



11<sup>th</sup> September 2023



# NUACHT NA CROISE NAÓFA

## Feast of the Holy Cross

This Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, is the Feast of the Holy Cross. It is always a very special day for our Parish and our School. We will be attending 10:30am Mass on the day and I know our new parish priest, Monsignor Paul Callan is looking forward to welcoming the boys and girls from Holy Cross School.

You will find more info on the following topics later in the Nuachtlitir;

- GAA arrangements for this week
- Amber Flag initiative
- After school activities sign up info

PHOTO  
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WEEK



This week's photo is of some of our Senior Girls team during GAA training last week. More info on upcoming GAA fixtures later in the Nuachtlitir!



## GAA Arrangements this week

It was so heartening to see nearly 70 children from Rang 3 to Rang 6 out training in the school yard last Thursday afternoon. It is particularly nice to see children who are trying our national games for the first time playing alongside children who are already members of local GAA clubs. I would especially like to thank our wonderful teachers, who are so giving of their time, for facilitating so many children in taking part. There is quite a lot of behind the scenes logistics involved and we are so lucky to have staff willing to enthusiastically promote the GAA in our school.

This week sees two of our teams begin their matches.

Junior Boys - Our Junior boys team begin their season with a match against St. Attracta's in Deerpark tomorrow, Tuesday, at 2:30pm. The boys will travel by bus to the match and return to the school for collection at 3:45pm. Mr. Fitz will let the boys know who is travelling to tomorrow's game before the end of the school day today.

Senior Boys - Our Senior Boys team will have their first match against St. Patricks in Ringsend at 2pm this Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. The boys will return to the school at 3:45pm for collection. Again, Mr. Fitz will let the boys know who is travelling to the match before Thursday.

Unfortunately, our Senior Girls teams will have to wait until next week to begin their matches due to an opposition school being unable to field this week. They will have a very busy week next week however, as their first match is re-fixed for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept with their second match fixed for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Mr. Fitz will confirm these details with the girls before the end of the week.

We also hope to be informed of the new Junior Girls team's fixtures later in the week. Keep an eye on next Monday's Nuachtlitir for more info!

GAA matches will run for the next 4-5 weeks for the teams. To help parents plan ahead, and with the above change to the girls schedule aside, the usual weekly match schedule for GAA is as follows.

Tuesdays - Junior Boys and Junior Girls

Wednesdays - Senior Girls

Thursdays - Senior Boys

As the matches are coming thick and fast for the next few weeks, there will be no more training sessions in the yard for any teams.

## Amber Flag

This year, we are working towards attaining the Amber Flag award. The Amber Flag initiative celebrates communities that create healthy, supportive, and inclusive environments by promoting mental well-being. Over the coming weeks and months, our new Amber Flag committee will be arranging a number of activities and events throughout the school. The first such example comes this Thursday.

To coincide with the Feast of the Holy Cross, Thursday is also Random Act of Kindness day in Holy Cross! This fits in with the Holy Cross Way target of Kindness which we are all working on for the month of September. Teachers will discuss this with the classes in advance and the children are being asked to go out of their way to do something small to show kindness during the day. We will celebrate some examples from the classes in Friday's tionól.

## Parks Tennis Coaching



Parks Tennis children's coaching returns to Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, starting Saturday 23rd September for 8 weeks. Classes divided by age. Open to girls & boys aged 5-17, irrespective of tennis experience. Staff are fully trained. All equipment (rackets, balls etc.) provided. Fee €35 for 8 weeks. Further details & bookings: <https://rebrand.ly/ParksTennisAutumn2023>

## After School Classes

After school classes will start the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September. This year, registration can be done directly with the after school provider using the below information. The after school provider will be able to answer any questions you may have.

### **Mondays - IRISH DANCING**

First class for new dancers is free!



Day	Times	Age Groups	Cost	No of Weeks	Contact to enrol
Monday	1.30 – 2.25	Jl/SI	€130+€10 registration	13	Ger 087-2409911
Monday	2.30 – 3.30	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	€130+€10 registration	13	Ger 087-2409911

### **Tuesdays - DRAMA**



Day	Times	Age Groups	Cost	No of Weeks	Contact to enrol
Tuesday	1.30 – 2.30	Jl/SI	€90	12	<a href="mailto:Dramaholycross@gmail.com">Dramaholycross@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday	1.30 – 2.30	1 <sup>st</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	€90	12	<a href="mailto:Dramaholycross@gmail.com">Dramaholycross@gmail.com</a>

### **Wednesdays - MULTI-SPORTS**



At ActiveSport, we are all about supporting schools and local sports clubs to help boost your child's physical skills. We're firm believers that with some effort and the right approach, kids can achieve anything! Our coaching sessions are designed to be fun and engaging, catering to children of all abilities. We want to help them build confidence and resilience while having a blast. We do it in a healthy and inclusive environment where kids can try their hand at various sports like basketball, archery, cricket, athletics, and hockey. Please click the link below to register (under "contact to enrol").

Day	Times	Age Groups	Cost	No of Weeks	Contact to enrol
Wednesday	1.30 – 2.30	Jl/SI	€130	13 (Excludes Midterm)	<a href="#">Junior &amp; Senior Infants</a>
Wednesday	1.30 – 2.30	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	€130	13 (Excludes Midterm)	<a href="#">1st &amp; 2nd Class</a>

## Thursdays - MINI-TENNIS



Day	Times	Age Groups	Cost	No of Weeks	Contact to enrol
Thursday	1.30 – 2.30	J1/S1	€90	12	<a href="mailto:ferghald63@yahoo.co.uk">ferghald63@yahoo.co.uk</a> 087-9820055
Thursday	1.30 – 2.30	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	€90	12	<a href="mailto:ferghald63@yahoo.co.uk">ferghald63@yahoo.co.uk</a> 087-9820055

## Thursdays - HOCKEY



Day	Times	Age Groups	Cost	No of Weeks	Contact to enrol
Thursday	2.30 – 3.30	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	€90	12	Click form below

Click on the link below to register:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbokhuydCGSc7Bnhrr7klwnAGVQcHWHvozKvjgJROpilzq3A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbokhuydCGSc7Bnhrr7klwnAGVQcHWHvozKvjgJROpilzq3A/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Fridays - CHESS



Day	Times	Age Groups	Cost	No of Weeks	Contact to enrol
Friday	2.30 – 3.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	€105	12	Click form below

Click on the link below to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnmMZe1EC4nrEeW6k3JHnn5dhYYns-iMK7F-4cc72Za0O5Kg/viewform>