

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



*St. Joseph's N.S  
Convent Road  
Kinvara  
Co. Galway*

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## Newsletter March/April 2011

**Dear Parents,**

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to the sixth class children who received this sacrament on April 5th last. They prepared conscientiously for this occasion and great credit is due to them and their teacher Ms McGrath.

I would like to thank Mrs. D Murphy and Ms O'Keeffe who assisted with the choir.

I would also like to compliment the children in the choir, the Altar Servers, and Altar Society who played their part in making this day special for our parish.

**Community Games Art Competition:** Congratulations to Alisha Meehan, Caoimhe Keely, Sadhbh Hanley, Gemma Lascar, Orlaith Quinn, Aoife Mullarkey, Megan Molloy, Muireann Fordham, Rachel Byrne, Evan O'Connell, Kian Pyne, Cathal Fordham, Conor Burke, Eli Sheedy, Cillian O'Dirscoll, Thomas Connolly, Darren Kilkelly and Luke Connors who were all winners in the recent Community Games Art competition.

**Community Games Handwriting Competition:** Congratulations to Gráinne Hughes, Sadhbh Hanley, Hannah Durkan, Joshua Medina, Ultan Fallon & Justin Mitchell Ward who were all winners in the recent Handwriting competition.

**CU Factor:** Kinvara Credit Union held a talent competition recently which proved to be a great night's entertainment. They had a large entry of twenty one acts, seven of which have gone through to the local final which will take place in Johnson's Hall on Fri April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7. 30pm. There are a number of acts from St Joseph's in the final including many of the musicians along with singers and members of the drama group. We wish them all well in the final.

### **Young Musicians for Japan:**

On Easter Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> a benefit concert for victims of the recent devastating tsunami and earthquake which struck Japan will be held in Kinvara Community Centre. The concert is called "Young Musicians For Japan" as all of the performers will be young musicians from classical, traditional and rock disciplines. KYM –Kinvara Young Musicians will take part along with the Coole Music Project Orchestra, Coole Kidz Choir, East Clare Young Musicians and Whifflefit – a young rock group from Athenry. A special feature of the evening will be a performance from Alandia Strings, an ensemble group of young musicians from Sweden who will be visiting during Easter as well as a performance by Japanese violinist Yuki Nishioka who is a member of the teaching staff at Coole Music. The MC for the evening is the renowned author and musician Kate Thompson. The concert starts at 6pm so it is an ideal opportunity to bring the family to experience what promises to be a fantastic evening of music and entertainment. For further info contact [info@coole-music.com](mailto:info@coole-music.com) or tel: 086 3467245.

**Camogie:** On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April the school camogie team attended a blitz in Kilmadeema. Girls from 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class were selected to play. The girls showed great spirit and determination as they played against Killeeneen and Kilmadeema. Unfortunately it was not St. Joseph's day! We will be resuming our training sessions after the Easter holidays. Ms Smith, Ms Lahart and Ms Tynan are very pleased with the commitment of all players this year.

**Voluntary Contribution:** The Board of Management would like to express its sincere thanks to all families who have contributed to this collection.

**Dates to remember:** First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

**School Uniform:** With the recent spell of good weather pupils remove their uniform tops: please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly marked in the space provided. This eliminates confusion and helps to prevent loss of same.

**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.

**Community Games:** Please note that these will take place at 2pm on April 17<sup>th</sup> in the GAA pitch.

**Website:** Please view our website to see some pictures of recent events at the school.  
[www.kinvarans.ie](http://www.kinvarans.ie)

**Defibrillator Course:** If you wish to become a First Responder please let Hilary know at the school as courses will commence shortly. There are a number of First responders' in the Kinvara area at the moment but we would like more to participate in this course. There are currently 3 Defibrillators set up in Kinvara –at St. Joseph's N.S, Northampton school and Dooras school. The three phone numbers are 087 3589383 (Kinvara Area), 087 3589383 (Northampton Area) & 087 35893789 (Dooras Area). We would encourage you to think about this course as it would benefit our community.

**School Closures: Easter Holidays**-the school will close at **12 noon** on Friday **April 15<sup>th</sup>** and reopens on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

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*Dominic Ó Gallachóir (Principal)*

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