

Scoil na Croise Naofa

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Dates for your Diaries:

- School is closed on Friday 4th May at **12.30pm** for teacher in-service training on Child Safeguarding procedures.
- First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 12th May at 11.30 am in Raheen Church.
- Open Day takes place on Wednesday 13th June.
- Senior School Tour to Athlone IT on Thursday 14th June.
- Junior Tour to Glendeer Farm on Tuesday 19th June.
- School closes for summer holidays on Friday 22nd June.

Credit Union Quiz National Final

Well done to our quiz team who took part in the national final of the Credit Union quiz on Saturday 21st April. They performed really well finishing in 9th place out of 20 schools from around the country.

French Twinning

The twinning committee wish to pass on its appreciation to all those who took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Tullamore. We have also been asked to let you know that if any family is interested in visiting Jaux as part of the twinning project in the future, to please contact the Ballycommon Telework and Training Centre on 057 9353177.

Computer Course

The Ballycommon Telework and Training Centre is holding a Basic Internet Training Course here in our school for interested adults in the area. It will run for five weeks and starts this Thursday 26th April at 7pm. If interested, please contact the centre at 057 9353177 or the school office.

Active School Week

We are taking part in National Active School Week throughout this week. All classes will participate in a wide variety of activities aimed at getting us all moving more. There will be active homework also. Please encourage your children to put good effort into this homework this week.

FAI 5-A-Side Soccer

Before Easter we entered teams in both boys' and girls' competitions. They both performed very well and qualified for the Offaly final which took place on April 12th in Tullamore. Once again both teams played really well but unfortunately didn't qualify for the Leinster finals. Well done to all who took part.

Cumann na mBunscol Football

The school football competitions have started again. Our boys have won both their games so far which has qualified them for the final in May, where they will play Cloneygowan.

Our girls have played only one game to date, losing to Ballybryan. We have to play Cloneygowan, Ballinagar and Gaelscol Éadan Doire over the next three weeks.

Choir for First Holy Communion

Thanks to those who helped bring children to Ballinagar Church to be part of the choir for Confirmation. With First Communion fast approaching we'll be looking for as many children as possible from 3rd to 6th Classes to be part of the choir on May 12th. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Green School News

5th and 6th Classes had a workshop on "Upcycling" last week where they picked up some interesting ideas on how to make the most of left over or old items that may otherwise be thrown out. Thanks to Offaly County Council for funding this initiative.

All classes will be learning about plastic recycling over the next few days as well as the difficulties and struggles people in some parts of the world have in getting clean water.

Inspection of Special Educational Needs Provision in the School.

Before Easter a Department of Education inspection was carried out throughout the whole school in the area of Special Educational Needs. The inspector spent three full days with us, visiting all classes. A report of the inspection will be published on the Department of Education's website in the coming weeks. Once it appears there we will put it up on our website also.

Website

A reminder once again that all the latest information and photographs, including copies of our newsletters, can be found on our website at www.geashillns.ie.

Yours Sincerely,

Mícheál Hyland