

# Scoil Naomh Feichín

## School Newsletter – June 2016



### Please support our School Extension Petition

On behalf of our school community I have drafted a letter to be sent to the Minister for Education & Skills, Mr Richard Bruton, explaining how deflated and annoyed we are that the funding for the planned school extension & refurbishment project has been withheld. I hope that we can get as many signatures as possible to sign a petition to accompany this letter.

Please drop in to the reception area of the school over the next week or two and sign a copy of the petition which will be available there. You can also help by taking a copy home with you and asking your neighbours and friends to sign their names to this petition. Hopefully, by doing this, we can ensure that when funding becomes available, the Minister will provide the necessary funding for this essential project to proceed to construction as soon as possible.

Many parents have already contacted local public representatives and made their feelings known and this is greatly appreciated. I have also written several letters and emails to demand that the Department reverse the decision to stall the project and I will continue to do everything I can to achieve a positive result over the summer months.

Thank you for your support.

*Bryan Collins*  
*School Principal*

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#### End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving

**Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am**

Everyone welcome to attend this special Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE

**Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

The school staff will be involved in training for the New Language Curriculum in English & Irish so the pupils will not attend school on that day.

#### Text Service for Parents / Guardians

You will receive information about the text service this week. Please return the fee for this service to the school as soon as possible.

#### FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR

**Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>**

The pupils will begin their summer holidays at 12.30pm on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. The new school year begins on Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. More details about next year's school calendar and classes & teachers are on our school website.

[www.scoilnaomhfeichin.ie](http://www.scoilnaomhfeichin.ie)

#### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The Parents Association has invited parents to come along to the school on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> between 8pm – 9pm to see the selection of crested school uniforms in excellent condition that are available to school families. These jumpers, cardigans, tracksuits would be ideal as a spare uniform that could be kept in reserve at home.

#### SCHOOL REPORTS

Pupil reports are currently being prepared by teachers and we hope to have them ready for posting by June 17<sup>th</sup>.



### Pupils at Irish Team Training Session

Just before Martin O'Neill and the Republic of Ireland soccer team took off to play in the European Championships in France, 50 pupils from Scoil Naomh Feichín attended a final training session in the Aviva Stadium. The excited children were thrilled to meet their heroes and returned to school with lots of autographs and souvenirs.

### School Awarded Fifth Green Flag

We were absolutely delighted to be informed that *Scoil Naomh Feichín* was one of the schools awarded a Green Flag for BIODIVERSITY. This is the school's fifth environmental flag and it recognises the huge effort of the Green School Committee over the last two years. Mrs Cassidy attended the Green School Awards Ceremony in The Helix, DCU, along with three members of the hard-working Green School Committee.



### SCHOOL STARS

Congratulations to Tom Feeney and Mark Holohan from 6<sup>th</sup> class who achieved fantastic success over the last few weeks. Tom represented our school in the County Louth Spelling Bee as well as winning a national award for Best Social Project in the All Ireland Final of the Scratch Computer Programming Competition held in the RDS. Meanwhile, talented hurler, Mark Holohan has been selected to play in Croke Park in the Cumann na mBunscol exhibition game at half time in the All Ireland Hurling Final in September.

*Wonderful achievements by the two boys.*



### ACTIVE SCHOOL WEEK 2016

Last week was Active School Week at Scoil Naomh Feichín. During the week all of the pupils were involved in a variety of sports and outdoor activities. We were really lucky with the weather so the children spent lots of time outside in the playground and sports field. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to Mrs Fahy & Ms McAuley who were the coordinators of Active School Week.





# SOME SCHOOL TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

6<sup>th</sup> Class at Tanagh Outdoor Adventure Centre,  
Tanagh, Co. Monaghan



3<sup>rd</sup> Class with Ms Duffy at Causey Farm, Co. Meath.



First Class at Legoland & the Reptile Zoo - Funtasia

Junior Infants at Newbridge House Farm.



Ms Campbell's  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class at  
Causey Farm  
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Mrs Ryan's Class  
at the  
Crystal Maze  
in Cavan







Senior Infants with Ms Carroll at Causey Farm, Co. Meath.



Mrs Collins' 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
at Causey Farm, Co. Meath.



Ms McAuley's 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
at the Crystal Maze in Cavan.



Mr McCann's Senior Infants  
at Causey Farm, Co. Meath.



Our school chess  
team finished  
Runners-Up  
in this year's  
Primary  
Schools  
Chess League.



All of the classes learned about Water Safety  
when Eoin Ferriter and his colleague from the  
Garda Sub Aqua Unit visited the school this week.

