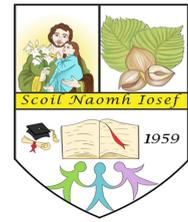


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Dear Parents / Guardians,

January has drawn to a close and I'm sure we are all looking forward to leaving the dark mornings and evenings behind us. School has been a busy place since we returned after Christmas and we hope to give you a brief insight into the goings on through this newsletter. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Sheena and Henry, our two new pupils.

I'd like to take a moment to remember Tommy Prout, loving father of Leonie and Elise. We think of the girls and their mom, Deborah at this most difficult time and we will continue to pray for them. May Tommy Rest In Peace.

Prior to the Christmas holidays, we held a large fundraising drive and our sincere thanks to all of you who helped out. Selling tickets, shaking buckets etc. In total, our fundraising raised a whopping €5,403. Our recent clothes collection also raised €528. We thank you once again for your continued support. We are extremely grateful. We have already replenished some of our PE supplies with new soccer balls, basketballs and beanbags. We are also continuing to work towards resurfacing some of the rear yard. The replacement of internal doors will take place during the Easter Holidays.

A few reminders

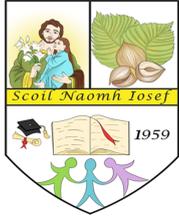
- When collecting or dropping from the school please turn at the entrance to St. Joseph's Park and pull in facing back towards the square. This is for the safety of the children and all road users.
- School uniform- it is expected that all children will wear their school uniform to school daily. School tracksuits are permitted on PE days. Additional hoodies / coats / waterproof jackets etc. are for outdoors. Thankfully since our heating system was replaced we have a warm, comfortable school.
- Water bottles- we strongly encourage all children to use a recyclable water bottle. Each child should bring adequate water to school daily, consider including an additional drink on days when there is PE/ gymnastics etc.
- Child Safeguarding

Designated Liaison Person - Eibhlín Nash

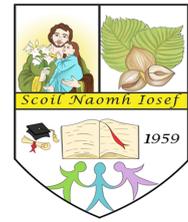
Deputy Designated Liaison Person-Michael Murphy

Gymnastics

On our return to school in January we commenced our session of Gymnastics lessons. The children look forward to Mark's arrival on a Tuesday morning. Everyone is feeling much more flexible already!



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Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week, January 23rd - 27th. The theme this year is Walking in Faith and Love. We celebrated St Brigid's Day yesterday. Junior and Senior Infants coloured St Brigid's beautiful cloak, first and second class made traditional St Brigid's crosses while 3rd and 4th were very creative making crosses from colourful wool. We also have a new bank holiday to mark this special celebration and so the school will be closed on Monday February 6th.

Green Schools

Congratulations to Katie Scollard who won the Green Schools Slogan competition held in January. Katie's message in her slogan is to save energy by switching off and thus help to save our planet Earth. Her slogan is " Turn off the lights every day, to save the Earth, we're on our way." Well done to all pupils who entered the slogan competition. All in Scoil Naomh Iosef are on a mission to reduce energy use in our school.

Active Schools

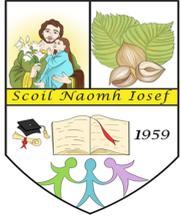
Our active schools committee are also very busy and have organised skipping activities for Fridays on the yard. Boys and girls from 6th class are also working in pairs with the junior and senior infants facilitating yard games.

Enrolments for 2023-2024

We are currently accepting enrolments for the 2023-2024 school year. Enrolment forms can be found on our school website.

The recently published staffing schedule established that the number of pupils for retention of the fourth teacher for the 2023/2024 school year is set on having 75 pupils on rolla on the 31st of September 2022. While we had 73 pupils enrolled on that given date we predict that our enrolment would be 75 this coming September and as such are lodging an appeal with the appeals board. I would strongly urge each and every one of you to raise this with your local representatives and TDs. I will forward some wording by email in the coming days which you may find useful to email to your TD or to have to hand when speaking with them. This is a pivotal decision which will hugely impact on the future of education in Dromcollogher. We must act now for our children's futures.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our school website for photos and news from Scoil Naomh Iosef!



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