Scoil Seanain Naofa NEWSLETTER

October 22nd 2026

Dear Parent / Guardian,

It has been a very busy number of weeks in school. In this newsletter, you will get an insight into some of the activities going on/ coming up in school as well as some other important information. Please read carefully.

Upcoming School Closures

Mid-Term Break

The school will be closed from **Monday October 26th to Friday, October 30th** (inclusive).

Bí Cineálta (Be Kind)

Our Bi Cineálta Policy is central in our school. It reinforces the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion.
We encourage all children to be kind, inclusive and respectful in how they speak to and treat one another, both in school and outside of school. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference and help ensure that every child feels safe, valued and included.

Our Bí Cineálta Policy is available at: https://clonlarans.ie/policies/

Kindness | Respect | Inclusion | Together We Thrive

School Expenses & Contributions



Expenses Payments

Thank you to all parents who have completed payment of the school expenses as outlined on your child's booklist. There are still a number of payments outstanding – these are now due.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Expenses cover:

- 24/7 Pupil Insurance
- Aladdin Connect
- Arts & crafts materials
- Accelerated Reader and other subscriptions
- Photocopying costs



School Contribution

The annual School Contribution (€75 per family) will open for payment after the Mid-Term Break. Where families are in a position to donate more, this is always greatly appreciated. This contribution is vital to the running of the school.
Further details will issue after Mid-Term Break.



Website Update

Our school website is currently undergoing maintenance. Works should be completed by Mid-November.

CyberBreak 2026



We hope that lots of our families participated in CyberBreak 2026 – a 24-hour digital detox for the whole family.



Junior Infants

A big well done to our Junior Infant pupils who have settled in so well to school life over the past number of weeks. They are now fully part of our school community – maith sibh! We look forward to seeing you all flourish over the next eight years.

Creative Schools Project

This is being led by Ms. Burns. The "Our School, Our Creativity!" Creative Schools Challenge has been launched to ensure pupils have a meaningful voice in how the school's €4,000 Creative Schools funding is used. Each class will select three winners across the categories of Most Creative Idea, Best Idea for Our School, and Creative Effort Award. Teachers will also nominate one idea from their class for the Creative Schools Big Idea Award, from which an overall school winner will be selected. All entries will be retained and considered by the Creative Schools team, as ideas from across the school may help shape future activities and experiences.

Cumann na mBunscoil & Athlethics



Well done to our girls and boys football teams who have been training hard since early September.

Our boys have reached the Div 2 semi final and will take on Inagh NS after the Mid-Term Break.

Our girls team also qualified for the Div 2 semi final and were beaten by an exceptionally strong Lissycasey NS team. We wish them the best of luck in the final.

Well done to all pupils who represented our school in the East Clare Cross Country Running recently. All pupils represented the school impeccably and performed very well on the day. Big congratulations to James, Donnacha & Callum who all medalled on the day. The boys' U10 team also placed second overall.

Thanks to coaches Ms. O'Dea, Mr. Raftery, Ms. Malone, Ms. Maguire, Mr. Slattery and Ms. Heagney for volunteering their time in coaching teams.



Maths Week 2026

Maths Week 2026 took place from the 12th-16th October in Scoil Seanáin Naofa. Pupils celebrated Maths Week through a wide variety of activities including online live quizzes through Clare Education Centre, Maths trails, Maths art, and geoboard challenges. A sincere thanks to all teachers for creating innovative and engaging learning experiences that made maths fun and meaningful for our pupils.



Start of Year School Mass

Pupils from 2nd to 6th Class attended our Start of Year School Mass in St. Senan's Church on Friday October 2nd. It was a lovely way to mark the beginning of the new school year. A special thank you to the school choir, led by Ms. Smyth and assisted by Pauline, for the beautiful singing that added so much to the ceremony.



Parents' Association Halloween Disco

The Parents' Association Halloween Disco will take place this **Saturday 24th October** in the school hall.

Junior Infants – 2nd Class: 5:00 pm – 6:15 pm

3rd – 6th Class: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

It promises to be a spooktacular event.



Halloween Fancy Dress Day

Our Halloween Fancy Dress Day is taking place tomorrow. We can't wait to see some wonderful costumes on show. Please be mindful of the younger children as not to be "too scary". There are lots of fun activities planned to celebrate the day.



Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Pupils were informed this week about the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal and how they can support it.

- Full details are available on the Team Hope website.
- Information brochures were sent out to parents via Aladdin Connect.
- Shoeboxes can be returned to Tania's office.

We encourage as many families as possible to get involved and support this wonderful initiative again this year.



Restorative Practice Approach

We are continuing on our journey with Restorative Practice. This approach focuses on building and maintaining strong, respectful relationships within our school community. When conflict or misunderstandings occur, it encourages open and honest conversations so that everyone involved can share their perspectives and work together to find solutions.

This approach helps pupils to:

- Take responsibility for their actions
- Understand how their behaviour affects others
- Learn positive ways to resolve difficulties

By promoting respect, empathy, and connection, Restorative Practice supports pupils' wellbeing, reduces behavioural issues, and helps create a caring, inclusive school culture where everyone feels heard and valued. This approach is implemented alongside our school's Code of Behaviour and Bi Cineálta Policy.