

# Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh – Senior Primary



## Principal's Message

The Board of Management, Parents Association, Parents, staff and children are all so excited to see the final touches that are being made to our fabulous new school building. It is an impressive building in every respect. We expect to receive the keys to our new school in a matter of weeks. Exact timing of our move will be communicated directly to parents when the date is agreed. We will host an Open Day for our families, as well as an official opening ceremony. This past month, we have received visits from no less than two Ministers to hear of our plans for our new school; **Minister for Sport, Thomas**



**Byrne and Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee**, accompanied by **Cllr Sharon Tolan**. We are delighted that our new school is generating such interest from all sectors. (Pictured L/R: Cllr Sharon Tolan, Minister Helen McEntee, Principal Blaithin Maguire, Acting DP Orla Garry and Catherine Brady, School Secretary).

Our impending move means lots of work going on for staff behind the scenes, in addition to all of our normal daily learning, educational and sporting activities. It promises to be an extremely busy month!

## *Blaithin Maguire, Principal.*

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class children are focussing on their preparation for their upcoming Confirmation Day on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. They are looking resplendent and instantly grown up in their graduation hoodies – pictured below.



**Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee**, was delighted to discuss her role with 6<sup>th</sup> year students during her recent visit. They had some very interesting questions for the Minister. Pictured with 6<sup>th</sup> class teachers, L/R, Mr Kavanagh, Minister Helen McEntee, Ms Kirk, Mrs Doak, Ms McGuinness, Ms Maguire, and Cllr Sharon Tolan.



**Deadline for receipt of applications for ASD classes in September is March 1<sup>st</sup>. All applications along with relevant reports to be with the School Office please before this date.**

- **Dates for your diary: March 18<sup>th</sup> – school is closed for St Patrick's Weekend. Easter Holidays – 25<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April.**

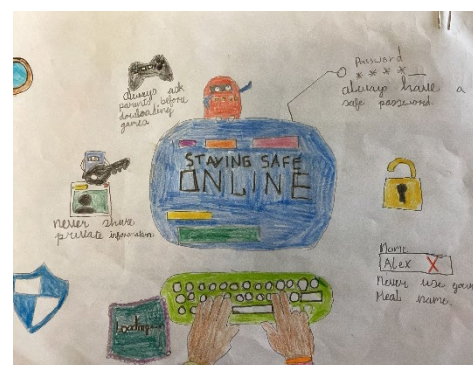
**Confirmation Day – March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon.**

**Sports** - We have a busy few weeks of sports and activity coming up in SSN. Our Gaelic teams are preparing for matches in the Corn Cois Farraige and Jimmy Curran Cup. Our football teams are being selected for the 5 aside tournaments in Navan in the next few weeks. All classes will take part in the 'Run Around Europe' 4 week challenge starting Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. We were delighted to have **Minister for Sport, Thomas Byrne** visit us to discuss this initiative and our Active School recently.



**Internet Safety Week**

The school celebrated Internet Safety Week the 6<sup>th</sup> of February to the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. The pupils participated in an art competition to highlight the importance of keeping safe online. The pupils produced some incredible artwork to highlight the theme of safety online. The school had workshops with our local Garda Liaison Officer Garda Deirdre Semple to further reinforce the importance of being aware of safety on the online platforms.



**Credit Union Quiz**

A massive well done to our fantastic SSN team who won the U13 Drogheda District Credit Union Quiz in February, beating 17 other teams to 1<sup>st</sup> place. Congratulations to Eoin, Iosaef, Aisling and Darragh. We were all very proud of you in SSN. We are looking forward to supporting you all in the County Meath Final!

