

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh – Senior Primary



We were thrilled to open our new school gates for the first time to our children on Wednesday, 19th June. The Drogheda Leader were there to record the occasion and the school, staff and children feature in the current edition. Staff and BOM Chairman Noel Quinn, and Fr Denis congregated outside to applaud and cheer, as they welcomed all of our children into their new state of the art school building. There was a tremendous sense of excitement and joy among staff and pupils, and parents who gathered to witness the historic occasion. Even the weather played it's part, with brilliant sunshine. But before we opened the gates, Fr Denis took some time to



lead us all in a prayer and blessing for the new school, and for all the staff and children who will inhabit it

over the coming years.

It is a very exciting time in the history of the school, and yet one cannot underestimate how big the move has been, and the amount of work it has entailed for staff, and continues to be, as we try to ensure that all goes

smoothly for the year ahead. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful staff, a supportive BOM, and a fantastic Parents Association. My thanks also to all our parents, who co-operate with us in the education of their children. Many thanks to previous Board of Managements and staff, and Parents Associations, who have all been such tremendous supports on this great journey for our wonderful school.

I am an extremely proud Principal!

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer holiday.

Blaithin Maguire – Principal

It has been such an eventful year for the children and the staff of our school. We have worked extremely hard in teaching, education and learning, as well as the mammoth preparations and logistics for moving into our new school building. There have been many educational and sporting successes throughout the year – where are children excelled in areas like Spelling Bee Competitions and Science Blasts – as well as sporting events such as boxing and our Boys GAA recent victory on 13th June – a proud moment for the whole school!. Our Annual Sponsored Walk was a great success, with over €9,000 raised for school resources. Our thanks to parents for supporting this great fundraiser. Our 6th class children had a fabulous graduation ceremony in our brand new gym hall. It was wonderful to be able to welcome all of their families back to a reception – kindly hosted and facilitated by our wonderful PA. Our fabulous marching band outdid themselves under Ms O'Donnell's expert lead, performing several pieces for the occasion.



Mrs Doak retires: We held a whole school reception for Mrs Doak, who is retiring this year. We were honoured to welcome Helen's family, as well as Chairman of the Board, Noel Quinn and Fr Denis. Staff sang a specially written song by Mrs Carter and Mr Kavanagh. Mrs Doak has been an invaluable member of the leadership team during her long career in our school. Her enthusiasm and dedication to teaching, language, STEM, and the children under her care, has been inspirational for us all. In more recent years, Helen taught in 6th class and worked closely with Fr Denis in Confirmation

preparations each year. Helen will be sorely missed, as a valued Teacher, colleague and friend, and we wish her and her family every health and happiness for her retirement.

Upcoming Calendar dates:

- Summer Programme – 1st to 12th July.
- School re-opens – Weds, 28th August at 9.15am.
- Confirmation – 25th February 2025. 12 noon and 3pm.