



Naas CNS Newsletter

March 2021

End of Term

School closes this Friday 26th March at **12 noon** for all students. School will re-open for all students on Monday 12th April. We hope all our students stay safe and well over the two week break.

Restorative Practice

“Restorative Practice is a values-based philosophy; it aims to consciously build relationships, respond to harm/conflict in a way that honours relationships, and CONNECT us to our best selves and to one another. The values of this philosophy promote relational ways of being, it informs how we think, engage, speak, listen, and approach situations, all day, every day” (M.Stowe www.connectrp.ie).

The staff have been building on their previous professional development in this area. They are training in restorative practice working with Michelle Stowe and Connect RP. Recently staff have been trained in working and supporting children who have experienced trauma. Our Board of Management and Parents Association have received training as part of our school wide approach to working restoratively.

Parents Restorative Practice

Training videos in restorative practice are now available for free for all parents. We encourage parents to engage with the videos to aid the school in developing a restorative approach across our whole school community. The link to the video tutorials for parents are available on the school website on our restorative practice page.

[Restorative Practice | Naas CNS](http://www.connectrp.ie)



School Improvement Plan.

The last cycle of School Self Evaluation was cut short due to the schools closure due to COVID 19. Upon the return to school the focus of our plan has been altered to support children in their return and prepare them for online learning. The school introduced Seesaw to classes in the first term. This proved to be vital when we moved to online learning following the closure in December. With the return of all classes to school in March the focus will now move to supporting the wellbeing of our school community.

News from 2nd Class

The daffodils we planted in Autumn have grown big and tall and make us all happy to see each morning we come into school. We are waiting patiently for our tulips to bloom. We can see it won't be long. We have predicted they might be yellow or red.

In 2nd class we are currently chitting potatoes and will plant them before the Holidays. World Down Syndrome Day was the 21st of March. We celebrated in 2nd class with a 'rock your socks' colouring competition and even got a night off homework!

This week we are learning all about Chocolate and linking it to lots of our lessons even PE.

News from M. Áine – Junior Infants

World Book Day

We had great fun for World Book Day. We dressed up as characters from our favourite story books. We also brought in our favourite books. We did lots of reading during the day. We also made our own bookmarks. It was a great day!

Spring Walk

We went on a Spring walk around the school. We looked out for signs of spring and recorded it in our books. We saw lots of signs of spring around the school. We even saw some nests! Our favourite sign of Spring was looking at the beautiful daffodils.

Contacting the School.

Our school office opening hours are as follows: Monday – Friday 9.00 – 2:00

School Secretary: Janice.

Phone: 045 875 311

Email: admin@naascns.ie

If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact reception to make an appointment.

News from M. Claire's Class

On our first day back to school we took part in a series of mini challenges! This included a news report, a music quiz, a "Would you rather?" debate, Boggle, meditation, and lots of well-being activities!

Last week, for *Lá Glas*, we taught na naíonáin shóisearach, na naíonáin shinsearach, rang a haon agus rang a trí a new poem- "Aon, Dó, Muc is Bó" over Zoom. We designed our own mini lessons and made props to help us teach the poem. Bhí na páistí go hiontach!

Parents Association

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents Association meeting over Zoom in early March. We would like to welcome some new members to the committee. The following committee positions were filled at the meeting:

Chairperson: Julie Renwick

Secretary: Lorraine Seery

Treasurer: Niamh Baker

Communications Officer: Karen Cahill

NPC Representative: Martha Brandes

We would like to extend a very big thank you to the outgoing officers and committee members for their valuable contributions, time and energy over the past year and half.

Aladdin Connect

- Parents are asked to ensure that your details are correct on the system. If you are having any difficulty with Aladdin Connect please contact reception.
- Please ensure that you complete a **Return to School Declaration** for your child after each absence or school closure.
- **Arriving late / Leaving early** - A new facility for parents to notify school in advance if they are signing their child in late or out early has been released on the Aladdin app.
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News from M. Sinéad's Class

March was a busy month for celebrations in Junior Infants. We celebrated World Book Day, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We had great fun listening to stories and dressing as our favourite book characters for World Book Day. We made some lovely cards for Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day. We also had great fun dressing all in green for our *Lá Glas*. We made some Easter baskets out of clay and can't wait to bring them home painted in lovely bright Easter colours. Take a look at some of the photos of the fun we had in March.

