



APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dates for your Diary

School closed (Bank holiday)	Monday 4 th May
First Holy Communion	Saturday 9 th May
School closed for staff training	Thursday 14 th May
Sports Day (weather permitting)	Monday 25 th May
School Closed (Bank Holiday)	Monday 1 st June

School Diary

The school diary is the main means of communication between teachers and parents/guardians. It tells you what homework your child has every night. Teachers may also write notes about your child's achievements or concerns the teacher may have. You are requested to countersign notes. You are asked also to sign the diary every day.

Calendar 2026/27

The school calendar for 2026/27 which includes reopening date next year and all school holidays and closures is attached.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 9th May at 1:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church. This ceremony is for children from Scoil Naomh Pádraig and Scoil Chroi Naofa. We wish God's blessing on all of the children and their families on this very special occasion.

Feis Domhnaigh

Feis Domhnaigh will be held on 12th, 13th and 14th June. Please note the earlier date for this year's feis. We look forward to participating again this year. Class

teachers will teach the English and Irish poems. The closing date for school entries is 20th May. We will issue more information closer to the time.

Mobile Phones

In the interest of child protection and the safety of all pupils, children are not permitted to have mobile phones at school. Parents/guardians are kindly requested to make sure that devices are **not** brought into the school. Any mobile phones found will have to be collected from the principal by parent/guardian.

Sun Hats

The HSE has recommended that children should wear sun hats to school. Children's breaks are at peak sunshine hours and while it is healthy to be outdoors, skin needs to be protected. Wide brim hats are recommended.

Board of Management

The Board of Management met recently. The board has updated policies on Child Protection and Job-Sharing. The board thanked the staff for all their hard work recently. The board thanked the teachers for updating all the curricular policies. The curricular policies will be ratified by the board at the next meeting.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) and Stay Safe

RSE and stay Safe will be taught in the school in the coming weeks. Both these programmes are integral parts of Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE). The sensitive elements of RSE are covered under "Growing and Changing" and "Taking Care of My Body". The content may be viewed at www.curriculumonline.ie/sphe

Stay Safe is a primary school-based approach to the prevention of child abuse. The aim of Stay Safe is to reduce vulnerability to child abuse and bullying through the provision of a personal safety education programme. Stay Safe seeks to enhance self-protective skills by participating in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger. Further information is available at www.staysafe.ie

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

HSCL News

As HSCL my role is to support you as parents/guardians as your child makes their way through primary school, including starting primary school and transitioning to secondary. My aim is to make these changes feel less overwhelming and more exciting, ensuring every family feels supported and ready for what's ahead. I offer home visits, which can be a helpful way to support children in a comfortable and familiar setting.

Parents Plus "Healthy Families: At the Family Table" continues in the chalet in Scoil Chroí Naofa on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 12pm. Sheila Keyes and Samantha Taitt are facilitating it with a strong focus on how to manage technology with our children. We are also looking at building self-esteem, anxiety in young people, self-harm awareness and support, food and body image issues, parenting through change. Julie Lynch will provide a yoga class in the last week of this.

Sláintecare 'Healthy Food Made Easy' starts on Wednesday 29th April for 6 weeks.

Thank you to everyone who came to watch the 'Thermomix' demonstration in the school. Our school was gifted a free Thermomix T6 (worth approx. €1500) as a result of this.

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Sport

Thank you to all staff for attending training with Donegal Sports Partnership recently. We received materials and access to equipment as part of this programme.

Soccer: Congratulations to the boys who finished runners up in the Inishowen Five-a-Side finals held in Rashenny this week. They defeated Tooban and Scoil Eoghain, Merville and were unlucky to be beaten by a good St. Oran's Cockhill team in the final game. Well done to the team of Michael Kelly, Jack Bracken, Martin Monagle, Finneen Clifton, Connor Canny, Daniel Kelly, Jayden O'Donnell and Rodijs Cirksis. Goalscorers were Jayden O'Donnell (5) and Finneen Clifton (3).

The In-School Soccer League is beginning today and will run to the end of the school year. Team captains are Connor Canny, Aodhán Jackson, Riley Farren, Martin Monagle, and Adam Khadija. Matches will take place at lunchtime daily.

Anne McLaughlin, Principal.