



Summer Newsletter  
2024



## Nuacht Niocláis

### A message from the Principal.

A Chairde,

Is iontach an rud a bheith ag braith ar dea aimsir agus na páistí ag súil le laethanta saoire. Roimh deireadh na mbliana, ba mhaith liom scríobh chugaibh anseo.

As we head towards the end of another fantastic year in Scoil Niocláis I am delighted to share with you some thoughts for our Nuachtlitr, Summer 2024.

At this time of year, we reflect on a hugely successful year, filled with learning, laughter and progress and think especially of our sixth class in particular who are ending their journey with us but excited about the new challenge of second level which lies ahead for them.

Some of the other school life highlights are examined in more detail throughout our booklet, from our Science Awards to the range of creativity displayed by our pupils, the celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, our academic and sporting achievements along with everything else!

A special mention regarding the raising of the Amber Flag in the school on June 24th, as part of the initiative to promote mental wellbeing and resilience. This builds on connections made with Pieta House through fundraisers run in the school, such as the very successful Santa Dash.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their dedication and hard work, the pupils for their energy and learning and you the parents and guardians for creating the school community where we all belong. Working together, we embody our school motto, Doras Feasa Fiafraí.

I want to wish you all a peaceful, happy and joyful summer holidays.

Feicfidh mé sibh go léir ar an 28ú lá de Lúnasa.

Beannachtaí oraibh go léir,

Marc Ó Síocháin. (Príomh – Oide.)



SCOIL NIOCLÁIS CITY  
SPORTS TEAM 2024

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The school chess teams in 4th, 5th and 6th class competed in the Féile Fichille Chess Tournament. All the children performed and represented the school excellently on the day. The 5th class team were then invited to compete in Comórtas Fichille which involved the best teams in the city



# STEM IN SCOIL NIOCLÁIS 2024



Well done to Ms. Bradley the coordinator and all the classes involved in Science activities, especially the annual 3rd class Science fairs, Science week, Engineering week, Maths Week activities, Science Blast, VEX Robotics, all the workshops classes have enjoyed!

We received our Curious Minds GOLD Medal plaque . This is on display near the front door with the other Science plaques from

previous years. Although this is our first CURIOUS MINDS award we have a long tradition of STEM activities !



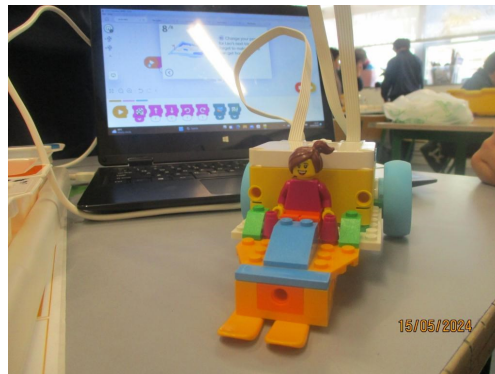
*“During this term the emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) continued and Lego Spike was launched”*



Scientists from the Tyndall Institute delivered Light workshops to Ms. Barrett’s and Ms. Keeshan’s /Ms. Nyhan’s classes. They were very inspired and their future is looking bright !



Lifetime Lab Workshop on forces (Ms. Keeshan & Ms. Nyhan’s 4th class.)



## LEGO SPIKE

Many classes tried out our new Lego Spike Essentials kits and they had a fantastic time debugging, tinkering, building and programming snow mobiles. They worked together in teams of three to include a builder, supplier and engineer. Our school was awarded a 10,000 euro STEM grant . “We feel very lucky to have this new equipment in our school.” said Ms. Chawke the coordinator.



Teachers and SNA’s even got to have fun and try out Lego Spike . “ Play is the work of the child “ and the staff found it a fun challenge .



# EUROPE FESTIVAL DAY IN UCC

Mr. Kirby's 4th class attended the Europe Day Festival organised by the Hub in Active European Citizenship on Europe Day, 9th May, in Devere Hall UCC. There were lots of different child friendly activities to discover and have fun on the theme of 'Imagine our European Union'. 300 primary school pupils attended. One of the key activities was an EU-themed treasure hunt around campus. Mr. Kirby's team won. Congratulations!



## Europe Day Celebrations 2024

Ms. Barrett's 4th class said hello in the 27 languages of the member states, Ms. Walsh's 6th class played 'The Ode to Joy' the European anthem on the tin-whistle. Mr. Kirby's and Ms. Sexton's class performed The Lion King



# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

There were wonderful celebrations in the Church of the Incarnation when some of our 2nd class pupils received the sacrament of Holy Communion on the 18th May and some of our 6th class pupils received the sacrament of confirmation on the 18th April. Thank you to their teachers and Fr. Riordan for preparing them so well for these special days in their journey of faith. The SNPA organised an amazing celebration in the Halla for the families.

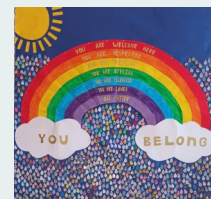


# STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

This year, the Student Council have been very busy. We have held several events throughout the year such as the Easter Egg Hunt for the Junior and Senior infants and the Christmas Food Appeal. We welcomed parents and children to the school on our open evening which we all really enjoyed. We welcomed the junior infants' grandparents for Grandparents Day. We continued to work on and update the You Belong display in the Link Building and much more.

I have loved my experience on the Student Council and I would highly recommend getting involved in it next year. We welcome children from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class to join us on the council. It's a fun experience and we hope that we can always try to improve our school.

By Emma O'Donovan in 5th class



Ms. Kelleher's class give a warm welcome to their friends from St. Paul's School.





# CORK CITY SPORTS



## The Lough Leagues

Well done to our boys and girls who took part in the Lough Leagues organised by St Finbarr's Hurling Club. A special well done to our camogie team who claimed the Mary Cook Cup.



## GREAT SUCCESS IN SINGLE RACES AND RELAYS

It was a fabulous day for City Sports in MTU this year. Ms. Horgan and Mr. Walsh said there were hugely impressive displays across the board in both the straight races and relay races. All the practice and teamwork paid off !

Pupils had a fun day in the sunshine with the girls single races up first and then the relay teams. The boys competed in the afternoon . Qualifying for the City Sports is a brilliant achievement and we hope the boys and girls are very proud of themselves . Memories to cherish for years to come .Well done all !



Our 6th class pupils had a great time playing cricket at Cork Harlequins Hockey and Cricket club .



Munster Rugby and Sundays Well RFC hosted the tag rugby blitz in Musgrave Park



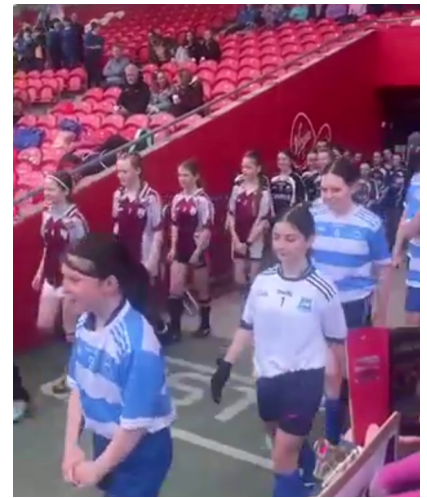
Well done to the 5th class girls who took part in The Crossing the Camán's primary schools Camogie blitz that took place at Douglas GAA!

# FAI FINALS AT MUSGRAVE PARK



4th class won a poster competition and Conor F McKahey from Cork City FC visited our school and gave them a training session .

We are very proud of our talented Girls Soccer Team who played so well in the FAI County Finals on the 17th April .



## *“The Creative Schools Programme explores drama and clay”*



Our pupils explored different forms of creativity with our Creative Associate the artist Grace Haynes.

4th class had a lovely clay workshop as part of the creative schools with Grace our creative associate. They worked on leaf printing with clay and their designs turned out beautiful!

Ms Breen's 5th class had a great time taking part in a drama workshop as part of the Creative Schools Initiative. Pupils played games and undertook different roles! Thanks to Fiona from Graffiti Theatre Company for facilitating the workshop and to Ms Creedon for organising it!



## AMBER FLAG AWARD 2024

Ms. Currane and The Amber Flag Committee organised an 'Inside Out Day'. The concept was how someone looks on the outside doesn't always reflect how they might be feeling inside. The school was awarded the Amber Flag on June 24th and we are working on the Wellbeing Framework for Schools to promote mental wellbeing and resilience .

Well done to all involved !



# NEURODIVERSITY AWARENESS

## Notes for Parents

### Summer Holidays

School Closes Friday June 28th at 12 noon and 11.45 am for junior classes.

### School Reopens

Wednesday August 28th 2024 at 8.35am.



Neurodiversity was celebrated in term 3. Many classes learned about dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism and ADHD. Projects were displayed in our link building. Well done to our 3rd and 4th classes for completing these projects!

Ms. Kelleher's 6th class welcomed pupils from St. Paul's school. This is the second year that these pupils have visited our school. We look forward to them returning again. We had a visit from Katie who is a fifth year student in St. Vincent's Secondary School. She spoke to the pupils in 5th class about her experiences as an autistic pupil. A big thank you to Katie for taking the time to visit us in Scoil Niocláis!



Ms. Sexton's 4th class visited our Junior AS class to help out with some activities. They made chocolate milkshakes, made breakfast in school and made beautiful butterflies as an art activity. Pupils from different classes play chess with the AS classes during lunch. Pupils enjoyed making new friends.

## S.N.P.A NEWS

We would like to say a massive "Thank You" to our fantastic Parents Association who support the school in many ways. They raise funds and organise and offer support at special events. They've had another very successful year.

The Parent's Association were very kind and organised the reception in the school after the sacraments and also an ice-cream van for the Holy Communion pupils. Such a treat!

The SNPA organised Volcano pizza to visit the school as a treat for 6th class. Yum, Yum!!!!

The success of these special events is dependent on the good will of our parents to volunteer to help. Many hands make light work! They are recruiting new committee members or volunteers for special events. Please contact [yvonesnpa@gmail.com](mailto:yvonesnpa@gmail.com)



### Uniform & Tracksuits

Pupils wear the uniform and all black footwear 3 days a week and the tracksuit on PE days. In May and June pupils may wear their school shorts. Runners of choice can be worn with the tracksuit or shorts.

### Acceptable Use Policy

In line with the school's AU policy all phones, tablets and smart watches are prohibited for use by pupils on the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Healthy Eating Policy

We would like to remind parents and guardians that we operate a healthy eating policy in Scoil Niocláis. We ask that children drink water or milk. Treat day is Friday and children may have one small



## MUNSTER SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS

Well done to the boys and girls who participated in the Munster School's Table Tennis Open in April. They did fantastic and each of them came home with medals, coming in both 2nd and 3rd place in Munster!

