

Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh – Senior Primary School



The Staff of SSN were delighted to welcome the Staff of Scoil Óilibhéir Naofa for a visit to our new school. We brought them on a tour of the building followed by lots of informal chats over a cup of coffee. The School continues to receive mid-year applications for school places. We have welcomed several new families into our school recently, and more are due to join us over the next few weeks. It is wonderful to be expanding our school community and to embrace a diverse culture making everyone feel valued and included.

Bi Cinealta Training for all Staff on March 14th (note early school closure at 12 noon). We are required to develop and implement a Bí Cineálta policy that sets out how the School Community prevents and addresses bullying behaviour. Schools are to engage with the community to develop and review their Anti Bullying policy.

As part of our Health and Safety policy we are updating our certification in First Responders training. **Mark Brodigan will deliver the training to 8 members of Staff on the 31st January and the 5th & 6th of February.**

The SNA Team continue to progress training in the area of the school's medical brief. The Team provide ongoing exceptional care to our most vulnerable pupils.

We continue to liaise with Meath County Council Librarian to promote lots of new exciting literacy initiatives. We look forward to visiting the new library as soon as it opens.

As part of our **Healthy Lunch Policy**, we will be participating in the **Food Dudes Initiative**, starting on Monday January 27th, providing an opportunity for pupils to taste lots of new fruits and vegetables. Staff completed the training for this before Christmas.

Our 6th class children are focussing on their preparation for their upcoming **Confirmation Day on 25th February at 2pm**. *Please note that this is a school day for all children, except 6th class children and the four pupils in the special classes who are being confirmed also.*

The Parents Association are reaching out to parents of children in 5th class to assist with the preparation of refreshments for the children and their parents, following the Confirmation ceremony in the gym hall. *Remember – it will be your turn next year! If you can assist – please contact the Parents Association.*

We are so appreciative of the Trojan work carried out by the Parents Association to date, it is fantastic having the facilities for them to use in order to progress lots of fundraisers and host school events.

As part of **Catholic Schools Week**, our pupils from mainstream and the special classes, have been leading the school in prayers and poems over the School PA system each morning and evening. We celebrate our inclusive culture and empower pupils to use their voice to learn the core values of tolerance, empathy, compassion and kindness. *Thanks to Ms Vaughey for her organisation of CSW.*

Upcoming Calendar Dates 2024/25:

- St Brigid's Day – Monday 3rd February – school closed.
- Confirmation – Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 2pm.
- March 14th— Bi Cinealta Training Day. Early closure at 12 noon.
- St Patrick's Weekend – Closure on March 17th and 18th.
- Easter Holidays – April 14th to April 25th inclusive.
- May 5th – Bank Holiday.
- May 7th – Early school closing at 1.40pm for a Staff Meeting.

The School will commence accepting Applications for admission to our ASD classes in September, on 10TH February 2025. The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to ASD classes on 10th March 2025. All completed applications, along with all relevant reports, are to be with the School Office before 10th March. Application Forms will be available from the School Office and on the School website, from 7th February 2025.