



Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa

Summer Newsletter

June 2022

Junior Jury Programme

Recently, some of our 6th class pupils participated in the 2022 Junior Jury programme as part of the KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards!

Fifteen pupils took on the challenge of reading and critiquing 6 publications which featured Irish authors / illustrators and publishers, under the guidance of Ms. P. O'Connor. They judged the shortlist in terms of suitability for target audience, illustrations, story / theme and language. The readers took their responsibility seriously as the winning author received a cash prize. The Junior Juries vote was then submitted to Children's Book Ireland where it was included in the national vote.

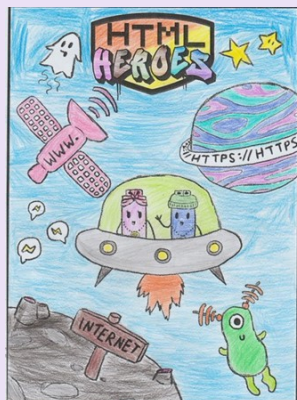


This year our book club had the additional pleasure of meeting and discussing the joys and challenges of writing and publishing with author Pádraig Kenny. Pádraig went on to win the Honour Award for Fiction for his book "The Shadows of Rookhaven". Congratulations Pádraig!

Webwise Award

In March, we celebrated our Webwise award.

Our school was awarded 'Best Overall Campaign – Primary' for our efforts to promote safe online behaviour as part of Safer Internet Day 2022.



It was a team effort by parents, students and staff. Well done everyone!

Engineering Week

It was a pleasure to participate in Engineering Week 2022. Our senior classes really enjoyed taking part in the challenges. Rang 4 discovered the engineering principles underpinning bridge construction. Part of their discovery involved testing the strength of eggs.



They even attempted to stand on a carton of eggs! Luckily, what they had learned ensured that there was no egg explosion in any of the classrooms!

There was however, plenty of laughter and lots of learning! Well done everyone for taking part.

School Garden

The school vegetable garden burst into life in recent months. Thanks to the boys and girls who tend to it regularly.

They weed the garden, water it and check for pests.



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A Message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an incredible year it has been for staff and pupils of Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa! The year began with Covid-19 restrictions still in place and a feeling of uncertainty about what the year would bring. Despite this, there was a sense of excitement and anticipation for the new school year and hope that we would begin to see a return to normal school life. This return to normal school life took longer than we could have imagined. During the first two terms our expansive Covid-19 Response Plan was employed, with staff, pupils and parents/guardians working hard in challenging circumstances to keep our school community safe.

The easing of restrictions in March meant that our yards, yard times and assembly and dismissal arrangements could return to normal and that the children at each class level could finally play together in one yard once again. The sight and sound of 800 children playing and rejoicing at this new freedom was fantastic to experience!

Pupil 'pods' were disbanded and class 'bubbles' were burst. The children were once again allowed to mix freely in their classrooms and collaborative work between different classes returned.

We celebrated First Holy Communion and Confirmation with our sacrament classes and some of our Coscáim children. And while the Confirmation classes provided their own music for their ceremony, it was wonderful to have our school choir return for the First Holy Communion ceremonies.

Teachers went about organising school tours for their classes and we were so thrilled to see the excitement on the children's faces as they hopped on to the buses to head off with their classmates. Parents and guardians gathered outside to wave them off, particularly special for junior and senior infants and first class pupils who were going on their first ever school tour!

We also saw the return of our much-loved Sports Day which is a hugely successful and enjoyable day for the children. Equipment was purchased, timetables and staff rosters were organised and the children had an amazing day moving freely around the school from base to base, enjoying different activities throughout the day.

As normal school life has thankfully returned and we now begin the summer holidays I would like to say a huge well done to our pupils for the manner in which they have faced the challenges of the last three school years. They have been adaptable and resilient and we are incredibly proud of them – truly wonderful pupils who deserve great praise ... and a well earned summer break! I would like to thank parents and guardians for your support over the last number of years, it has been an incredibly challenging time and we greatly appreciate your support as we worked together for the benefit of all members of our school community. I would also like to thank the wonderful staff of this great school. You have risen to the challenge presented by Covid-19 and your Trojan efforts to support the pupils of our school, parents/guardians and each other throughout this pandemic has been truly laudable – you are true professionals and I consider it an honour to work with you. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

While the year is really ending on a high note and we are full of hope and enthusiasm for the next academic year, it is with much regret that we must say farewell to our beloved colleague, Ms. Pauline O'Connor. Ms. O'Connor has been an amazing teacher and colleague in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa for 37 years and she will be sorely missed by the entire school community. Ms. O'Connor is a gifted teacher who always showed the greatest care and compassion to pupils, parents/guardians and colleagues alike. We wish her blessings in abundance as she begins the next chapter in her life and we hope she will return to visit us in the future.

Finally, I would like to wish a fond farewell to our sixth class and Coiscéim graduates who finish their journey in Scoil an Chroí Ró Naofa Íosa this year. We will miss you, we are proud of your achievements in our school and all that you brought to our school community. I hope you leave our school with some very fond memories and wish you every success for the future. Go n-éirí an bóthar libh.

Kieran Lyons

Principal

Graduation and Awards Ceremony

The school year was completed with graduation and award ceremonies for our graduating 6th class and Coiscéim students on Tuesday 28th June. All children were commended for their special contribution to the school over the past eight years.



The following awards were also made :

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Literary Student of the Year – Aleeza Rabiú

Gaeilgeoir na Bliana– Radú Bour

Musician of the Year – Jamie Dyer

Mathematicians of the Year – Níya Aby and Kirill Rogacevskiy

John Lynch Award – Alannah Moriarty

Gradam na Scoile – Charlotte Omosede Osariemen and Tyler Eghosa Osariemen

Scientist of the Year – Liam Clarke

Artist of the Year – Kayla Collins

Innovator of the Year – Holly Carney

SPORTS AWARDS

Boys' Soccer Player of the Year – Titus Mwebe

Girls' Soccer Player of the Year – Ava Cummins

Sportsperson of the Year 2021/22 – Julia Siedlarz

Athlete of the Year – Rhys Doherty

Hurler of the Year – Ross Therville

Well done to all and best wishes to our 6th class students as they embark on a new journey through secondary school!

"We are published authors"



In a joint initiative between Fighting Words, An Garda Síochána Community Engagement and other local schools, Ms. Murray's 5th class wrote Chapter 3 in "Running Around Dublin".

"Running Around Dublin" was co-written by pupils from St. Ciarán's N.S., Hartstown, Stanhope St. Primary School and Scoil Choilm

Community N.S. Porterstown.

The young authors celebrated the areas where they live, work and play through the art of storytelling.

Spring Chicks

Ms. Carolan brought high levels of excitement to her pupils this month. They thoroughly enjoyed learning all about chickens. The cute chicks were a joy to behold.



Picture Perfect

Which one is the real Mr. Lyons?!!
What an incredible portrait painted by Matilda from Senior Infants! Well done!

Send us a Postcard!

Send your classmates a **postcard** over the summer holidays!

Whether on a day trip to the beach, a weekend away in Ireland or a holiday abroad, fill your classmates in on your holiday adventures! Your new teacher and classmates will enjoy reading your postcard in September!





Sacred Heart of Jesus NS 2022/2023 School Calendar

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First day of
school year



School holidays



12 noon closure

- The school will open for the 2022/2023 academic year on Wednesday 31st August 2022.
- Where contingency arrangements are required to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures the length of the February mid-term break may be reduced by remaining open up to and including Wednesday 15th February 2023 and/or the length of the Easter break may be reduced by remaining open up to and including Wednesday 5th April 2023.
- Primary Curriculum in-service training for teachers will take place during the 2022/2023 academic year. The dates for school closures to facilitate this in-service training will be communicated to parents/guardians when they have been finalised.
- School year will finish on Friday 30th June 2023.