

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh – Senior Primary



Principal's message

We are all relaxed, recharged and settled into the beginning of another wonderful year in school. Our skilled and committed staff have been planning and preparing for your child's continued progress. I am so pleased to have you all as part of our amazing school community and I look forward to working with you and your children. A special welcome to all our new children and their families, who we hope will have a positive experience in our school.

Our new school building is now an impressive sight as you pass by, and we are looking forward to its completion in the next few months. We cannot wait to inhabit our



new school and have this fantastic new space and facilities to deliver a state of the art education and learning environment for our children - as well as a brand new gym and playing facilities. We will keep parents informed as soon as we have further details around our big move!



Updated Child Safety Training. Every staff member in our school recently underwent **Tusla Child Safety Training**. As mandated reporters, it is important that our staff understand their legal obligations and responsibilities regarding the welfare of the children within our care. In tandem with that, I note the Dept. of Education's upcoming **School Attendance Campaign**, which will be launched by Minister for Education, on 26th September. This Campaign will promote the importance of regular school attendance. Our focus in Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh is always on ensuring that your child's well-being is at the heart of school life.

As we await our new school, we are maximising the very limited space we have in order to facilitate as many extra-curricular activities as possible. Such as; GAA coaching, Cycle safety, Badminton, field trips (weather permitting) and lots of interesting life skills. We are also pleased to be resuming Swimming lessons at Aura swimming pool. There is also a fantastic array of **After School Clubs** underway; **Drama Club, Homework Club, Life Skills, Guitar Lessons, Violin Lessons and Piano Lessons.** (*Limited places still available for some clubs*). We value your child's input into their own education and so we also provide your child with a voice through our recently established **Student Council**. Members of the Student Council

comprise of children from each year group (*new 3rd class representatives will be chosen in the coming weeks*).

Our first **Parent Information sessions** of the year were held by each class teacher this week, and we appreciated the huge attendance and the great positive feedback. Home and school collaborating together will ensure the very best educational opportunities and outcomes for your child. The **Parents Association** is another valuable way that parents can contribute to school life, and any parents interested please contact the school. As a Principal, I value the Parent's Association's contribution to the school life hugely, to include their dedication to fundraising to ensure we can provide the necessary resources to deliver a full curriculum.

As the number of international students in our school continue to increase, our **EAL classes** for children who need additional language supports are working particularly well, with 22 international pupils benefitting at present. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Blaithin Maguire, Principal

Mid-Term Break: School is closed - 30th October to 3rd November incl.

Garda Liaison Team – class talks: We were fortunate to have Garda Deirdre Semple pay us a return visit to classes over the course of several days, to deliver a suite of talks on **Social Media and behaviour on-line and Responsible Citizenship**. We thank Garda Semple for sharing her time and expertise with the children, who were highly engaged during the sessions. It is so important that children are aware of the implications of their behaviour while on social media platforms, and ways to stay safe while on-line.



Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh says 'Yes' to Languages - our school joins 80,000 Primary pupils nationwide as they take part in Language Sampler Module. The Sixth Class pupils from Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh are set to take part in, **'Say Yes to Languages'** starting Sept 25th. Over 1,200 schools are registered to take part in the 2023/2024 'Say Yes to Languages' module, which offers an introduction to a variety of modern foreign languages, and also seeks to raise awareness among pupils of the

diversity of languages being used by their peers, both in school and the wider community. Pupils at SSN will be saying 'OUI' to French, which will be delivered over an eight-week period. This is a fun, interactive and engaging module, which begins to set the foundations for an ongoing positive relationship with languages.



Laytown Races Art Competition Winners!

SSN Student Council comprises pupil representatives from each year group. Current members are; Daisy Lawless, Evan Hazlett, Amelia Kozak, Adam Raji, Tiago James, Josh Power, Adam Kozak, Shay O'Connell, Hollie Mulhern, Robyn Carolan, Sofia Di Porzio, and Maja Makowska. Additional members will be elected from our new 3rd classes and Ms. Kirk's, Mr. Kavanagh's and Ms. Rath /McGovern's 6th

classes. The Council will hold it's first meeting of the year on 28th Sept, to discuss plans regarding their role in the year ahead.

GAA Coaching: lessons have resumed and pictured are 5th classes, in action with GAA coach Conor, every Wednesday.

