



18th September 2023



NUAHT NA CROISE NAOIFA

Family Mass in Holy Cross Church

The Holy Cross Family Mass team would like to share the following information with the families in our school.

The Family Mass takes place every Sunday at 10:30am in Holy Cross Church. All children, parents and grandparents are welcome to come along. If you would like more information, or perhaps to volunteer to lend a hand to the Family Mass Team please contact holycrossfamilymass@gmail.com

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Well done to our boys teams who represented our school so well last week. The weather looks to have caused disruption to this week's fixtures but we hope to get all games played over the coming weeks.



GAA Arrangements this week

Our two boys teams had great starts to their GAA seasons with their matches last week. All of the boys represented their school with great pride and determination!

This week was to be a bumper week of GAA action with **FIVE** matches in all scheduled which is a record for our school! Unfortunately the weather has played a part and led to some uncertainty with what matches will now go ahead. As it stands at the time of writing, all DLR pitches are deemed unplayable. That means that this week's matches are cancelled with the exception of the Junior Girls match vs Gaeilscoil na Fuinseoige tomorrow which is taking place on an all weather pitch (see more details below).

Mr. Fitz and the teachers are working hard to re-arrange matches this morning. If possible we will try to re-fix matches as the week goes on and we will send out further details as we have them. Mr. Fitz will also let the players from the various classes know further details.

To confirm - there is only one match going ahead this week.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 19th the Junior Girls team (a selection of girls from Rang 3 & Rang 4) play GS na Fuinseoige in GS na Fuinseoige's all weather pitch at 2:45pm. The girls will walk from Holy Cross to the match and walk back to school for collection between 4:00-4:15pm. Mr. Fitz will let the girls who are selected know today before the end of the school day.

All other matches scheduled for this week are postponed until further notice.



ActiveSport After School Club is offering a free trial for our Junior, Senior, First & Second Classes. The activities will take place immediately after school in the main yard on Wednesdays as per last week's Nuachtlitir. You can register for the trial using this link:

<https://forms.gle/AUzGEbJFqdkaYP9s5>



School Uniforms and Punctuality

As we have settled very well into the school routine for another year we would just like to send a few reminders to all families.

School Uniforms

We understand that the early weeks of the term are very busy for families and that it may take a little time to organise all appropriate uniforms for your children. As the first term progresses, we would like to remind all families that the correct school uniforms must be worn on the appropriate days in Holy Cross. This includes black polishable shoes (not runners) on non-tracksuit days and the correct school coat (either the lighter rain coat or winter jacket). We also acknowledge that in day to day life there might be a day where this isn't possible and in such instances a very short note to the teacher explaining will suffice.

On the topic of school uniforms, there will be a second hand uniform sale in the school on the last day of this half term (the Halloween dress up day) where parents can pick up an item or two if required. If any family has any good quality uniform items they would like to donate for the sale, they can be dropped in to Carina in the office. Mile Buíochas!

Punctuality

Since Covid 19 forced a change to our morning time arrangements, our new morning arrival routine has gone very smoothly thanks in no small part to parent co-operation. The arrival time runs from 8:50am to 9:00am when teachers begin formal instruction in the classrooms. Punctuality and organisational skills are very important skills for children to learn. This is particularly so for our students in the senior end of the school as they move closer to secondary school. Class teachers will be reminding students of the importance of getting to school on time to allow them to settle and be ready for the busy day of learning ahead. As was practice in Holy Cross up until Covid 19 changed so many things in school life, Rang 3 to Rang 6 teachers will be re-introducing a small stamp in the child's homework journal if they are significantly late to school. We understand that from time to time, traffic, poor weather or just the busyness of life means that students are late to school. This is completely normal and should not cause undue alarm or stress. The goal of the late stamps is to impress upon our senior students the importance of punctuality. As always, if there is a problem you are facing that prevents you from getting to school at the appropriate time, please let us know and we will be more than happy to help if possible.