



Scoil Naomh Cualán, Borrisoleigh, Thurles, Co. Tipperary 20451V

Thanks to all who assisted with our Grandparents' Day celebration and a particular thanks to all the grandparents who came to visit and made it so special for everybody. The day could not have happened without the support of our Parents' Association and we are very grateful to them for all they do for us.

Indeed, the sense of unity, togetherness and inclusion which is evident throughout our school has been the inspiration for the name of our new ASD Class, 'Le Chéile,' of which we are so proud. 'Le Chéile' comes from our school motto 'Ní neart go cur le chéile' and resonates with origins of our amalgamated school as we aim for the best possible start in life for all the children of our community, present and future.

We realise daily that we are fortunate to operate at the centre of such a supportive community and have no doubt as to the confidence and momentum which this gives to our children as they grow and develop to their full potential. We are very proud of the many ways in which our pupils, past and present, have gone on to develop such a variety of talents, many of which began and were fostered at primary school level. A number of past pupils have gone on to participate in **Inch Drama Group** under the direction of Bridget Bourke (nee Molumby), and have entertained many with their productions over the past few years. **This year the group has kindly volunteered to donate the proceeds of their forthcoming production of 'Fortunes and Misfortunes' by Jimmy Keary to our ASD Class, Le Chéile.** The play follows the life of Daisy Fortune. Daisy is a hardworking fifty something, who is supporting a lazy husband and a good-for-nothing son. Admission fee is €10 per adult and €5 per child and **proceeds from both nights (Saturday, February 10th and Monday, February 12th at 8.15p.m.) are going to Le Chéile.** Please come along to either performance to support a great cause while having a very enjoyable night out.

We are also very fortunate to have access to the excellent facilities in our Town Park which add so much to our children's opportunities at school and outside of school hours. In conjunction with our Active Flag preparation we are very grateful for the support of our **local Track Attack group who have kindly organised a benefit evening for the school on Friday, February, 23rd, next. This will be a fun event for all the family, sponsored by Shanahans' Centra, with participation free for all children so we hope that as many families as possible will participate. The entry fee will be €5 for adults and €2 for secondary school students.** We are delighted to join with Track Attack for this event and look forward to a great evening.

In addition, **Track Attack have kindly selected Le Chéile, and Teach Saoirse, Nenagh (an Enable Ireland respite centre, catering for local children with special needs and their families) as joint beneficiaries of their Presidential Run which will take place from 19th -21st July next.** This exciting project will take participants on an amazing tour of Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny and Offaly and encompass the ancestral homes of U.S. Presidents J.F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama before finishing in Borrisoleigh on July 21st. **All pupils from Scoil Naomh Cualán are invited to take part in fun events and the initial stage of the run on Thursday evening, July 29th and it promises to be an amazing experience for all concerned.** In addition to the fun and fitness which this event will promote, the Presidential Run will also provide a wonderful learning opportunity, in particular in terms of history, geography and pride in our locality and country. We will contact parents of all children who wish to participate in both Track Attack events with further details and permission slips for promotional materials over the next few weeks and eagerly look forward to them. **Our sincere thanks to Pat, Declan and all at Track Attack for including us in these special ventures and for their most welcome support.**

N.B. Finally, we remind families that our school will be closed for pupils on Friday, next, February 9th, due to staff inservice. We also regret to inform you that we will be obliged to close the school on grounds of health and safety at 11.00 a.m on Tuesday, February 13th, as we have been notified by ESB of a power cut between 9.30 a.m and 4.30 p.m. We regret any inconvenience which this may cause to families but the scheduled power cut is outside of our control.

Thank you for all your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Ryan and Staff.