NEWSLETTER

SCOIL ÁINE NAOFA



Message From Mr Reilly

It is great to see that all the children have settled back so well into school and that our 2026/27 school year has got off to such a positive start. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new children who have joined our school, as well as to our new and returning staff members. We are delighted to welcome Ms Mallon back from her career break, Ms Doherty and Ms Cooney back following their three-year absence, and Ms O'Toole, Ms Cooke and Ms Ryan, who are returning to us again this year. We also welcome Mr Bernard, who will be joining us for the year, and Jill Bird, our new SNA, to the staff of Scoil Áine Naofa.

We have a fantastic year ahead, with many exciting events, activities and occasions for the children to look forward to. We are very much looking forward to working with you all throughout the year and ensuring that the children have a happy, successful and memorable school year. As always, please keep in touch with your child's teacher, or with myself or Mr Greene, if you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to discuss. We will work together with you to support your child throughout the school year.

I would also ask all parents and guardians to please be mindful of driving etiquette and parking arrangements at morning drop-off and afternoon collection. Your cooperation in helping to keep the school environment safe and accessible for everyone is greatly appreciated.

Le dea ghuí,
Conor Reilly

Important Dates

- **Mon 26th - Fri 30th October** - Mid-Term Break
  -School Reopens on Monday 2nd November -

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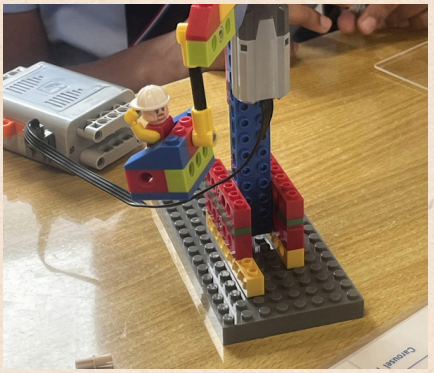
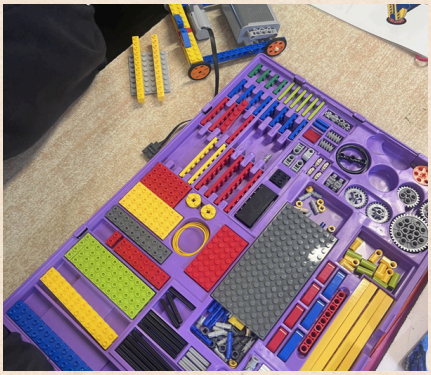
Our Classes

3rd Class - Room 12



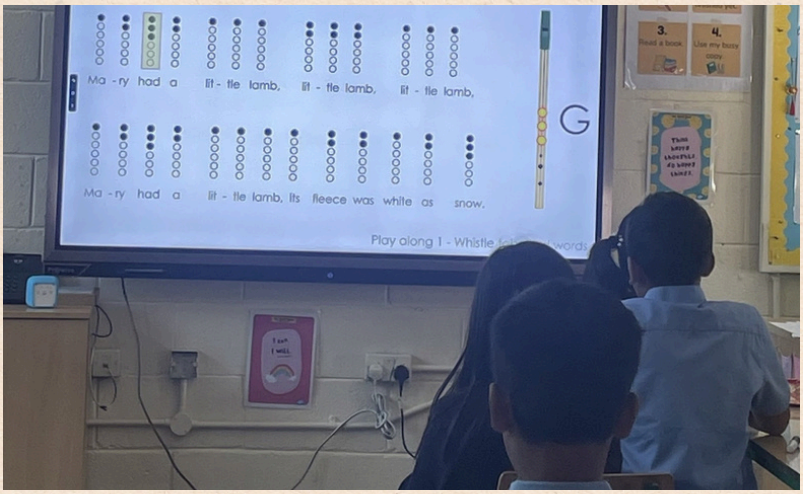


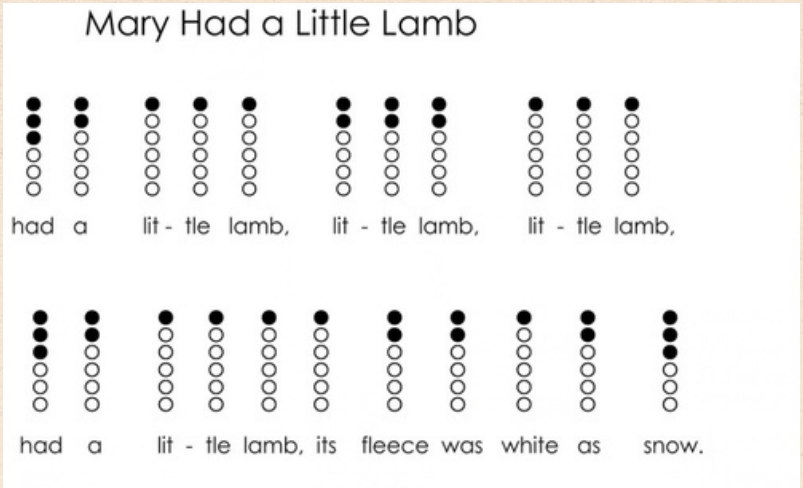


Young Engineers visited our class on Tuesday the 22nd of September. The children learned how a simple motor works and then used their expertise to create a motorised spinning swing chair ride or a car out of Lego. They then had great fun experimenting with axle lengths and saw how this affects the speed of the ride. It was a great experience for all and there are definitely a few budding engineers in 3rd Class.

Ms Byrne

4th Class - Room 5





This year Room 5 are putting our musical talents to the test and learning the tin whistle! We have been carefully practising the notes 'B' 'A' and 'G' and are beginning to get the hang of using them in 'Mary Had A Little Lamb'. We can't wait until we can learn more songs and become professional tin whistle players.

Ms Treacy

5th Class - Room 10

Ms Browne's 5th Class have been busy enjoying our weekly Teanga Tuesday. Each Tuesday we do a different activity to practice our Teanga Ó Bhéal. This week we were lucky enough to play Cluedo as gaeilge!

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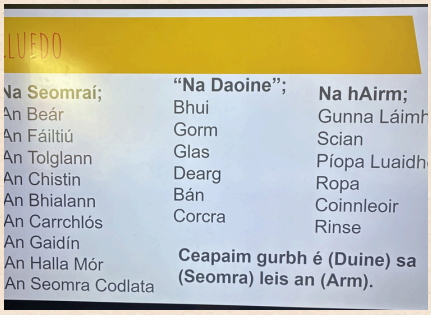
Ms Browne







6th Class - Room 33

The pupils in Ms. Hoare's 6th Class have been very lucky to be among the first children in the school to attend swimming lessons at the fantastic new Aura Leisure Centre in Lucan. Each week, the pupils have been enjoying the opportunity to develop their swimming skills and have fun while doing so. The lessons have been a wonderful opportunity for everyone to build confidence in the water, practise different swimming strokes and learn important water-safety skills. It has been brilliant to see how much all the pupils have been improving from week to week. A huge thank you to the instructors at Aura Leisure Centre for making our lessons so enjoyable and engaging. We are delighted to have this wonderful new facility in our local community.

Ms Hoare



Restorative Practice



Hi Everyone,

We are the Restorative Practice Mentors for Term 1 in Scoil Aine Naofa. We use Restorative Practice in our school when something happens that causes hurt, harm or a conflict between people. It helps us fix problems, look after our relationships and learn from our mistakes.

Each month we will talk about Restorative Practice, ways we can regulate ourselves if we're feeling sad, upset or angry and to chat about our school and yard expectations.

We look forward to meeting all the students over the next few weeks and we hope you have all had a great start to our school year!

RP Mentors



Gym Monitors

Hi we are Cristian and Erin and we are two of the many of the Gym Monitors this year. Being a gym monitor is fun, and you get to help other people learn how to have fun while exercising safely and properly with their friends!

The gym is an excellent space with all the great equipment people would want for their workout, including weights, wall balls, mats, cardio boxes and exercise bands and machines including a treadmill, ski machine, rowing machine, and two bikes.

The duties of a gym monitor include being at the gym when a class is there and helping the children do a warm-up and making sure they do the activities properly and safely! After the session we do a cool down for the children and then make sure the gym is clean for the next class!

Good behaviour in the gym makes our job easier and the gym a friendlier environment for everyone to exercise and have fun! We thank everyone for doing this!



Girls Senior Football

It has been a fantastic start to the football season for our Girls Senior Football Team, who won their first two matches, received a walk over in the third, and have now secured their place in the Cumann na mBunscol quarter finals!

They have shown great determination, teamwork and commitment throughout their opening games. Each match has brought plenty of excitement, with the team working hard for one another and showing excellent skill and sportsmanship on the pitch. They have represented the school with great pride and we would like to wish the girls the very best of luck in the quarter final.

Ms Hoare and Ms O'Flynn



Our School Library

Our school library has a great selection of books. It is full of fiction and non-fiction books. It is a comfortable place to relax with nice cozy cushions and is a nice break from school chairs.

It is a quiet place for you to concentrate on your reading. You can also borrow a book from the library for two weeks. Then you should return the book.

We would like to thank all of the parents who have donated books over the years. We are always happy to accept any new donations to bring our library more up to date.

Luke Duffy, Room 21



School Activities

- Chess is starting back for the year this week in Scoil Aine. We are looking forward to a busy year ahead, hopefully with some competitions in the future!
- The Gymnastics club will be starting up again this year in Scoil Áine. It will take place after school in the hall on Tuesdays. Children will learn and perfect skills such as forward rolls, cartwheels, handstands, headstands, bridges, splits and more. We can't wait to get started!
- The choir began the year by singing at the back-to-school mass. They received lots of praise from everyone and got a round of applause at the end. New members have now joined the choir, and they are very excited to start working on Halloween songs!
- The Trad Group have welcomed many new members this year with a great variety of instruments. They practice every Tuesday after school and are working on some polkas and jigs. We can't wait to hear what they have in store.
- Friendshub Education's Afterschool Wellbeing Club is starting back up after the October Midterm. This Wellbeing programme provides children with a supportive space to build confidence, understand their emotions, develop friendships and learn practical tools for managing big feelings and everyday challenges. We were delighted to see the children engage so positively with the workshops and build new friendships last year. Our Term 1, 8-week programme will run from the first week after the October midterm break right up until the last week before the Christmas holidays from 2:20pm-4pm. Term 1 places are now fully booked. Term 2 groups will start up after the Christmas break, if you would like to reserve a place for your child or for more information, please email me at friendshub.ed@gmail.com.






Some of our September Noticeboards...































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