

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



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Newsletter October/November 2010

Dear Parents,

Garda Seven's Football Competition: Congratulations to the Scoil Iosaif Naofa footballers who won the Shield competition on Friday 23rd of October. The tournament included teams from all of South Galway. This is an excellent competition organised annually by the Gardaí in Gort.

The boys played excellent football throughout and displayed wonderful team work against some very stiff opposition. They demonstrated some excellent ball handling skills in very difficult conditions. The boys saved their best performance for the final where they overcame a very talented Killeeneen team. Liam Byrne displayed many examples of skill and bravery in goals keeping out many fine attempts from the opposition. The backs Seán Cahill, Patrick Gallagher and Conor O'Shea made it very difficult for Killeeneen forwards to score. Our midfielders Mark Deegan and Keelan O'Rourke controlled their area feeding the clinical forwards Brendan Connolly, Colm Keady Taball and the ever busy Conor O'Dwyer. Well done to the boys!

Christmas Cards: Some parents have come up with a fundraising idea that will raise money for our school. We can raise money whilst encouraging your children to participate in an Art project. Each pupil will be asked to design a Christmas card that will be professionally printed to make class Christmas cards. Many people buy and send Christmas cards. We would ask to keep us in mind when you are buying Christmas cards. They will be available to purchase late in November. Many thanks to Mark Dwyer and Helen Gunning.

Official Opening: There will be an official opening of the Sports Complex and playground on Monday 8th of November at 2pm. The official opening will be performed by the Tánaiste and Minister for Education & Skills Mary Coughlan. All parents are welcome to attend.

Welcome to: Alfie Dwyer (Junior Infants), Danny Travis, Davey Scannell Goodison & Jessica Veale McGann (3rd class) who joined the school recently.

Fundraiser night: Many thanks to all who supported our recent playground fundraiser. All proceeds will be used to repay debt and provide a fund to maintain and or replace any equipment.

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. Also the First Holy Communion Sunday Celebrations will take place on November 21st, December 12th, February 13th and March 27th.

Parent Teacher Meeting: will take place on Thursday 11th of November, the school will close at 12 noon for all pupils and teachers will be available to meet parents from 1.00pm-4.50pm. If you cannot attend the parent teacher meeting, please notify the class teacher. It is very important that you take this opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to maintain the link between home and school.

Gael Linn: Bhain suas le 200 scoláire ó bhunscoileanna i gCo. na Gaillimhe sult agus tairbhe as Spraoicheist na Samhna le déanaí! Bhí suas le fiche cúig foireann ó Ghaelscoil Iarfhatha; Scoil Phádraig na mBráithre Críostaí, Bunscoil na Toirbhirte agus Scoil Mhuire, Clochar na Trócaire i láthair ag an ócáid a bhí ar siúl i dTuaim. D'fhreastal an líon céanna foirne ar an ócáid a reáchtáladh i gceantar Chinn Mhara - ó S.N. Bhaile an Doirín, Scoil Iosaif, Cinn Mhara, Northampton N.S. agus ó Scoil Chiaráin Naofa, Dubhros. Bronnadh duaiseanna ar na foirne leis an scór ba airde ó gach scoil a ghlac páirt agus bhí neart spotduaiseanna le buachan freisin !

Eagraítear na hócáidí seo go bliantúil chun a léiriú do scoláirí gur féidir leo píosa spraoi a bheith acu tré mheán na Gaeilge, fiú muna bhfuil siad líofa sa teanga ! Bíonn formhór na gceisteanna bunaithe ar théama na Samhna, agus cuirtear foclóir beag ar fáil do na múinteoirí roimhré chun go mbeidh deis acu beagáinín réamhullmhú a dhéanamh sa rang.

Seamount Musical: This year's production is "Mama Mia" and all the pupils are invited to see the show on Friday 12th of November in the community centre. The cost per pupil is €3 and is payable on or before the 12th.

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.

Clothes Collection: Please note that this will take place on Tuesday November 30th. Please only leave bags etc on that day before 9.30am.

School email address: Please note that we have changed the school email address. It is now: info@kinvarans.ie.

Toy Drive: As you are aware we now have 4 Infant Classes and due to the increase in pupil numbers and normal wear and tear we are looking to replace and extend our range of toys in the infant classrooms. We do not ask you to buy toys but if parents, especially those of older children, have toys which their children are finished with, would donate them to the school.

We have attached a leaflet with ideas of the kind of items we are looking for. We are also looking to gather props and costumes for dress up/imaginative play, which you may have if you do not have toys. Simple items such as a white shirt could be a Doctor's coat, hats, scarves and glasses allow children to develop their own imaginary characters etc.

If you have time to take a look during the midterm break, maybe you are clearing out before Christmas, or if at any stage of the year you come across something that you think we could put to use in the Infant classrooms we would be grateful to have them.

Toys need to be sturdy/durable in reasonable condition and items of clothing or props need to be clean.

Is mise,

Dominic Ó Gallachóir (Principal)