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Scoil N An Chroí Ró Naofa

June 2023

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## Summer Holidays

School holidays begin on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 12.15 pm. The school will re-open for pupils on Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9.00 am. We wish all pupils and their families a very enjoyable, safe and relaxing summer break. On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to thank the school community for all the support given to the school over this academic year. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

## Slán

After 31 years Mr Cassidy is retiring at the end of June. On behalf of the whole school community we would like to extend our grateful appreciation to Mr Cassidy who has been a wonderful dedicated staff member, he will be missed by us all. We would like to wish our other members of staff the very best of luck also as they head off on new adventures....send lots of postcards!

Our good friend and Deputy Principal of the Junior School is also retiring. The school would like to send our very best wishes to Ms Tuohy, Thank you to Ms Tuohy for all the support you have given our school over the years, we will miss you in Killinarden.

## Staffing Allocation

The staffing allocation for next year 2023/2024 is :11 Mainstream class teachers, 9 Special Education Teachers and 6 Special Needs Assistants. There are a number of teaching appointments that will be made during the summer. Children have been informed where possible who their class teacher will be in September.

## School Plan

This year, we spent a lot of time looking at and reviewing our school plan. We have established some clear targets for Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance, and partnerships with others. The plan will be available on our website with a short informational video. The plan involves the whole school community working together to achieve our targets. *Everyday in Every Classroom* is our school plan motto going forward.

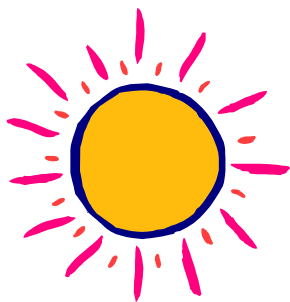
Finally, I would like to offer our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils the very best of luck as they begin their new journey in secondary school.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday!

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## Sports News

On Wednesday May 31st, there was great excitement, as we prepared for our much anticipated basketball tournament, in The National Basketball Arena. We were due to play Holy Trinity from Donaghmede. An extra buzz was added to the big match preparations when we were collected by a Garda van! After arriving and being shown to our court we had a good warm-up, as we waited for our referee to arrive. The boys were divided into two lines of five and given that six periods were scheduled, there would be plenty of game time for everyone. It was obvious from the start that Holy Trinity had plenty of strong basketballers, but the boys never stopped trying and showed such sportsmanship throughout, which we were very proud of. Holy Trinity ran out winners in the end and the teams shook hands and congratulated each other on a great match. The teams were presented with their medals by the commissioner and the Garda van was waiting to take us back to school. Everyone was a credit to the school throughout and we look forward to seeing them continue to improve their basketball skills going forward.



A special word of thanks to Mr Cassidy who has contributed so much to the promotion of sport in our school. Thank you for all your time over the years.

Sacred Heart Abú!

## School Uniform

As part of our code of behaviour and school rules All children must wear a **full school uniform**. Parents/guardians may make the decision to send their child to school in the school tracksuit or the school uniform however on PE days all children must wear the school tracksuit. Pupils can wear a plain white t shirt or white polo shirt with their tracksuit. Thank you to all parents/guardians for your support.

### Uniform price list

Tracksuit tops -size is up to 13/ 14 = €23

Tracksuit bottoms-size is up to 13/14= €17

Full tracksuit-size up to 13/14 = €40

Tracksuit tops -size small to X Large = €28

Tracksuit bottoms-size small to X Large = €22

Full tracksuit-size small to X Large = €50

School Jumpers all sizes = €30

**Mrs Greene will be available from 4<sup>th</sup> - 7th July and**

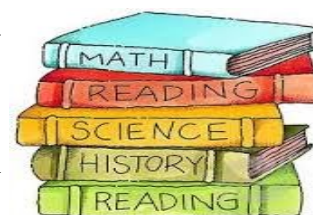
**24th 25th 29th 30th August from 10am – 2pm to purchase uniforms**

## School Book Scheme

The Free Primary Schoolbooks Scheme in primary schools will remove the cost from families of funding schoolbooks for children and young people enrolled in recognised primary schools and special schools. Parents will no longer be required to make any contribution towards the cost of schoolbooks, including the cost of any workbooks and copybooks.

The cost for the year 2023/24 per child will be **€40**. This covers insurance (24hr), swimming, photocopying, Art & Crafts supplies, Aladdin Text-a-Parent etc. A link will be available for payment on Aladdin.

Pupils will need to have stationary purchased for September. This includes pencils, pens, sharpener, ruler, rubber, and colouring pencils.



## Cookery Fundays

News2day came into our school on Thursday 1st June. They were here to film the children cooking and talk about our cookery website [www.cookeryfundays.ie](http://www.cookeryfundays.ie). We had 6 different stations set up, where the children demonstrated their cooking abilities. We made delicious pizza faces, lovely muffins, tasty fish and chicken goujons, yummy frittata and Orla's Oat Bread. The children spoke about how to make these recipes and why they enjoy cooking. They did the themselves and the school proud. Well done to everyone involved.



## Student Council

We would like to say a big Well Done to our Student Council for their hard work this year! The children have done a fantastic job representing the children of Sacred Heart. Thanks to our Student Council, we now have two colourful Buddy Benches in our school yard. The children use these every day, they are great for a catch up with friends, old and new!

Recently, our Student Council had the wonderful opportunity to visit South Dublin County Council to meet with the Mayor of South Dublin, Emma Murphy. We were invited to the Mayor's office and given a grand tour of the chamber. The children had lots of questions for Emma about her role as Mayor. It was a great opportunity for the children and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Well done to our Student Council, we are very proud of you all!



## Music News

Sacred Heart SNS Samba Drumming Band joined their counterparts in Scoil Chaitlín Maude to showcase their hard work and talent in a performance at Heuston station on June 1st. They were absolutely fantastic and a crowd of train passengers stopped to watch and cheer them on. We can't wait to see what this band get up to next year. Maith sibh, Ms Cahil and Ms Dalton



## School Trips

On Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, fourth class went on an exciting trip to the Technological University of Dublin in Grangegorman (TUD), to do their final experiment as part of the 'Try Five' STEM initiative. They got to design very own rockets. Afterwards we had rocket launching competition outside. Fourth class have been working with Try Five all year. They have built ecosystems in jars; constructed mini wind turbines and even wired their own 'constellation flashlights'. After our final experiment, everyone was awarded certificates and really cool five science badges each. A special thank you to Miss Keating for organising.

Fourth class had their school tour to Redhills Adventure Centre in Kildare on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. What a blast! We had a gorgeous sunny day so luckily we packed plenty of sun cream and water. The children got to play in pedal go-karts, archery tag, splatball, obstacle courses, giant fooseball and fun team building games. They behaved beautifully and we all had a very memorable day.





*Wishing you a Safe & Enjoyable Summer!*

**Summer  
Holidays**

**Friday  
June 30th  
@12pm**

## Active Learning @ School

### Green Schools

The Green Schools Committee had another busy term but as always they kept going in rain, hail or shine! The children are so dedicated and committed to their responsibilities and should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you to each and every Green School member.

### STEM News

We have had a fantastic year in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We were recently awarded a Silver Curious Minds Award to acknowledge the work undertaken in our school in these subjects.

Fourth Class were lucky enough to visit the TU campus in Grangegorman for their last Try Five workshop. Well done to all who took part and represented our school so well.



Third and fourth class recently visited the Think Big Space where they completed robotics and coding workshops. The children loved building their own robots and were really well behaved. Well done!



### HSCL News

We've had a busy end of year and lots of activities in HSCL! We had amazing parents come to the school every Friday to take part in our Gardening Group and they tidied and planted some lovely new beds. Some of our 3rd Class children took part in a Lego activity with their parents throughout May. Thank you to Amy for facilitating the course.



On Tuesday the 13th of June we ran our Family Games in 4th Class. Huge thanks to the family members who came in to play board games with the children. The children loved it!

On Wednesday the 14th of June we invited our 3rd Class parents in to the school to take part in a Story Sack activity. Each child received a book and a lovely book bag which they decorated and brought home. Thanks to all who came in! We took some parents to Bloom in the Phoenix Park on the 1st of June and had a fabulous morning there. June has been a busy month with our 6th Class children transitioning to secondary school.



Every child received a book called 'Mind The Gap' which helps prepare for secondary school. There have also been visits to the new secondary schools. While we prepare to say goodbye to our lovely 6th Class children we prepare to welcome our new 3rd Class children. The current 2nd Class children have had a visit to the senior school. We also brought some of our present 3rd Class children to the junior school to answer some questions. Thanks to Caoimhe, Layla, Killian and Braxton! Wishing you all a happy and safe summer and see you in September!

Karen, HSCL



# **Scoil N An Chroí Ró Naofa**

## **2023/2024 Calendar**



### **Term 1**

Reopening **Thursday 31st of August 2023 at 9:00am**

October closure **Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November**

School re opens at 9:00 am **Monday 6th of November 2023**

Christmas holidays school closes **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12:15 pm**

### **Term 2**

Reopening **Monday 8th of January 2024 at 9:00 am**

Public holiday **Monday 5th February (Saint Bridget Day)**

February midterm **Thursday 15th / Friday 16th of February**

School closed **Monday 18th March**

Easter holidays school closes **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 12:15 pm**

### **Term 3**

Reopening **Monday 8th of April 2024 at 9:00 am**

School Closure **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May –Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May (Bank holiday/ School closures)**

Reopening **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 9:00am**

Bank holiday **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Summer holidays school closes **Friday 28th June at 12:15 pm**