

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh – Senior Primary



Principal's Message

Happy New Year to everyone in our school community - I hope that you all enjoyed the holidays. As January comes to a close we are ever nearer the completion of our new school building. Final fixings are underway, and the outside landscaping is being finalised.



The Board of Management paid their first official school site visit to view the various hi-tech systems which have been installed. The school building is truly impressive and the staff and pupils are eager to experience it all first hand. **The Board of Management welcomed the following new Board members;** Mags Leonard, Dave Carolan and Carol Murphy, and Paul Tanner. On behalf of myself and staff, I wish to thank outgoing Board members for their hard work and commitment to our school during their tenure. **Parents Association welcomes new members** – Carol Murphy, Fiona Cox and Nikki Moss Daly. The school appreciates the dedication of volunteers on both these committees.

We have started the new year with gusto – delivering a comprehensive range of learning activities, sporting and the creative arts. We have had a visit from members of the Community Policing Unit to deliver more talks to children on internet safety. We continue to welcome more new pupils and their families into our school community – most of whom need additional language and other supports. As we celebrate **Catholic Schools week**, the whole school attended morning mass and there are daily thoughts and prayers being broadcasted by different children each day. 6TH class children are also attending masses as part of their preparation for Confirmation. **Confirmation will be held at 12 noon on 21st March.**

Blaithin Maguire, Principal

Upcoming School Closures:

- **St Brigids Day – 5TH February**
- **Mid Term Break – 12th to 16th February**
- **St Patrick's Weekend – 18th March**
- **Easter Holidays – 25th to 5th April.**

Enrolments for ASD Classes - September 2024: Enrolment for our ASD classes will open on **5th February 2024** – applications to be received **before 1st March 2024**. Application forms will

be available on the school website and from the School Office. Any late applications for 3rd class in September – please contact the School Office asap.

Four students (Adam Kozak and Victor Virlan 5th class, Szymon 6th class and Tomek Kowalski 3rd class) represented our school in the Leinster Minor Schools Swimming Competition in the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin. **Adam Kozak has won a gold medal for 50 meter breaststroke race** and all boys have achieved qualifying times for the upcoming All-Ireland School Championship in March. **Congratulations Adam and boys!**



Ms Brassil's 5th class enjoyed their very educational trip to the Glasnevin Visitor Centre - pictured here outside Daniel O'Connell's crypt.

SSN Boys GAA team were triumphant in their first match against St Pat's. Well done boys! SSN Girls got their points from a walkover, and both teams are busy training for the next matches.



Our thanks to Colaiste Na hInse for facilitating a fabulous Fun Coaching Event for our 6th class children – they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you Rosemary!