

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh – Senior Primary



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that the Christmas period is upon us already.

The weeks have flown by, largely due to school having been so busy with teaching, learning and assessments taking place. All of our staff are extremely busy, from teachers to support teachers and SNA staff – delivering a comprehensive range of learning and supports to our children. We have welcomed more new pupils to our school and our community - all of which need additional language supports. We are looking forward to welcoming members of the Community Policing Unit back to our school in December for more talks to children in 4th classes. The children will be making Christmas cards to distribute to older members of our community in local nursing homes, as part of a Good Citizenship initiative.



The end is in sight now with our new school build. We have entered second fix stage and the Board of Management and staff are looking forward to our first official site visit in mid December. It has been wonderful to watch the progress of our school and we cannot wait to see it all first hand. The new year will bring a new school, and that will be the best Christmas present ever! Given the season, we have a schedule in place for children to attend morning mass. Our children have also been busy rehearsing for our **Christmas Carol Service on 19th December** in the Sacred Heart Church. We are really looking forward to it and hope that parents will join us in celebrating this special occasion.

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on 28th and 30th November and teachers and SET team are looking forward to the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you. **Our School will close 15 mins early on both days – at 2.45pm sharp - to accommodate PTM meetings.**

At this time of year, I wish to take the opportunity to thank our amazing staff who consistently go above and beyond for our school and our children. A special thank



you to our wonderful Parents Association, whose support is so important to us. Thanks also to the volunteer members of our Board of Management who provide their professional support and guidance throughout the year and help steer our vision for the school.

I extend my best wishes to everyone in our school community for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Blaithin Maguire, Principal



Christmas School Holiday: School is closed from Monday 25th December until Friday, 5th January 2024 incl. School re-opens on Monday, 8th January 2024.

Enrolments - September 2024: Parents of 2nd class children – the deadline for receipt of applications for 3rd class in September was 27th October. Any late applications – please contact the School Office asap. **Enrolment for our ASD classes will open on 5th February 2024** – applications to be received **before 1st March 2024**. Application forms will be available from the School Office. Note that applications will not be responded to before 5th February. Applications must include up to date copies of all relevant assessments and reports, (must be dated within the last 18 months).

School Book Fair:

The Parents Association are preparing for our **School Book Fair** - which takes place **the week starting 27th November**. It is always so popular with children and parents alike. We regularly promote and encourage reading in our school. This is a fantastic time of year to consider buying some books for Christmas stockings!

Congratulations Robyn! Robyn Carolan, Mrs Carter 4th Class, who recently obtained a silver medal in her Kata at the recent Karake Tournament in Gormanston.

