

# SCOIL NAOMH TREASA

## NEWSLETTER

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#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our boys and girls from 2<sup>nd</sup> class who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Thank you also to the Parents' Council for providing the refreshments back in the school afterwards.



#### STANDARDISED TESTING

Our standardised testing took place during the week of 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024. All children participated in the testing from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class and mandatory reporting of scores from 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class to the Department of Education has been completed. Information about standardised testing has been sent out via email. While these tests can give us valuable information about the children's learning, it is also important to remember that this is just a snap shot of one test on one day of the year.

#### JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTION DAY

We had the pleasure of meeting our new Junior Infant intake pupils on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. These 14 children met their teacher, Ms. O'Mara, and visited their new classroom while the parents met with Mr. Mc Loughlin. 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.



#### SCHOOL TOURS

Our Junior Infants - 2<sup>nd</sup> classes enjoyed a great day out at Causey Farm. They had fun climbing through a maze in the barn and loved seeing all the animals and machinery.



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Our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> classes enjoyed a trip to Clara Lara in Wicklow. There was great fun in and out of the water and boats for the day as well as a few trips down the slide.



### 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS GRADUATION

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class enjoyed a great trip to Emerald Park on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The new rollercoaster 'Na Fianna Force' got quite a few spins by the 6<sup>th</sup> class and a certain staff member! On return to school that evening they were treated to pizza. Thank you to Ms Breen and Bernie for accompanying the group and to Ms. O'Mara for collecting the pizzas. We celebrated their graduation on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to Ms Breen for organising a fabulous ceremony and well done to the children on the great effort they put in. We enjoyed some lovely poetry, singing and dancing with refreshments

kindly provided by the Parents' Council afterwards. It was also a poignant farewell to 7 families who are now finished their time in Scoil Naomh Treasa and these families were presented with a plant as a parting gift to remember their time here.

We said our final farewell to this fantastic bunch on Monday after a tensely fought game of 'Golden Child' between the 6<sup>th</sup> class and the staff. While the staff put up a brave performance the 6<sup>th</sup> class won out on a score line of 8-7!

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.



### ACTIVE WEEK & PE

Thank you to Ms O'Mara for all the organisation of Active Week again this



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year. During Active Week children took part in activities such as GAA, Soccer, Athletics, Karate, Boxercise, Flexibility and Gymnastics. We also hosted a talk about positive mindset for our older children.

Many of our students also took part in the after school basketball activities organised by the Parents Council and ran by Ciarán and his team this term.



### 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 various events. We were lucky to have a nice cool breeze for the day and the rain stayed away. We finished the day with a lovely treat of a visit by the ice cream van. Thank you to the Parents' Council once again for organising and sponsoring this.



Our winners this year were the Yellow Team and they were presented with their winning medals on Tuesday.

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

We had a really enjoyable Grandparents Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Refreshments were provided by the Parents Council in the school in the afternoon where grandparents and parents and other family members had a chance to visit the classrooms and see our lovely school.



### LEGO SHOWCASE

Also on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June we hosted our Lego Showcase Day in the school.

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Thanks to all who took time out of their busy schedules to come along. The children have been working on their Lego projects all year incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths (STEAM) into their learning. They were also embracing innovation and creativity and learning about team work and problem solving as they completed projects. Thank you to Niamh from Creative Hut who had provided workshops throughout the year and visited us to help present the Lego Projects.



### HORSE RACING IRELAND DAY

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Classes were delighted to be invited across to Bellewstown Racecourse by Horse Racing Ireland to get an inside look at what horse racing

is all about. The children got a chance to pet a horse up close and learn all about what it takes to look after a race horse. They saw the stables, the vets room, the jockey's room and the parade ring. They had a chance to experience the thrill of horse racing also by having a go on the simulator. Thank you to Horse Racing Ireland and Bellewstown Racecourse for providing this opportunity to the children and for providing refreshments and goody bags on the day.



### FROGS

As some of our classes were learning about the life cycle of a frog, we were lucky enough to see it in action in real life. Thanks to Lucy Leonard and family for showing us some of the frog-spawn and tadpoles they discovered.





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#### PRIDE OF PLACE

Well done to our Garden Committee who won a silver award for Pride of Place from Meath County Council. Through their hard work with the garden, planting, harvesting and minding the chickens etc... the school were awarded €150 and a silver award.



#### TRACTOR VISIT

Thank you to Oisín and Des Hartford for bringing in their tractor to school for the boys and girls. It was a great opportunity to see a machine this big up close and to get a chance to sit in the driver's seat. Thanks to Des also for answering lots of farming questions and giving the children an insight into the type of work that has to be done on the farm.



#### 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.



#### ATTENDANCE

Well done to all the children and families on their attendance efforts for this year. We presented gold awards for children who missed 0 days of school, silver awards for children who missed 3 days or less, and bronze awards for who missed 5 days or less.

#### HOT LUNCHES

The roll out of hot lunches took place from mid-May to the end of the year. We're delighted with the feedback from the children and parents. It has been a very smooth transition with 'The Lunch Bag' company being very organised and easy to work with. Thanks to Sinéad for taking on the role of operative.



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#### NEW SCHOOL CREST

This year at Grandparents Day we launched a new updated school crest in line with our current school and what we stand for. The children from the students council, the staff and the Board of Management all had input in designing the new crest and we are delighted with how it turned out.



#### CLASS ALLOCATION FOR 24/25

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

We had many changes throughout the year in the roles of SET. Thank you to Katie Lenihan, Mairéad O'Reilly 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 school St. Paul's, Drogheda.

A special word of thanks to our two very dependable SNAs, Bernie and Sinéad. Next year Bernie and Sinéad will be mainly based between the Infant room and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

We are constantly aiming to improve our school in any way we can and we look forward to many bigger, better and brighter things in the future for Scoil Naomh Treasa.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

