



# Scoil Naomh Molaise

## Nuachtlitir

27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Please take a few minutes to read our schools newsletter and enjoy a snapshot of all that's been happening at Scoil Naomh Molaise this term. Please continue to keep an eye on our school website [www.molaise.com](http://www.molaise.com) for news and pictures, and details of upcoming events.

On behalf of the Board of Management, staff and pupils of the school, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Camilla Harvey, a teacher at our school, on the death of her father, Eamon Harvey. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### Dátaí don Fhéilire/ Dates for the Diary:

Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	School will close at 12pm for the Easter Holidays
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Confirmation at 11am
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Holy Communion at 11am
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May & Monday, 1st June 2026	June Bank Holiday Weekend
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	School Closed – Primary Curriculum Staff Training Day
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	School will close at 12pm for the Summer Holidays

### The Stay Safe Programme

Stay Safe is a personal safety programme which seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participation in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, friendship and bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger. The programme aims to give children the skills necessary to enable them to recognise and resist abuse/victimisation and teaches them that they should always tell (an adult that can help) about any situation which they find unsafe, upsetting, threatening, dangerous or abusive. Parental involvement is an essential component of the Stay Safe programme. This term all classes across the school have engaged in the Stay Safe Programme as part of the Social, Personal and Health Education Curriculum.

### Ethos

Congratulations to the boys and girls in 2<sup>nd</sup> class who made their First Confession on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March in the Church of Mary Immaculate in Grange. The children were well prepared and did themselves, their

teacher and SNA, and their parents proud on the day. Full steam ahead now for First Communion on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May!

We look forward to Confirmation on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Curriculum & Extra Curricular News**

- Our 4<sup>th</sup> class was selected at random to participate in TIMSS, which is an international study of maths and science. TIMSS is carried out on behalf of the Department of Education and Youth. It is a digital assessment which assesses the mathematical and science achievements of pupils in 4<sup>th</sup> class. The study took place here in the school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We look forward to seeing the results of the study in due course.
- Recognising the importance of developing pupils' awareness of internet safety and digital responsibility, the Board of Management organised for Ger Brick to present internet safety workshops to senior pupils and parents on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March. Ger has a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area and we hope that everyone found the presentations beneficial. Following the parent presentation, Ger shared some useful tips and information which was shared with parents on the noticeboard on Aladdin.
- A group of children from 6<sup>th</sup> class took part in a Chess Tournament in Rathcormack NS on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Well done to Ross McCann, Gary Cronin, Patrick McSweeney, Michael Larkin, Sean Barber, Sean White, Pádraig Finnegan and Rory Ballantine who were very competitive on the day.
- Ms Bredin's 5th class were presented with a class award for a story competition they entered recently. The children used story cards and wrote excellent stories based on characters, settings, and magical elements in the world of Myrndale. Aidan Dolan also received an individual certificate for his story 'The Legends of Myrndale.' A huge well done to Aidan and to everyone in the class for their fantastic effort.
- Very well done to Freya Kennedy, Ava Cullen, Hannah Waters and Charlotte Henry who accepted the Sligo County Council Cathaoirleach's Award on behalf of 6<sup>th</sup> class early in Term 2. The Schools Young Enterprise Award honours the creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit of young people, and this year it recognises the work of 6th Class in Scoil Naomh Molaise, who transformed the story of the 1588 Spanish Armada wrecks at Streedagh into a powerful learning experience. Guided by their teachers, Mr. Connolly and Ms Redahan, the pupils brought history to life through drama, music, art, and performance—culminating in a moving re-enactment shared both at school and during a wonderful concert in the Church of Mary Immaculate alongside the Spanish Naval Band. The project strengthened cultural ties, honoured the memory of the lost sailors, and showcased what young people can achieve when imagination and effort come together.
- We look forward to a visit from Storyteller, Niall de Burca, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Niall has visited the school many times in the past. His visits are always highly anticipated by pupils and staff. He is an incredible storyteller.
- Teachers are making plans for the end of year school tours. We will organise payments links as soon as possible. Parents/Guardians are welcome to pay in installments if that is more convenient, and please contact the school if you have any financial concerns.

### **Sports News**

- It has been a busy term on the sporting front. Our senior boys and girls took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Hurling competition last month, and our girls have qualified for the finals which will take place on Thursday 16th April in Oxfield. Maith sibh, a chailíní!

- We also entered teams in the FAI 5-a-side soccer competition and had two very enjoyable days in McSharry Park. Well done to one of our boys teams who have qualified for the County Finals on Tuesday 14th April.
- Well done to Michéal, Daniel, Patrick, Evan, Ava, Charlotte, Georgia May and Hannah who took part in the county final of the GAAMigoes Football Skills Challenge.
- Good luck to Gary, Ross, Dylan, Michael, Eimear, Ciara, Elsa and Jessica who represented our school in the GAAMigoes Hurling Skills Challenge recently.
- We are very fortunate to have Naomh Molaise Gaels Club Development Officer, Damien Weber, working with our school this term. Damien is with us every Tuesday doing GAA coaching with Infants – 4<sup>th</sup> class, and the children are thoroughly enjoying this.
- Weather permitting, we hope to have our Active Schools Week during the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April. We have a jam-packed schedule of activities for the children to enjoy, including some firm favourites and a few new surprises!
- Our annual sports day will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. This will be facilitated by Sligo GAA coaches, and we also look forward to the visit of the ice-cream van.

### **Student Council**

- A huge thank you to everyone who donated books and supported our recent Book Sale in the school. We raised €550 and this will be put to good use restocking our class libraries and ensuring that there is plenty of reading materials for our pupils.
- We are collecting shoes again this year to donate to families in other countries. Please have a look around your house over the Easter break and we would be delighted to accept donations of shoes, runners, football boots which are still in good condition and no longer needed.

### **The Junior Entrepreneur Programme**

6<sup>th</sup> class are working away on their Junior Entrepreneur business idea. They will be making and selling bespoke badges designed by pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> class and pupils throughout the school. The badges will be sold after Easter. For personalised badges, speak to rang a sé!

### **Parents Association**

- Our sincere thanks to the Parents Association for organising the annual Duck Race on St Patrick's Day, and to everyone who purchased a duck or donated a prize. An incredible €4500 was raised to benefit the children in our school. Míle Buíochas!
- The Parents Association is organising a Family Fun Walk at Benbulbin Forest Walk on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm. This is a free event – an opportunity for the school and wider community to come together, and enjoy some fresh air and some fun together. It was very well attended last year – an enjoyable activity for all. We hope you can make it!

### **Safety Issues**

Please note the following points which will ensure that everyone can approach/leave our school in a safe manner.

- Use the playground car park and cross carefully at the traffic lights.
- **We now have 5 school transport services facilitating school pupils. Please do not park in the bus area/staff parking area in front of the school.**

- Please exercise extreme caution when dropping children at the rear of the school as this is the staff parking area and thus poses a danger to small children entering/exiting the school.
- If your child is arriving late, please ensure that they use the main front door to enter the school and someone at the office will ensure that they get safely to their classroom.

Finally, please find attached:

- A letter from An Garda Síochána regarding E-Scooters
- Information regarding Robotics Club in Term 3

Le gach dea-ghuí

***Louise O'Connor***

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