

*Scoil Iosaif Naofa
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November Newsletter 2011

Dear Parents

Credit Union Art competition: Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in the Credit Union Art Competition. . The adjudicators made particular reference to the very high standard from Scoil Iosaif Naofa. The following were winners from various groups in our school: Thomas Seery Murphy, Jack Kilkelly, Brian Whelan, Bláithín Breathnach, Caoimhe Tannion and Eilínóir Davoren.

Seamount Musical: I would like to congratulate Seamount College on the fantastic show "The Wiz". The show was both visually stunning and musically engaging. The choreography, singing and acting were of the highest quality. All of the pupils of our school thoroughly enjoyed the production.

Traffic Management: I thank all parents who are co-operating with the current traffic management plan. Cones had been placed to prevent parents from parking directly in front of school gate.

However when cones were removed some parents reverted back to their old habits.

We ask not to park directly opposite school gates and **not to park on the broken yellow lines along the main road at all times –morning, infant pick up and senior end drop off.**

We anticipate further traffic increases during the construction phase of the school extension. We ask that parents stick rigidly to plan that is currently in place.

Reminder: Enter pick up/drop off point from Ballyvaughan side only. Do not park on bus stops. Keep designated area in front of school free of parking. Do not park on footpaths.

Morning drop off:

- Do not pull up on clear way in front of school.
- Try as you may, you cannot drive your child all the way into classroom!!
- Do not escort your child into school(pupils are able to make their own way to class)
- Note to pupils –"Please leave your parents at the gate!"

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- On wet mornings both school gates are available for use.

Finally "Slow down"-we find that during morning and afternoon pick up and drop offs that cars approach at speeds that are unsafe!

Our priority as always is the safety and welfare of the pupils of our school.

Reminders: School begins at 9.10am. Pupils are asked to be in line at 9.10am. Arriving late to school is a bad habit to get into and can be disruptive to teacher's class time.

School closes at 1.50pm for the Junior Cycle and 2.50pm for the Senior cycle and please ensure that you arrive to collect your child at 2.50pm. Teachers cannot take responsibility for pupils who are left on school grounds after this time.

Christmas cards: The Christmas cards that the pupils in the school designed last year and available for sale at cost of €3 for 10 cards or 20 cards for €5.

Dates to remember: Confirmation will take place on Tuesday March 20th 2012 and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on Saturday May 12th 2012.

Defibrillator Locations: At Present there are three defibrillators located in Kinvara. (The three National Schools- Doorus, Northampton & Kinvara).

Contact details will be circulated on how to contact the First Responder if help is needed. The Defibrillator was recently used in Kinvara which helped save a victim from possible cardiac failure. Congratulations to all involved taking action to save this gentleman's life.

Santa Shop: This will take place at the school on Thursday 15th of December. Please see note attached about this.

Camogie: In November the school camogie team took part in a camogie blitz in Clarinbridge. Girls from 3rd to 6th class were selected to form a panel for the mini 7's blitz. We were very successful on the day and reached the semi-final stage.

Ms. Smith and Ms Lahart are very proud of all the girls who attend training and take part in the various matches throughout the school year.

Enable Ireland: The non uniform day on Friday 25th of November raised €400 for this charity. Thank you for your support.

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Juvenile GAA AGM: This AGM will take place in the Pier Head on Wednesday 7th of December at 9pm.

Jack & Jill Foundation: If you have any old mobile phones, console games, iPods or digital cameras-these can be donated to the Jack & Jill foundation. We have a box set up in the secretary's office.

Switching on of the Kinvara Christmas tree lights: The Christmas tree lights in Kinvara will be switched on at the Quay outside Connolly's on the 10th of December at 6pm. The winner of the best decorated Christmas stocking will be announced. There will also be spot prizes mulled wine and hot chocolate.

School Closures: The last day of term for the Christmas holidays will be Thursday 22nd of December and the school will close at **12 noon.**

Is mise,

Dominic Gallagher

(Principal)