



Scoil Naomh Molaise

Nuachtlitir

14ú Bealtaine 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

I hope you are well.

Dates for the Diary

Friday, 31 st May & Monday, 3 rd June 2024	School Holiday & Public Bank Holiday
Friday, 7 th June 2024	School closed for Elections
Tuesday, 25 th June 2024	Summer Holidays – half day
<i>Please keep an eye on our website for details of upcoming events – www.molaise.com</i>	

Ethos

- Congratulations to all of the children who made their Confirmation and Holy Communion last week. Our sincere thanks to Mr Connolly, Ms Johnson and Ms Doherty, supported by our SNAs, Caroline and Karina, for preparing the children so well all year and for putting together two beautiful ceremonies. Thank you to Fr Christy and Bishop Kevin for celebrating these special ceremonies. We hope that the children enjoyed a very special day with their families.
- Míle Buíochas to Ms Harvey, the musicians and the choir for making the ceremonies so special with their beautiful singing.
- The Communion party in the hall went very well on Saturday. Huge thanks to the school staff and parents who helped tidy/set up the hall, prepare food, serve tea/coffee and organise the clean up! It was very much appreciated by everyone present on Saturday.

Photography Exhibition

- 3rd class recently took part in an Intergenerational Photography project where they photographed themselves with their grandparents. These photos were on display in ATU Sligo and 3rd class went in to visit the exhibition. Well done to all the pupils who took part, and congratulations to Wiktorija Bilska and Faye Gilmartin who won prizes for their photos.

Helicopter Visit

- We recently were very fortunate to see the Irish Coast Guard Search and Rescue Helicopter land at the GAA training pitch. Every child was given the opportunity to board the helicopter. It was a very

special morning. Huge thanks to the crew, and especially to parents, Sean Redahan and Karl Dolan, for taking the time to give our pupils this amazing experience. We are in awe and admiration of the work that the Search and Rescue crew do.

6th Class School Tour

- 6th class went on a very enjoyable and informative trip to Dublin recently. They visited Kilmainham Gaol and Collins Barracks. Both sites have strong cultural links to Grange. We saw the original St. Molaise statue and a gun from the Streedagh Armada ship, the Juliana. We visited the cell at Kilmainham where Countess Markievicz was incarcerated.

Student Council

- The student council organised a very successful Bake Sale in recent weeks to raise funds for new playground equipment. They raised €1030, and this money will be put to very good use in the coming weeks.

Active Schools Week

- We will be holding an Active Schools Week from 13th-17th May, where students (and teachers) will take part in active activities each day. Active homework will replace written homework for this week! Keep an eye on our website for all the fun and games!

Sports

- Well done to Adam Fallon (6th class) who represented our school in the Cumann na mBunscol Exhibition game during the Sligo v Leitrim Connacht Championship game recently.
- Our boys and girls football teams played Rockfield NS in the first round of the Cumann na mBunscol Competition. Both teams played very well but unfortunately we were defeated in both games. Our teams will now take part in the Shield Competition in the coming weeks.
- The first round of the Cumann na mBunscol Shield Competition will take place this Thursday, 16th May. Both teams will play Ballisodare NS in this round. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh!

Parental Involvement

- Thank you to the Parents Association for funding the cost of Storyteller, Niall de Burca's recent visit to our school. Niall has visited the school many times in the past. His visits are always eagerly anticipated and thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. Niall uses his wit and humour to engage audiences of all ages, and using story, poetry, music, dance and his love of Gaeilge, he delivers a fantastic performance on every occasion. We look forward to his next visit!
- The next meeting of the Parents Association is Monday, 20th May at 7:30pm in the school. All parent/guardian(s) are invited to attend.
- The Parents Association recently conducted a survey regarding Smartphones and Primary School Children. Thank you to everyone who responded to this survey. Results will be shared with you in the coming weeks.
- The school is to be closed on Friday, 7th June, as it will be used as a polling station for elections. The school and the Parents Association requested that alternative venues be considered for upcoming

elections. However, I have been recently advised that there are no other suitable venues available locally for June 7th.

Our New Extension

- Work is progressing well on our new extension. It is anticipated that the project will be complete in July. We look forward to having two new big and bright classrooms for September. Our thanks to the school community for your patience while the work takes place.

Health and Safety

- Parents/guardians are asked to use the car park across from the Church or the car park behind the school. Please do not park in the bus area (along the main road) in the morning or at the 1:50pm or 2:50pm collections. We have a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of the children when coming to and leaving the school grounds.

In other news...

- Ms Foran is organising this year's Summer Programme which will run from Wednesday 26th June – Tuesday 9th July. She has been in touch with the parents/guardians of children who are eligible to attend. She will keep you up-to-date on any developments.
- Ms Burnside is running a Summer Camp in the school from Monday 15th - Friday 18th July, 10am-2pm. All children aged 6-10yrs are welcome to attend. This camp is very popular and places are limited. If you haven't already received a registration form, please contact the office.
- The highly anticipated school tours are just around the corner for most classes! Teachers will be sharing with you further details of their class school tours in the coming weeks. A payment link is available on Aladdin.
- Best wishes to Jenny McFadden and Amy Hyndman who finish their work placement in Scoil Naomh Molaise this week. Jenny has been teaching 1st class and Amy has been teaching 6th class for a number of weeks. We certainly hope that our paths cross again in the future.
- A petition addressed to Minister Ryan & Chambers, outlining road safety concerns around our village and school was sent home last week. Please sign and return to the school no later than Friday 17th May if you would like to support this petition. Thank you to Councillor Marie Casserly for organising this.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Louise O'Connor

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