

Mr. John Lynch

On the 22nd November we received the very sad news that the first principal of our school, Mr. John Lynch, had passed away. John was principal of our school from 1983 – 2008 and over those twenty five years our dear friend, colleague and mentor was instrumental in the transformation of the landscape of Huntstown.

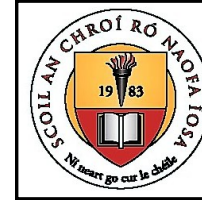
When the doors of Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa first opened in 1983 there were two teachers (Mr. Lynch and Sr. Madeline) and 16 pupils. On the occasion of Mr. Lynch's retirement in 2008 there were over 900 pupils and 50 teachers! During the intervening years the community and school underwent an incredible transition, with Mr. Lynch a strong and visionary leader at all times. Our school became a model for inclusive education; a place where the warm embrace of diversity was only equalled by a sincere vision for success.

Many of the existing staff owe their career to John, who believed in nurturing talented teachers, recognising and valuing their contribution to the mission he had established. Mr. Lynch has left behind an incredible legacy in our school; a model of inclusive education with quality teaching and learning led by a talented, motivated and committed staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lynch family and we hope that the incredible impact that John had on our community can bring them some comfort at this time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



Beannachtaí na Nollag

The staff and Board of Management of Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa would like to thank you for your support in 2017. We wish you a happy & peaceful Christmas and New Year.



Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa Christmas Newsletter 2017

Principal's Message

As 2017 draws to a close another successful term in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa comes to an end. Our school environment continues to be an energetic place, illustrated by the fantastic array of Christmas plays, concerts and carol services that are taking place throughout the school this week.

Since our return to school in September there have been many exciting events and activities:

- ◇ We welcomed almost 100 junior infants to the school.
- ◇ The school choir sang with The Cavan Big Band in Draíocht Theatre.
- ◇ 4th classes attended swimming lessons in the National Aquatic Centre.
- ◇ Sacrament preparations have begun in 2nd and 6th classes.
- ◇ Coiscéim classes held a Christmas party in the Community Centre.
- ◇ In sport we held a mixed-teams astroturf soccer blitz in Hartstown, entered girls' and boys' Gaelic football teams in the St. Peregrine's Blitz (winning both the senior and junior boys' competitions), entered girls' and boys' teams in Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic football competitions, took part in Fingal Athletics League events and completed the Kidsmarathon programme in Santry Stadium.
- ◇ Mr. Herity and Mr. Doyle's classes from last year attended the FÍS Film Awards ceremony in DCU (winning the *Outstanding Achievement in Film Making for Original Storytelling* and *Outstanding Achievement in Film Making for Cinematography Awards*).
- ◇ Ciarán Kilkenny brought the Sam Maguire All-Ireland football trophy in to the school.
- ◇ Our pupils' choir sang at Connolly Hospital's memorial event.
- ◇ Our pupils' and staff choirs sang at the beautiful *Carols for the Community* event in the church this week.
- ◇ Our Science Club displayed their project to pupils, parents and staff.
- ◇ We held hugely successful Science Week and Maths Week events in the school.
- ◇ We supported Team Hope's Shoebox Appeal.

Quite a busy school environment and quite an incredible staff and cohort of children!

Finally two updates for the new school year; firstly I would like to congratulate Mr. Colm O'Callaghan on his appointment to the role of Assistant Principal in the school and secondly I am delighted to let you know that the new school extension will be completed this week and will be ready for use in the new year. Thank you for your patience and co-operation during the construction phase.

Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh.

Kieran Lyons

Parents' Association

Thank you to the Parents' Association for all their efforts on behalf of the school this year. Thank you also to our school community for supporting the Christmas Raffle by donating prizes, selling tickets and buying tickets. Your support is very much appreciated.

Some of the main events that the Parents' Association have been instrumental in organising so far this school year include:

- Refreshments for parents of Junior Infants on the first day of the new term;
- Pupils' School Insurance Scheme;
- Book Rental Scheme;
- Junior Infants' photos;
- Parents' Association Newsletter;
- Parents' Association AGM;
- Accord RSE Parents' Evening;
- Accord RSE talks in 5th and 6th classes;
- Internet Safety Parents' Evening;
- Internet Safety talks in 4th, 5th and 6th classes;
- Pupils' Christmas cards;
- Christmas Raffle;

The Parents' Association meet in the school on the first Monday of each month and new members are always welcome.

Holidays 2018

School will re-open after the Christmas holidays on Monday 8th January 2018.

February Mid-Term Break

School will be closed on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February 2018.

St. Patrick's Day

School will be closed on Public Holiday Monday 19th March 2018.

In-Service Training

School will be closed for teacher in-service training on Tuesday 20th March 2018.

Easter

School will be closed from Monday 26th March to Friday 6th April 2018 inclusive.

May Mid-Term Break

The school will be closed from Monday 7th May to Friday 11th May 2018 inclusive.

June Public Holiday

The school will be closed on Public Holiday Monday 4th June 2018.

Enrolment 2018

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2018 will take place in the school atrium from:

- ◆ 10am - 12noon on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January 2018
- ◆ 7.30pm - 8.30pm on Thursday 25th January 2018

When enrolling your son / daughter please bring:

- ◇ One original long form copy and one photocopy of your child's birth certificate;
- ◇ One original copy and one photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if applicable);
- ◇ Proof of address in the form of two original utility bills dated within two months of the enrolment application date;
- ◇ Your child's PPS number;
- ◇ Any relevant reports (e.g. Speech & Language, Assessment of Need etc.).

Our school's enrolment policies can be viewed at:

- * <http://sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/general-enrolment-policy.html>
- * <http://sacredhearthuntstown.weebly.com/coisceim-enrolment-policy.html>

Congratulations and Farewell Ms. O'Driscoll

Our school community joins together in congratulating Ms. Dearbhla O'Driscoll on her appointment as principal of St. John the Baptist Infant Girls' School!

After 20 years of dedicated service in our school Ms. O'Driscoll will take up her new position in Clontarf after the Christmas holidays.

We thank Ms. O'Driscoll for her immense contribution to our school community, in particular the sterling work that she has done in developing our infant education programmes.

Ms. O'Driscoll will be sorely missed in Huntstown; however she will undoubtedly be a wonderful school leader in Clontarf and we wish her every success in her new role. Comhghairdeas agus go n-eirí an t-ádh leat.