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SPONSORED WALK-ATHON

Our student council ran our sponsored Walk-athon event either side of the Easter Holidays. The children clocked up the miles between our school and Luxembourg, finishing with the Ambassador for Luxembourg Florence Ensich on Europe Day 9th May. A total of €2,318.70 was raised. The student council contributed €500 towards the cost of school bus expenses for school tours. The remaining money was spent on purchasing new yard time equipment for each class including skipping ropes, footballs, throw and catch packs as well as storage bags for each class. The student council also purchased a table tennis table for the prefab, as well as giant jenga and giant connect 4 for the yard. Well done to all involved and thanks to everyone who sponsored the walk-athon.



PE & ACTIVE WEEK

We've had a very sporting term including our annual sports day and Active Week. During Active Week we

had visits from Athletics coaches, gymnastics coaches, soccer coaches, GAA coaches and a karate teacher. Thank you to Ms O'Mara for all the organisation. Many of our students also took part in the after school basketball activities organised by the Parents Council and ran by Podge and his team.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our boys and girls from 2nd class who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 27th May 2023. Thank you also to the Parents' Council for providing the refreshments back in the school afterwards.



NEW JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTION DAY

We had the pleasure of meeting our new Junior Infant intake pupils on Friday 23rd June. The children met their teacher and visited their new classroom while the parents met with Mr Mc Loughlin, Mrs Light and Ms Swinburne. Thank you to all the staff who were available to help out on the day looking after our new cohort and providing refreshments for the parents.

STANDARDISED TESTING

Our standardised testing took place during the week of 15th-19th May 2023. All children participated in the testing from 1st-6th class and mandatory reporting of scores from 2nd, 4th and 6th class to the Department of Education has been completed.

SCHOOL TOURS

3rd - 6th class enjoyed a fantastic day out at The Crystal Maze. There was an array of activities for the children to challenge their physical and cognitive skills to earn crystals for their school team. It was great to see the children bring home their crystal trophy after successfully completing enough tasks.



Our Junior Infants and Senior Infants had a lovely day out at Newgrange Farm. While they were there, they fed some lambs and calves, petted some puppies and kittens, and held some baby chicks. They also spotted some unusual items of clothing hanging on the clothes line along with some grandparents' teeth on their tractor ride, where the tour guide had to chase the tractor and trailer when they forgot him and nearly left him behind!!!



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6TH CLASS GRADUATION

Our 6th class enjoyed a great trip to Emerald Park on Thursday 22nd June. On return to school that evening they were treated to pizza and enjoyed a movie to end their day. We celebrated their graduation on Monday 26th June. Thank you to Ms Breen and Bernie for organising a fabulous ceremony and well done to the children on the great effort they put in. We enjoyed some lovely poetry and singing with refreshments kindly provided by the Parents' Council afterwards. Thank you to the 6th class children and their families for the generous gifts to staff members and the school. It was also a poignant farewell to 6 families who are now finished their time in Scoil Naomh Treasa and these families were presented with a rose plant as a parting gift to remember their time here.

We said our final farewell to this fantastic bunch on Tuesday 27th June after a tensely fought game of dodgeball between the 6th class and the staff. While the staff put up a brave performance and managed to win 2 matches, the 6th class were victorious on the day winning 3 out of the 5 matches!



Our 1st and 2nd classes enjoyed a great day out at Navan Adventure Centre. It was great to hear all the stories about the outdoor adventure activities, challenges and games. Once again thank you to the staff for their time and great care of the pupils on their tour.



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European food day, a dress up for Europe Day, performance of EU anthem celebrating 50 years of Ireland's membership of the EU, as well as our monuments of Europe competition.



We wish these children all the best as they progress on to secondary school. We will miss them as great role models for the younger children in the school and we hope they'll come back to visit us again soon.

BLUE STAR AWARD

Congratulations to Ms Swinburne and our Blue Star Committee who were awarded the Blue Star Award for our school recently. This is in recognition of all their hard work in educating us about the EU. This included visits from local TD Thomas Byrne, Ambassador for Luxembourg Florence Ensich, local Senator Sharon Keoghan and local Councillor Amanda Smith. We had



SPORTS DAY

A highlight of the year has to have been our sports day. The green, red, blue and yellow teams all battled it out in various events organised by the staff. It was fantastic to see so many parents and members of the community join us for a lovely day sitting out on the hill and watching the

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various events, although the rain nearly got us in the end. We finished the day with a lovely treat of a visit by the ice cream van at the end of the day. Thank you to the Parents' Council once again for organising and sponsoring this.



Our winners this year were the Blue Team and they were presented with their winning medals at our final school assembly on Friday.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

We had a really enjoyable Grandparents Day on the 9th of June. We started with a service in the church including songs, poems, prayers, presentations of gifts and lighting of a candle. Thanks so much to all who came along and to all who took part.



NEW SCULPTURE

Following our Grandparents Day service, we all gathered back in the school for tea/coffee and refreshments provided by the Parents Council. At the school we unveiled our new sculpture by Brian Sinnott in collaboration with the staff and pupils of Scoil Naomh Treasa. This initiative, BLAST Arts in Residence, was organised by Navan Education Centre with funding from the Department of Education.



SCHOOL GARDEN

Our school garden project is complete! Thank you so much to Ms Breen,



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Jason and the garden committee for all their dedication and hard work. Thank you to former principal, Bernadette Mc Guinness for returning to cut the ribbon for the official opening ceremony.



ANYONE4SCIENCE

Thank you to Meath Library for providing a tutor from Anyone4Science in connection with (Crinniú for schools programme) for our school for a day of experiments and discovery. The Infants learned about making ice cream, 1st/2nd/3rd learned about making kits, and 4th/5th/6th learned about geodesic domes.

SCHOOL REPORTS

All school reports have been issued and are available through Aladdin Connect. Here you will also find payment details for school supplies and crests for next year.





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CLASS ALLOCATION FOR 23/24

Junior&Senior Infants	Martina Swinburne
1 st and 2 nd Class	Gillian O'Mara
3 rd and 4 th Class	Elaine Light
5 th and 6 th Class	Michelle Breen
SET & Principal	Aidan Mc Loughlin
SET	TBA
SET/ Principal Admin Days	TBA
SNA	Bernie Dillon
SNA	Sinéad Pentony
Secretary	Miriam Callan
Caretaker/Cleaner	Jason Fanthorpe

As the substitute teacher crisis continued this year, we had many changes throughout the year in the roles of SET. Thank you to Ann Marie Powderly, Aisling Byrne, Aoife Mc Golderick, Mairéad O'Reilly, Rachel Fitzpatrick and Marcus Maloney for filling this role throughout the year. We hope next year to have these positions filled on a full time basis in conjunction with our partner schools in Duleek and Curragha.

A special word of thanks to our two very dependable SNAs, Bernie and Sinéad. Next year Bernie will be mainly based between the Infant room and 5th/6th, while Sinéad will be based predominantly in 3rd/4th class and will also be assisting 1st/2nd Class.

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I just want to thank all the children, staff, parents and Board of Management for your support throughout the year. It has been another incredibly quick year with plenty of activity around the school. I'm so delighted to be the principal of such a wonderful school with such a fantastic school community. This year saw the school get a lovely face lift with new exterior painting completed, new tarmacadam and line markings. We are constantly aiming to improve our school in any way we can for the children who attend and we look forward to many bigger, better and brighter things in the future for Scoil Naomh Treasa.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Pencils - tiny

Rubbers - flat

Glue sticks - empty

Folders - fat

Crayons - broken

Desk - neat

Memories - forever

Year - complete!