroom for a story, rhymes and play. Meanwhile, their parents met with the teachers and with the school Principal, Mr McCarthy, and enjoyed a cup of tea with the Parents Association. We look forward to meeting them again on August 30th.



Sports Day 2022

Sports Day dawned bright and sunny with the Junior School pupils enjoying activities such as egg & spoon races, parachute games and scooter boards. They completed their day with a visit from the Ice Cream Van!

Meanwhile Senior School pupils walked to Douglas Hall for their events. They had opportunities to engage in Tag Rugby, Mini Golf and Hockey to name but a few events.

All the events were organised and supported by our Sixth Class pupils – a huge thank you to all!!



Sports Stars visit

Our Sports Day saw the return to SPN of two former pupils who are excelling in their respective sporting fields. James Burke is on the Cork Minor Panel, who recently won the Munster Final against Kerry. Harry Nevin recently signed his professional contract with Preston North End FC. Both Harry and James met and chatted with our pupils. We send our very best wishes to both James and Harry as they progress in their chosen sports.



Cork Bike Week Initiative 2022

As part of Cork Bike Week, First Class pupils brought their bicycles, scooters and helmets to school on June 14th. They attended a Bike Safety and Road Safety presentation in the halla. Following this, our pupils climbed upon their bicycles and scooters and cycled around cone obstacle courses before 'graduating' to cycling on the road and roundabout (on school grounds). They finished their day with popcorn, ice-lollies and sweets. We had many happy and tired smiles at the end of the school day.



Féile Visit

As the year drew to a close, a number of our past pupils from Douglas U/15's, involved in the Féile Competitions, visited our school. The team won the double in Hurling and Football, and they will represent Cork, at the National Féile Event in Dublin.



School Tennis Final 2022

It was during the last few days of school that we saw the Scoil Phádraig Naofa School Tennis Final of 2022. All of the players played great games and displayed a true sporting spirit. Maisie Groake and Adele O'Sullivan both reached the final, where Adele was the overall winner. Congratulations to all participants!



Class of 2022

It's time to say "Goodbye" to our Sixth Class pupils as they prepare to begin Post Primary School in the Autumn. Whilst we are sad to see them leave, we are very excited for each individual pupil as they begin their next exciting chapter in their education. All at SPN send our very best wishes as you leave Primary School.

School Tours 2022

We had a very busy few days at the end of June as we went "touring" around Cork City and County. Here are some of our highlights...











Thank you and Keep Safe

A sincere thank you to all the SPN community, staff, pupils, parents, Parents Association and Board of Management for all your hard work and support during this past year. It has been a busy and rewarding year for all. We hope that you all have a happy and safe Summer break 😊