

SCOIL SHINSIREACH NAOMH ATHRACHT
NUACHTLITIR #11 ~ MEITHEAMH/JUNE ~ NEWSLETTER #11

22ú Meitheamh 2016

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of yet another school year, we are delighted to report that we have had a very productive and enjoyable year. Our sporting successes, our musical memories and the co-operation and commitment of parents and children have made this year a great success. But the centenary celebrations of 1916 – 2016 and the pride of our pupils in their country – its culture, its language, its history and its traditions - will remain in our heads and hearts for many a year.

In the past week alone, we have been assessed for Digital Schools status, we have travelled to Croke Park and played our hearts out (well done boys!) and today we have had a visit from Andrea who has lavished high praise on the children in their efforts to promote Gaeilge in our school and to achieve a Gaelbhratach. Leanaigí ag labhairt as Gaeilge linn! Once we officially receive recognition of these efforts and of Active Schools Week, we will need quite a few new flagpoles!!!

But it's not about flagpoles and flags – it's about the spirit with which pupils and teachers along with other staff members have embraced our efforts to make St. Attracta's Senior School the best it can be. Ar aghaidh le chéile!

Book Lists have been distributed and will be posted on the school website next week. We want to thank those who paid **Part B of the Book List** already. It helps pay for day to day expenses associated with photocopying, curriculum, sports, computers, etc. It is equally welcome in September and we will send home a reminder to that effect.

Book Rental orders have been sent in and all Book Rental books will be distributed to children on their return to school in September.

School Reports should be with all families early next week and if you haven't received a school report before we break up for the holidays, please let us know. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the girls and boys on their hard work and their good behaviour which is reflected in their teachers' comments, as well as on their commitment to our school motto - *Ar aghaidh le chéile!* Maith sibh go léir!

The materials sale will take place in the halla next Monday and the **EXTRA ITEMS** will be available to buy at the times listed on the Book List which went home last week. For your convenience we will have calculators (€5), maths sets (€3.00) and Pritt Sticks (€1) available too.

For the second class pupils we know it is very difficult to buy the Jolly Phonics Grammar 3 Pupil Book in the bookshops, so we have ordered in 100 copies at €6 each. They can be bought at the Materials Sale on Monday morning at 9.00a.m.

Our second class pupils will visit the school next week to meet their new teachers and to get a little tour of the school. We look forward to welcoming them into our school community in August along with approximately 15 new pupils in other classes. We wish our outgoing 6th class pupils every happiness in their future lives. Hopefully they will carry a little bit of St. Attracta's with them in their hearts and we will be thinking and praying for them as they set out on a new chapter of their lives.

As our school continues to go from strength to strength, the reduction in the pupil:teacher ratio approved in last year's budget means that the Department of Education & Skills has allocated one extra mainstream class teacher to our school as and from August. This extra teacher will allow us to create four small classes of approximately 23 pupils instead of three large classes of 30+. This teacher has been allocated to the current 4th classes going into 5th.

If any child is leaving the school, and you haven't already told us, it is very important that we are notified of this as soon as possible, so that we can plan for next year.

The School Holiday List has already gone home to all pupils and will also be available on the school website under **Information for Parents**.

Please be advised that both the Senior & Junior Schools will re-open on **Tuesday 30th August at 8.50a.m.**

Overleaf you will find **the name of your child's class teacher for the school year 2016/2017.**

May I take this opportunity to once again thank all our parents for your wonderful and generous support throughout the year. We look forward to working with you all in the new school year. We wish you a very happy, safe and sunny summer. Bain taitneamh as an samhradh. Beir bua is beannacht!

Muireann Máirtín, Príomh Oide

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CLASS ALLOCATIONS 2016/2017

RANGANNA 2016/2017

Current Teacher	Class 15/16	Next Year's Teacher	Class 16/17
Mr. McCarthy	Rang 2	Ms. Carey	Rang 3
Ms. Sands	Rang 2	Ms. Neville	Rang 3
Ms. Munnis	Rang 2	Mr. O'Sullivan New teacher	Rang 3
Ms. Neville	Rang 3	Mr. Fitzgerald	Rang 4
Ms. Carey	Rang 3	Ms. McDonagh	Rang 4
Ms. McEvoy	Rang 3	Ms. Rafter	Rang 4
Mr. Maguire	Rang 4	Ms. Nelly	Rang 5
Ms. Rafter	Rang 4	Ms. McEvoy	Rang 5
Mr. Coughlan	Rang 4	Mr. Bradley	Rang 5
		Ms. O'Regan New teacher	Rang 5
Ms. O'Leary	Rang 5	Mr. Coughlan	Rang 6
Ms. Kinkead	Rang 5	Mr. Kenny	Rang 6
Ms. McDonagh	Rang 5	Ms. O'Leary	Rang 6
Ms. Doyle Ms. McDonnell Iníon Uí Lorcáin Mr. Kirwan Ms. Sweeney/Ms. Warren Ms. Clifford Ms. McGuinness	Support Team 2015/2016	Ms. Doyle Ms. McDonnell Iníon Uí Lorcáin Mr. Kirwan Mr. Maguire Ms. Sweeney/Ms. McGuinness	Support Team 2016/2017