

*Scoil Iosaif Naofa
Bothair an Chlochair
Cinn Mhara
Co. na Gailimhe*



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Dear Parents,

Collection of Infants: Teachers are permitted to release children in Infant classes into the custody of a child's parent/guardians or an adult appointed by them. Parents are required to inform teachers about any changes in relation to who is collecting their children from class at 1.50pm. Children due to be collected from school should not leave the grounds if they fail to meet the person appointed to collect them. They should always return to the school office where they may remain until the situation is resolved.

Newsletter Correspondences:

We are still awaiting email addresses from parents who have not yet supplied them to us. We hope to communicate all our correspondences by email which is very cost effective and also fosters productive communication patterns between school, students and parents.

Through the development of IT planning in school, we hope to advance and develop our communication strategies. Email is fast and is delivered instantly, compared to telephone calls and text messages. Email is also less expensive.

If you wish information to be communicated to the parent body, we will only do so by email (provided content is suitable). The level of security in transmitting email messages is very high. Email is private.

Please refer to our school's website for updates and information pertaining to our school. [St Joseph's National School Kinvara.](#)

Text Message Service: Please insure that the school has accurate and up to date details of mobile numbers of parents/guardians so that messages can be sent and received promptly. It is also important that the designated phone is enabled to receive these messages. In order to minimise costs and administration only one number per child will be listed on the service.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge: _Moltar an Ghaeilge a úsáid í rith an lae taobh amuigh den cheacht Gaeilge. Tugtar deis don dalta bheith gníomhach I bhfoghlaim agus úsáid na Gaeilge. I mbliana, le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge, beidh na daltaí ó rang a haon go dtí rang a cúig ag foghlaim amhráin traidisiúnta, ceann nua gach lá!!! Is iad seo cuid de na hamhrain atá á dhéanamh againn..... Trasna na dTonnta, Dilín Ó Deamhas, Peigín Leitir Móir, Beidh Aonach Amárach i gContae an Chláir, Óró Sé do Bheatha Bhaile agus Amhrán na bhFiann.

Dates to remember: Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday April 5th 2011** and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 14th 2011.**

The next First Holy Communion Sunday Celebration takes place on Sunday, March 27th.

Punctuality: It is important that we develop, promote and maintain the habit of being punctual for school, events and appointments. I would ask everyone to make a special effort to be in time for school for 2011. Teachers are required to keep punctuality records in relation to children who are frequently late for school.

Enrolment Forms: These can be collected at the school for all pupils who need to enrol in the school for September. Could all enrolment forms be returned to the school **on or before Monday 14th of March**

School Musicians Take Part in Coole Music Orchestra Festival

On Sunday the 6th March the children, who play music with the school orchestra, participated in the 4th annual Coole Music Orchestra Festival which took place in the Lady Gregory Hotel in Gort. The school musicians were invited to attend by Katherina Baker, director of Coole Music, after she had attended the performance in the community centre last June by St. Joseph's musicians along with their musical peers from St. Ultan's National School in Cherry Orchard, Dublin when they visited Kinvara for a concert. Katherina was most impressed with the performance and issued the invitation immediately. There were five orchestras taking part on the day including Coole Music Junior Orchestra, Galway Junior Orchestra, Orpheus Junior Orchestra from Co. Laois and Athenry Junior Orchestra. The Kinvara group, which included children from 1st to 6th classes, arrived in the Lady Gregory Hotel at 10 15 am and tuned up in the dressing room allocated to them beside reception in the hotel. They were all given a wrist band for the festival. At 10 45am the young musicians from St. Joseph's went into the big hall so that they could be positioned on the stage. Galway Junior orchestra was just finishing their rehearsal. As there were 37 young musicians from Kinvara it took a while to get everyone seated on stage. After the rehearsal it was back to the dressing room where some more tuning was done and lunches were eaten. Then it was back to the hall for a rehearsal of the finale piece 'The Sky Lantern', a beautiful piece of music which was composed especially for the occasion by Katherina Baker, learned by all the different groups in the preceding weeks and performed by over 150 children from the five orchestras taking part in the Junior concert. The concert started at 1pm and St Joseph's musicians took the stage just before the interval. James Kavanagh from 5th class was the leader of the Kinvara musicians on the day and he led them onto the stage. At the end of the concert the five orchestras performed the Finale piece and all attending the concert were in agreement that it was an amazing and impressive feat to have that amount of children playing music together on stage after only one group rehearsal! Thanks to all the Kinvara parents who dropped St Joseph's young musicians to Gort so early on Sunday Morning and to all the parents and supporters who attended the concert – over 88 in total. The Coole Music organising committee was highly impressed with the great support from Kinvara. The young musicians had a fantastic musical experience which they will remember for many days to come.

School Closures: Please note that the school will be closing at **12 Noon** for a staff meeting on **March 11th**. The school is also closed March 17th, March 18th & March 21st. Please also note that the school will close at **12.15pm** on **Tuesday April 5th** due to the Confirmation.

Easter Holidays-the school will close at **12 noon** on Friday **April 15th** and reopen on Tuesday May 3rd.

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