



Family Note October 1st 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils,

Welcome to the first Family Note of the 2021/2022 school year.

I would like to welcome new members of staff and a special word of welcome to our new Junior Infants, new transfer pupils and all those families who are new to the school. I hope you all have a very happy and productive journey with us here in Scoil Naomh Eltin. The ease and confidence with which our new Junior Infants took to the big step of starting Primary School was amazing. Well done to you, their parents, on getting them to this stage with such confidence.

We have had a busy month settling back into a routine. Thank you to all parents who are now contacting the teachers via the office email.

Please try where possible, to avoid taking your child out early from school for appointments to minimise the disturbance for your child's school day.

Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies:

On September 15th, 17th and 24th, our 3rd Class, 4th Class and our 6th Class pupils from last year had their First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies after a very long wait. The Parent's Association very kindly presented a religious gift to each Communion child. After many postponements, we were blessed with three beautiful days and three very meaningful ceremonies. One child from 3rd class A writes: *"I enjoyed receiving my Holy Communion and going to mass. I was very happy I got to make my Communion because I was waiting for the day for so long. I also liked the class photo! I enjoyed spending the day with my family. It was probably the best day of my life".*

Pupils from **An Cuan Senior** have had a busy month. Here are a few words from one of our boys from that class: *"We are really happy to be back at school. This September we have been going to the Kinsale Market on Wednesdays. It is always really busy and we meet lots of people. We are really lucky this year, we have two teachers, Mr. Punch and Mr O'Leary. Mr. O'Leary and his dog Woody came with us when we went for walks. He has also played lots of games with us over Zoom and we have learned a lot."*

On Tuesday 28th of September 3rd – 6th Class took part in a **Bike Safety Programme** which was facilitated by Ruth from Wild Atlantic Sports and sponsored by Cork Sports Partnership. You can read more about this on our website in the coming days.

GAA training began on Mondays for 2nd, 3rd and 6th classes and Junior and Senior Infants will begin after the Midterm break. All other classes will begin after Christmas.

Pupils in **6th Class** had a virtual visit from the Principal and 1st Year Co-ordinator in Kinsale Community School on Friday 24th of September. The pupils had lot of questions for the teachers and

are busy preparing to go to secondary school next September. KCS also allow 6th Class the use of their running track on a weekly basis. We are lucky to have such generous neighbours.

Healthy Eating: Scoil Naomh Eltin continues to maintain its 'Health Promoting School Status'. Please support the school by giving your child healthy lunches and reserving treats if necessary to each Friday.

Uniforms: The students are looking very smart in their uniforms as the year begins. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform or tracksuit as per schedule.

Allergies: Please do not send nuts or salmon of any type in your child's lunchbox as there is a student with a serious nut and salmon allergy in the school.

Covid

As you may be aware, new guidelines mean that the identification of close contacts within classrooms will no longer be carried out by the HSE. Thank you for supporting us so well with regard to keeping your children at home if they have any symptoms of COVID 19. We continue our COVID protocols as before and we ask you, in return, to remain vigilant and to contact your GP if your child is displaying symptoms.

Enrolment

Scoil Naomh Eltin is now accepting enrolments for the school year 2022-2023. The closing date for enrolments is October 25th 2021. Enrolment Application Forms can be found on the school website. We would appreciate if you can share this information with any family, friends or neighbours who may wish to enrol their child in Scoil Naomh Eltin.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a happy and healthy year. I feel very blessed and privileged with the incredibly dedicated and hard-working staff and such lovely, interested pupils.

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Terry McCarthy

Principal

Dates for your diary:

Friday October 15th: Teacher Training for the new Primary Language Curriculum (English and Gaeilge). School closed for pupils.

Monday – Friday October 25th – 31st: Mid Term Break

Monday 1st November: School reopens after Mid Term Break

Wednesday 22nd December: School closes for the Christmas Holidays

The Calendar for the full school year is available on our website.

<http://www.scoilnaomheltin.ie/calendar>