

SCOIL NAOMH TREASA NEWSLETTER



CHRISTMAS 2021

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parents' Association of Scoil Naomh Treasa are running a Christmas raffle to raise funds for the school. There are some amazing prizes to be won including €250 One4All voucher, €200 Texoil Home Heating Voucher, €100 Tayto Park Voucher, €100 Dublin Zoo Voucher, €100 The Ark Puddenhill Voucher, €100 wewashwindows.ie Voucher, €100 Platingrain Voucher, €100 Mc Manus Tyres Voucher and many, many more wonderful prizes. A massive thank you to all our donors and sponsors. Fundraising is crucial for our school to be able to afford the wonderful resources and facilities that the children deserve. Please support the raffle and spread the word. Every family will have received tickets and more may be requested through your child's teacher, through the Parents' Association or through the school office. Best of luck everyone!



ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS SEPTEMBER 2022

Enrolment for Junior Infants is now almost complete. If there are any late applications, please contact the school directly.

For applications for other classes from Senior Infants to 6th class there is a new application form on our school website. Please feel free to spread the word to anyone who may be moving to the area.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been very unfortunate with school closures due to ESB works and Storm Barra. Thank you all for your understanding with these closures at such short notice. Hopefully we won't have any more disruptions to our school calendar for the rest of the year.

CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY



On Friday 17th December 2021 we will have Christmas Dress Up day in the school. All children, staff and parents doing the school run are welcome to join in the festive cheer and wear your favourite Santa hat / Christmas jumper / reindeer onesie or whatever you wish on the day. Children will be allowed to bring a special personal treat in their lunch that day to enjoy during a special virtual showing of The Helix Panto on our whiteboards as funded by the Board of Management.

RUGBY WITH ADAM



Our rugby sessions with Adam have been continuing every Monday and the children are enjoying trying out their rugby and tag rugby skills. We have been lucky with the weather so far to be able to continue the sessions.

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SWIMMING LESSONS



After Christmas the children from 1st Class to 6th Class will be starting swimming lessons in Aura, Drogheda. More information and details for payment will be issued through a swimming note in the coming days or in early January.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher meetings for Senior Infants to 6th class took place in mid-November. Thank you to the teachers and parents for giving your time and attention to these important meetings and for keeping lines of communication open. All feedback I received was very positive from both sides and it's great to see parents and teachers work together as a team in the best interests of all the children. As always, if there are any issues that crop up please feel free to make contact. 3rd and 4th class Parent Teacher meetings are underway and again I hope they are positive and worthwhile.

SCHOOL POLICIES



A number of school policies were updated and ratified at the most recent Board of Management meeting on 2nd December 2021 including Teaching Practice Policy, Work Experience Policy, One to One teaching policy and School tour policy. Our Child Protection Risk Assessment and Safe

guarding statement was also updated again due to a new template issued by the Department of Education. All updated policies will be uploaded and available on our school website after ratification by the Board of Management. The Board of Management Agreed Report will also be uploaded to the website following each meeting.

PICKER PALS



After a great success last year in first and second, the Picker Pals programme is back this year. Junior Infants to First class are learning all about keeping the environment litter free while practising being Picker Pals around the local community and picking up litter. For more information you can check out <https://pickerpalsworld.org/> and you might even see some familiar faces!

INFLUENZA VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

I have been requested by the HSE to make parents aware of the free nasal flu vaccine that is now available for all children aged 2-17 years. It is given as a spray up the nose to help protect the children against flu this winter. It also helps reduce the spread of flu to others such as siblings, parents, grandparents and school staff. More information can be found on our school website or by visiting <https://www.hse.ie/flu>

CLASS BLOGS

Don't forget to check out our class blogs through the school website www.bellewstownns.com

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These give a great insight into the activities going on in school and wonderful work the children and staff are doing. A big thank you to the classroom teachers for taking the time to take pictures and update the blogs.

STUDENT COUNCIL



We have a new student council established in the school. The council is made up of 10 children; 2 children from 3rd class, 2 children from 4th class, 2 children from 5th class and 4 children from 6th class. Any child who wished to put themselves forward for a position on the student council nominated themselves, made a speech to their class and then a vote took place. The successful candidates were as follows:

3rd Class: Cian and Meaghan

4th Class: Amelia and Harry

5th Class: Lucy B and Emma B

6th Class: Ruby, Orlaith, Pádraig and Kate

Well done to all and I look forward to working with the group and hearing all the great ideas they have for the school.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

While we all love to get presents and the children love to give presents to the staff too, this year, instead of sending in gifts to the staff, why not make a donation to a charity of your choice instead. It's been a tough couple of years for everyone and there's lots of great work going on to help those less fortunate, so

at this time of year it's nice to give them some support. Wishing you all a wonderful, happy, peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2022! Merry Christmas from Mr Mc Loughlin and all the staff at Scoil Naomh Treasa!



And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow,

stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

— Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*