



20 September 2021



NUAHT NA CROISE NAOFA

Deputy Principal Appointed

Congratulations to Ms. Ruth Kearns (current teacher of Rang 5) who has been appointed Deputy Principal of our school. We have been lucky enough to have Ms. Kearns teaching with us in Holy Cross for seven years now. In that time Ms. Kearns has worked tirelessly leading curriculum changes, developing the Aistear programme in our school as well as promoting our participation in Gaelic Games. Ms. Kearns is currently involved in implementing our ambitious new Guided Reading programme in the junior classes. We wish Ms. Kearns the very best of luck in her new role!

Ms. Kearns will also be our new Deputy Designated Liaison Person in relation to Child Safeguarding matters.

I would also like to congratulate Ms. Orlaith Hegarty (current Jun. Infants teacher), Ms. Audrey Devereux (SEN team) and Mr. Eoin Fitzgerald (current Rang 6 teacher) on their new appointments to our In School Management Team. Ms. Hegarty, Ms. Devereux and Mr Fitzgerald will join Ms. Plant and Mr. Kelly on our Management Team. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and energetic staff. Exciting times ahead in Holy Cross!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This week's Photo of the Week is of Mr. Kinsella's Rang 6 enjoying some mindfulness during their Yoga class this morning!

Sacraments 2020/21



The Parish has advised us that dates for last year's (2020-21) First Holy Communion have been decided upon. Ms. Fogarty's Rang 3 (last year's Rang 2) will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Friday, 8th October at 12 o'clock in Holy Cross Church. The Parish will be in contact with all families who have registered for the Sacraments with further details. We wish all the children in Ms. Fogarty's Rang 3 all the very best in their preparations during this special time.



Sacraments for this year's Rang 2 and Rang 6 will be arranged later in the school year.

Ballinteer Youth Choir



Ballinteer Youth Choir is a new choir that promotes the development of choral music alongside music education. Based in the heart of Ballinteer, BYC is for young singers in 4th, 5th and 6th class. Boys and girls learn musical literacy as well as important life skills. We are committed to educating young singers in musicianship in tandem with developing a healthy approach to using the voice. Our aim is to enable these young singers to carry their new skills through life by being literate in reading music to a high standard. The music we sing is wide-ranging and varied, from folk to classical and popular music. The transferable skills are wide-ranging and valuable.



Rehearsals will run on Monday evenings from 17:15 to 18:30pm.

The website for contact is [Ballinteer Youth Choir - Ballinteer Male Voice Choir \(bmvc.ie\)](http://BallinteerYouthChoir-BallinteerMaleVoiceChoir(bmvc.ie))



Further to last week's Naomh Olaf Academy flyer, many parents were in touch requesting contact details for some of the older teams in Naomh Olaf. Please see contact details below for the relevant age groups for girls and boys.

Team	Birth Year	Lead Mentor	email	Phone
U8 Boys	2013	Steve Fitzgerald	stevefitz15@gmail.com	083 8653839
U9 Boys	2012	Neil Fogarty	naomholaf2012boys@gmail.com	086 1017946
U10 Boys	2011	Ronan Hayes	ronan.hayes2020@outlook.com	087 2988780
U11 Boys	2010	Jenny Maher	jennypimlott87@gmail.com	086 2201253
U12 Boys	2009	David O'Sullivan	david.osullivan@mercer.com	087 9973424

Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls
U8 Girls	2013	Barry Cull	naomholafgirls2013@gmail.com	087 9122319
U9 Girls	2012	Paul O'Connor	naomholafgirls2012@gmail.com	087 9680974
U10 Girls	2011	Eoin Hayes	eoin.hayes181@gmail.com	087 2988750
U11 Girls	2010	Louisa Colbert	Louisa Colbert	087 2995530
U12 Girls	2009	Alan Dwyer	alan_dwyer@yahoo.com	086 0405297