
Monthly E-Newsletter

Scoil Barra Naofa Buachaillí

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September and October have been busy months in Beaumont. Our new pupils have settled in and we have had quite a few changes on staff too. I would like to thank the Board of Management, staff, parents and pupils for the warm welcome I have received as principal in my first term in Beaumont. I am looking forward to getting to know the boys and their parents as the year progresses.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter and we will endeavor to keep you up to date on news and events as they arise during the year.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Fiona Meehan,

Príomóide

Board of Management Report

The key project going forward is to look at the hall/PE facilities currently available for the boys and plan for future improvements. The €8029 raised by the Strictly Blackrock has been set aside as a starter fund for this project. Ideas on how to improve facilities and funding of same would be very welcome.

In addition to the appointment of our principal, Fiona Meehan, the Board ratified the appointment three temporary teachers; Ms. Elsie O' Sullivan, Ms. Siobhan Hassett and Ms. Eileen O' Leary and one SNA Ms. Julie Cashman for the school year 2016/17.

The current members of the Board of Management are:

Mr. Diarmuid O Drisceoil	Chairperson
Ms. Monica Walsh	Treasurer
Ms. Fiona Meehan	Secretary
Mr. Aidan Buckley	Recording Secretary (Outgoing)*



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Beaumont Boys School

Upcoming Events

November 16

9am -3pm Annual Book Fair

November 16, 17

Parent Teacher Meetings, Early closure at 2.15pm

November 22, 23

Senior Infants Hearing Checks

November 29

7.30pm Service of Light, Confirmation Candidates

December 2

8pm PA meeting

Vaccinations Junior Infants

December 8

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6pm Christmas Fayre

December 15

Christmas Concert

Lord Mayor's Visit

The Lord Mayor, past pupil Des Cahill, visited the school on Wednesday, 19th of October.



Mr. Edward O' Leary

Mr. Jack O' Leary

Ms. Miriam Redmond

Mr. Brendan Dennehy

*Following on from Mr. Buckley's retirement the board are currently following procedures to appoint a new deputy principal and elect a new teacher nominee to the board.

Beaumont Boys Parents Association

This year we have a team of over 20 members on the Parents Association (PA), with a parent representing each class.

PA meetings will be held on the 1st Thursday of every month (not including school holidays) in the School Staff Room at 8pm. Meetings are open to all parents to attend. Next PA meeting – December 1st @ 8pm.

Our first fundraising event of the school year, is our **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**, which will take place on **Friday, November 18th, @ 7.30pm in the Blackrock Hurling Club**. We hope to see you all there, for a fun night with lots of prizes to be won.

We are looking forward to a very productive year and look forward to any comments, suggestions and ideas you may have. New members and volunteers are always welcome at any stage during the year.

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Many thanks to the Parents Association who paid for wet day Board games for the boys as well as playground and sports equipment. The games have arrived much to the delight of the boys and the playground equipment has been ordered and should arrive shortly.

Book Fair

The Beaumont Boys Annual Book Fair has provided a valuable source of up to date books for the boys to enjoy.

Please support our School Book Fair on Wednesday next, November 16th, 9am until 3pm. There are books for all age groups. Each book bought will help towards obtaining FREE BOOKS to add to and update our class libraries. In addition there will be Art & Writing Displays to enjoy and Teas & Coffees while you browse.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mr. Aidan Buckley and 6th Class pupil Jake Allman



Retirement of Mr. Buckley

Pupils and staff of Beaumont Boy's School recently paid tribute to our much loved Deputy Principal, Mr. Aidan Buckley who retired after 38 years of service in the school. Mr. Buckley will be fondly remembered by all who encountered him for the legacy of a health promoting school culture, especially in the areas of athletics and rugby, where he inspired stars such as current Munster and Ireland rugby star Simon Zebo.



Mr. Aidan Buckley with his wife Siobhán and son Eoghan.



Halloween Sponsored Walk



This year's Halloween Sponsored Walk was a great success. So far €4250 has been lodged enabling us to order new fixed outdoor basketball hoops and we will also be in a position to line and mark the basketball court. We are also well on the way to covering the cost of the Lego Robotics Equipment.

Choral Singing at Beaumont Boys

The school is building on its tradition of musical performance this year.

Our after school choir group continues to run free of charge on Mondays from 2.30-3.20pm in Room 4. For further information please contact Ms. Moore and Ms. Foley.

Our Infant and First classes are busy preparing for their annual Christmas performance which will take place on the 15th of December. Second and Third class hope to perform at Cor Fhéile in the New Year. More details on these two events will be shared closer to the events.

This October we heard the inaugural performance of the Senior Boys' choir under the tutelage of Mr. Gannon at the Lord Mayor's visit. The choir sang 'Peace Child'. The Lord Mayor was so impressed with their singing that the boys have been invited to sing at the City Hall in the New Year. In the meantime the boys are practicing for the Peace Proms which is an annual event held in Dublin in February. Hundreds of pupils from schools all over Ireland come together to sing in unison in the RDS. We are delighted to participate this year.



The **Mile of Pitch Challenge** is a new initiative this term. A daily mile can improve children's fitness, behaviour and concentration in lessons. Luckily we have Avondale pitch beside our school and 3 laps of our pitch = 1 mile. So here is our challenge, before Christmas we challenge Beaumont boys to be able to complete a mile of running/jogging without stopping!



El Dia de Los Muertos

Second Class were delighted to welcome Rosalia Long, Kevin's mum, to tell us all about 'The Day of the Dead.' Originally from Mexico, pupils were enthralled by Rosalia's pictures and stories of this colourful festival. We made El Dia de Los Muertos skeleton masks to finish off a lovely day!

Health Promoting School

Our walk to school on Wednesday campaign continues this year. The percentage of pupils walking or cycling to school continues to remain high. Well done boys!



Sciath na Scol 2016 Football



Our footballers defied expectations to qualify for our 7th final in a row this year! Led by captain Fionnán Leahy, the boys took some notable scalps including St. Columba's and Rochestown. Indeed, the semi-final went to a replay and extra time before Ross Browne and Joe Dennehy sealed a fantastic victory. Unfortunately, our luck ran out in the final to deserving winners, Carrigaline. We are all so proud of the team's achievements!

FUTSAI 3rd Class

Our FAI FUTSAL boys enjoyed a memorable day out recently as they participated in their first ever tournament for the school. Captain Evan Cummins was delighted to lead out the team.

Congratulations

James O' Callaghan won 4 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals at a recent U11s All Ireland Gymnastics event in Limerick.

At the recent ITA Irish Cup National Championships 2016, Matthew James, 4th class, won the Gold Medal for Sparring in the age 10 category.

Bryan Chan won the U11 Munster Chess Championship on the 13th of November.

Well done to all three boys, we love to hear good news stories!

Past Pupil Sporting Prowess

Simon Zebo scored a try as Ireland ended a 111 year wait with a win against the All Blacks. Hull City's **David Meyler** played a pivotal role in the Republic of Ireland's historic win against Austria and **Adam O'Reilly** was man of the match as the Ireland U16s won the home nations tournament.

Olympic Bronze Medal

Cathal Heffernan (6th Class) helped present his father Rob with an Olympic Bronze Medal at a ceremony in City Hall last week. What a wonderful achievement from Rob and what a fantastic occasion for Marion, Cathal and all the family.



Upcoming Events



Some of the games purchased by the PA. Thank you!

Credit Union Quiz

On Sunday 23rd of October 3 teams from Beaumont Boys participated in the Credit Union Quiz in the Rochestown Park Hotel. All three teams acquitted themselves, the Einstein's took overall 2nd place and the Rubics were placed 4th. The Da Vinci's also did well.



