



# **Nuacht na Scoile**

## ***Deireadh Fomhair***

### **2023**

#### **Principal's Address**

It is with a heavy heart I write my final principal's address in Scoil Phádraig. I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Management, staff and all the boys. These years here in Scoil Phádraig have been such a happy time for me, I will forever smile as I drive by the premises in Patrick St and Canal Rd and think fondly of my time as Mr G!

Le gach dea-ghuif

Padraig Ó Gealbháin

#### **New Staff**

We would like to welcome our new staff members this year. We hope you are all settling in well to Scoil Phádraig.

#### **Rainbows Programme**



Scoil Phádraig are currently enrolling for the Rainbows programme. The Rainbows Programmes provide

- a 10-week listening, group support programme for children and young people following a bereavement or parental separation.
- Children of a similar age (from 7years) and loss experience are in separate groups.
- Rainbows is not counselling or professional therapy.

For further enquiries or to enrol your child: email [rainbowsscoilphadraig@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowsscoilphadraig@gmail.com) or leave a message for Aisling Sullivan, Rainbows Co-Ordinator, Scoil Phádraig (057 8623394)

#### **Condolences**

The school would like to wish our condolences to Ms Dooley and her family on the recent death of her husband.

#### **Official School Opening**

Last Friday we celebrated our official school opening. There was a large crowd in attendance to see Fr Dooley cut the ribbon on our wonderful school. Bishop Nulty then blessed the school. Don Hickey was in attendance, one of the 1<sup>st</sup> pupils to attend Scoil Phádraig when it was known as Portarlinton BNS on Patrick St. Ollie Grattan, now in 6<sup>th</sup> class was the youngest boy in the school when we made the move to Canal Rd and he posed for a photo alongside our now youngest pupil in the school Fionn Clancy!

The Portarlinton Brass Band and our school choir provided the entertainment. After a few short speeches a cup of tea and sandwich was enjoyed by all present.

The boys in the school were treated to pizza and hotdogs. A memorable and enjoyable day.

### Shoebox appeal



This year our school will be participating in the 'Shoebox appeal'. It is a great opportunity to give to those in need and talk to the boys about children in developing countries around the world. The closing date for the boxes is Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. There is also an online donation option



<p><b>WRITE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pens/Pencils</li> <li>Crayons</li> <li>Paper/Copy Books</li> <li>Colouring Books</li> <li>Markers</li> <li>Sharpeners</li> <li>Erasers</li> </ul>	<p><b>WASH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soap (wrapped)</li> <li>Hairbrush</li> <li>Comb</li> <li>Toothbrush</li> <li>Toothpaste</li> <li>Facecloth</li> </ul>
<p><b>WEAR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Socks</li> <li>Underwear</li> <li>Flip Flops</li> <li>Hat</li> <li>Scarf</li> <li>Gloves</li> </ul>	<p><b>WOW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuddly Toy</li> <li>Skipping rope/Yo-yo</li> <li>Sweets (in date until 04/22)</li> <li>Musical Instrument</li> <li>Sunglasses</li> <li>Toy Car</li> <li>Doll</li> <li>Ball</li> </ul>

**WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:**  
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

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

Some ideas above of what to include in the box!

### Parent teacher meeting

Our parent teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

Your son's class teacher will be in contact with your scheduled time after Halloween and you may choose if you wish to meet face to face or receive a phone-call.

### Swimming

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes have completed their swimming block. We will ait until the weather improves and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will have their lessons in the last term.

### Sacramental Dates

First Confession – Wed, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30

Confirmation - Fri, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am

First Communion – Sat, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am

### Back to school service

The school gathered in the hall in September to pray together and reflect on September being the month of creation.

In October, our boys learnt about how we pray the rosary.

### Bible Studies



Ailish our school secretary is a bible study leader. Following on from the success and popularity of last year, we decided to run the group again this year. 35 boys from 6<sup>th</sup> class joined the group. They spent the last few weeks studying the Boog of Genesis

and will now move on to the New Testament in their study of advent.

### Student's Council

Our new student council are up and running within the school. The boys are enthusiastically taking in the junior infants in the mornings, handing out the lunch bags, setting up school hall for different functions, helping out with the younger boys at break time to name but a few!

### Halloween Dress Up



Our annual Halloween dress up took place earlier than usual this year. The efforts from the boys as usual were amazing!

The younger classes had a Halloween disco in the hall and the older class watched Halloween movies.



### Chess Club

The chess club for the boys in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will begin on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will also be taking part in the Ficheall tournament this year – no pressure!

### Tag Rugby

The boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> class had a tag rugby tournament to coincide with the World Cup! The boys loved playing and even had a visit from Leo the Lion on the final day!



### Pickleball

Pickleball will commence for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class after the midterm break also.

### Football

Our two school football teams are still in action after the midterm break. One team are in a final and the other in a semi-final. It is wonderful to see so many new players succeed and represent the school so well.

### Social Networks

We ask all parents to respect the confidentiality and privacy of our school community. We ask all parents to refrain from making any reference to our school, teacher, pupils or other parents on social media. Mr Galvin and the staff are always available to discuss any concerns you may have in relation to your son at short notice. We strongly encourage this mutual respect.

## Testamomial Game

Mr Galvin's testimonial game took place on Tuesday. The teacher team was victorious 16 - 13!! Mr Galvin left on a high!! Thanks to 6<sup>th</sup> for letting him win – i don't think they will be so kind in June to us!!



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Browne on her recent nuptials. We would like to wish her and her husband a very long and happy life together.

## Holidays

We close for our midterm break, October 27<sup>th</sup> at usual times. The school re-opens on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

