

HSCL NEWS

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Parent Council News

Christmas Raffle Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all families for buying tickets in our Christmas raffle and for those who volunteered to sell tickets at local shops and garages.

Just under €8000 was raised in the raffle which is an increase of almost €500 on last year. The Christmas raffle is the biggest fundraiser the Parent Council organises and last year money was spent on the newly refurbished Special Needs Playground, tar mac around the new benches on yards, communion and confirmation class trips, defibrillator training as well as play equipment for the yards and the gifts received by each class at Christmas time

Uniform Sale

We will hold a used uniform sale in the hall in the coming weeks. This proved to be a huge success in the past and will be repeated in June /July hopefully

If parents have any items of uniform in reasonable condition that they wish to donate please send them into the school office at any time. These donations are greatly appreciated.



Parent Council AGM

A cold snowy evening recently didn't deter many parents coming to attend the Parent Council AGM. A new Chairperson in Bríd Phillips was elected, replacing the long standing John Delaney. Emma Carbery has also been elected as vice chairperson replacing Georgina Maher. Ber Foley stays on as Treasurer and Lorraine Walsh as secretary. All current members have agreed to stay on and many new members joined on the night, Gemma Berry, Elisha Quinn, Monica Tajchman, Jane Kennedy, Ania Noonan and Sarissa Denmead. We always welcome new members and especially require help with upcoming events such as a planned Bingo night and the ever popular Family Fun Evening. Please get in touch if you are willing to help out.



Keeping Children Healthy and Happy

After School Clubs

Scoil Phádraig Naofa is a busy place at the best of times, even when the school day ends. We have a selection of after school activities such as

Guitar for 5th & 6th

Advanced Scratch Coding for 6th Class pupils who took part last year

Lego Club for 4th Class

Art Club for 2nd & 3rd Class

Book Club for 5th & 6th Class

Choir for 3rd-6th Class

Soccer for 3rd & 4th Class

Gaelic Football for Girls and Boys

Hurling

Athy Library will be closed from February 9th to facilitate their move to the new premises, The Old Dominican Church. The library is such a fantastic place to bring children and they run a series of events and classes for adults and children. Check it out on www.kildare.ie/library

"Let's Talk about Parenting"

FREE Series of Talks in Kildare Libraries in 2018

See www.kildare.ie/library

TTT (Toys, Training & Technology) Events Calendar is available on www.kildare.ie/library. These are toys and assistive technology available to borrow from Kildare libraries and a series of talks for parents



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Get Involved with Your Community

Evidence shows that being part of a group helps with our self esteem and well-being. This is true of adults and children. Athy has many activities from Sports to Library to Toastmasters to Dance. Seek information on what interests you or your children and make 2018 the year you take part.

Healthy Eating is vitally important in fighting childhood obesity and avoiding ill health. Please refer to our school website for guidelines on our Healthy Eating Policy and check out www.safefood.eu for lots of ideas on healthy lunchbox ideas

Internet Safety Seminar

As parents we can all agree that children's use of the internet and social media is a worry to us all. Scoil Phádraig Naofa are providing Internet Safety Training for parents and for pupils from 3rd-6th class. This will take place on the 18th April 2018. A parents class will run from 9.10-10.10am and will be repeated at 7pm that evening. Although it is scary territory knowledge is best so we advise parents of pupils from all classes to attend.



Junior Infant Enrolment September 2018

Enrolments will take place in the school hall on the following days/evening

Tuesday 6th February & Wednesday 7th February from 1pm to 3pm and on the evening of Thursday 8th February from 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

Can you Help with Our School Garden?

- Our school are fortunate enough to have a beautiful set of raised beds in our garden area. Thanks to the help of parent Anna McLaren and support from other parents the garden was hugely successful last year. We have also bought a polytunnel and now the plan is to get planting early.
- We are looking to our parent community to get involved in helping us manage the garden again this year.
- If you have an interest or any skills in this area we would love you to get in touch and get involved.
- We welcome all parents as well as grandparents or members of the community to get on board.



Classes for Parents

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Below you will see a selection of the classes and courses we are currently running for parents. Once we get enough interest (10-14 people) we can run almost any class. These classes are run in the school or other local schools and others are run in the local community agencies such as VTOS or KWETB offices.

Gordon's Fitness Class

Mondays in Scoil Mhicil Naofa, Wednesdays in Scoil Phádraig Naofa, Fridays in Athy College

9.30-10.30am

€2 per session. New members welcome.

Parents Plus Class

Positive Parenting Tips to help you develop a good routine with your child and help manage challenging behavior.

Wednesdays 9.15-11.15 am

Starts February 21st for 5 Wednesdays

Budget Cooking and Operation Transformation Cooking

Mondays and Thursdays in Athy College

Mondays: 10.45am

Thursdays: 1.00pm

Please book your place via text on 087-7473114

Valentine's Handmade Cards

Anna Pustulka returns after a very successful Christmas Craft Class. On Monday 5th February from 9.15-11.30am. you can make a handmade Valentine's day Card. Cost is €4 per person. Please contact Ms Foy on 087-7473114 if you wish to attend as places are limited to a maximum of 12 people per class

Wellbeing for Women

Our Wellbeing for Women Class continues on Tuesday mornings. Prioritise yourself for two hours and enjoy some relaxation, meditation, peer support and a cup of tea and scones!

Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am

Earlier this month we sent out a survey asking parents for feedback on Mathematics in Scoil Phádraig Naofa. We have taken this feedback on board and are working on some ideas for improvement.

Please have your say by completing any future surveys or contacting the Home School Community Liaison Coordinator

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