

*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 January 2012

**Dear Parents,**

Cuirim failte mór roimh gach duine ar ais ar scoil tar éis saoire na Nollag. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and wish you well for the coming year.

**School Extension Update:** The works for this project will commence this Friday February 10th. The Plans and Graphic Designs can be viewed in the school lobby. P.J. O'Loughlin Contractors Ltd will construct the new building.

**Enrolment Forms:** These can be collected at the school for all pupils who need to enrol in the school for September or can be downloaded from our school web site [www.kinvarans.ie](http://www.kinvarans.ie). Could all enrolment forms be returned to the school **on or before Friday 2nd of March**

**Dates to remember:** Confirmation will take place on **Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2012** and First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2012**. Also the next First Holy Communion Sunday Celebration will take place on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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 2012. Teachers are required to keep punctuality records in relation to children who are frequently late for school.

**Tax Returns CHY2:** Some families have received a CHY2 form recently. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We ask that when forms are signed that they could be returned to the school on before Friday 10th of February.

**Rock & Road:** You may have heard your child of late mention that he/she is practicing for a fun run. We are also endeavouring to promote the benefits of running in school. There are a number of different benefits which an individual can gain from running on a regular basis. There are some runners who run simply for the joy of running but there are others who run because they realise there are a great deal of benefits which can be gained from rigorous exercise such as running.

Some of these benefits may include weight loss, improved cardiovascular health, improved bone health, improved mood and better co-ordination.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March the pupils of our school are invited to take part in a fun run as part of the "Kinvara Rock & Road Run".

Each pupil that takes part will receive a "high-viz" vest - to encourage road safety when out and about. Please let your child's class teacher know if you wish your child to take part. The distance is 1km which can be completed by running, walking or strolling.

We are also looking for parents to act as marshalls on the day. The fun run will commence at 11am. All safety precautions will be in place by the organisers of the Rock & Road Run (road closed to traffic etc). All classes have been in training for this wonderful event.

All we need now is good weather!

## **The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music takes place in Kinvara!!**

The Joseph Browne Spring School of Traditional Music relocated to Kinvara in 2011 and was a great success. The school will take place again this year in St. Joseph's National School from Thursday 16th February to Sat 18th February. Music classes will take place from 10am to 1pm each morning and 'Bearer's of the Tradition' workshop where students are given the opportunity to interact with more senior members of the traditional music community, will take place on Fri afternoon from 2pm to 3pm. A special feature of this year's school is an afternoon singing workshop (Thurs 2-4pm) with Edel Vaughan. This will give all the students (and anyone else interested!) a chance to air their voices. The Joseph Browne Spring School provides an excellent opportunity for any children who are already playing an instrument as it allows them to spend three continuous days playing and learning music with some of the best teachers and performers of traditional music in Ireland as well as meeting other young musicians from all over Ireland. Classes are offered in fiddle, tin whistle, accordion, concertina, flute, pipes, guitar and keyboard. The tutors for the 2012 Spring School include Eileen O'Brien, Áine McGrath, Denis Liddy, Cath Taylor, (fiddle) Dermot Byrne (accordion), Jack Talty (Concertina), Johnny Giles (Flute), Marion McCarthy, (tin whistle), Padraic Keane (Pipes), Garry ó Briain (Guitar) and Geraldine Cotter (Keyboard). Application forms are available from Máire O'Keeffe and may be returned to her. A benefit concert to help towards the cost of running the spring school will be held in Johnson's Hall on Fri night 17<sup>th</sup> Feb where many of the tutors will perform. Watch out for further details.

**World Safety Internet day:** This was Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of February and if you look up our school website site you will see a site called **webwise.ie** and this will give information on safety on the internet.

**Congratulations to:** Anna Kidd (4th Class) who competed in the National Gymnastics finals in Clones at the weekend and won a Gold medal. Well done Anna!

**Credit Union Quiz:** Well done to the pupils of Scoil Iosaif Naofa who participated in the local Credit Union Quiz.

**Dramaí:** The pupils of 1<sup>st</sup> class are currently rehearsing for an Irish Dramaí "101 Dalmations" the pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> class are "Snow White" and the pupils of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes are rehearsing Gráinne Uí Mháille. These dramaí will take place in Ennis on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February as part of the Féile Scoilramaíochta in Glór Ennis and all these shows are performed through Irish. Best of luck to all involved.

**School Closures:** The school will be closed on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb & Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb for Spring Mid-Term Break. Also please note that the school will be closing at **1.50pm for all pupils** for a staff meeting on **February 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**Collection:** We are currently looking for butter containers for the junior infant classes. Also if anyone has an unwanted bean bag and also Discmans or walkmans at home that they do not want and would like to donate them to the school we would really appreciate them.

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