Scoil Íde Naofa

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th October 2025

## County Finals!





Next Tuesday and Wednesday our U-11 Boys & Ladies football teams will compete in the county finals of their competitions at Hawkfield. The boys face Gaelscoil Mhic Aodha on Tuesday while the ladies will be up against Scoil Naomh Uilig on Wednesday. We wish both our teams the very best of luck!

## Introducing the RELATE Programme

Our school is delighted to be engaging with **RELATE**, a new initiative from the **National Council for Special Education (NCSE)** designed to support schools in understanding and responding to children's behaviour in positive and inclusive ways.

The **RELATE** approach helps teachers view behaviour as a form of communication — a sign that a child may be seeking connection, support, or regulation. Instead of focusing solely on managing behaviour, the programme encourages us to explore the *why* behind it and to respond with empathy and understanding.

At the heart of RELATE are the values of **relationships, regulation, and wellbeing**. Teachers are supported to create calm, nurturing classrooms where every child feels safe, valued, and ready to learn. By adopting a **"regulation-first"** mindset, RELATE aims to reduce stress, build resilience, and strengthen the sense of belonging across the school community.

We look forward to embedding the principles of RELATE throughout the year and sharing the positive impact it brings to our pupils and school environment.

Click here to read a letter from Louise Reynolds from the NCSE who will be working with the school over the next two years

## Safe Routes to School:

Our school is proud to have been accepted into the next phase of the Safe Routes to School programme from Kildare County Council, which aims to make walking, cycling, and scooting to school safer and more enjoyable for everyone. The initiative supports improved crossings, cycle paths, and traffic safety measures around schools

## School attendance and Every Day Counts:

Every Day Counts – The Importance of School Attendance

Good attendance is key to every child's success at school. Each day of learning builds on the one before, and regular attendance helps children feel connected, confident, and ready to achieve their best.

Through the Every Day Counts initiative, we are encouraging all families to make daily attendance a priority. Even a few missed days can add up and make it harder for children to keep up with their learning and friendships.

Together, let's make every school day count — because every lesson, every connection, and every moment matters. Our target is to decrease the number of pupils who miss 20 or more days by 5% and to increase the number of pupils who attend 95% or more by 5% for the school year 2025-2026



## Upcoming Events:

- Yoga Tuesdays and Wednesday until Halloween
- U-11 Boys County Final Tuesday 14th October
- U-11 Ladies County Final Wednesday 15th October
- Drama for senior classes Thursdays
- Halloween Holidays Thursday 23rd October
- School closed for Presidential Election Voting Friday 24th October
- GAA coaching starting back Wednesday 5th November
- School Closure for Child Protection Training Tuesday 11th November

Stay Safe,

All at Scoil Íde Naofa

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