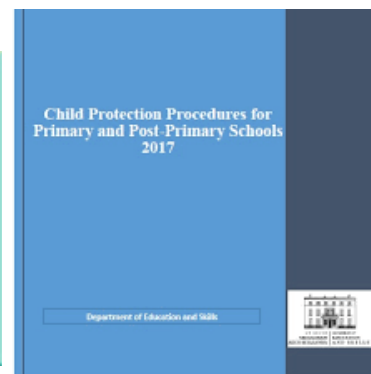




# Scoil Fhionáin ..Bealtaine..May 2019

Dia daoibh uilig- seo an téarma deireanach agus téarma gnóitheach atá ann! We are now in the last term and a busy term it is!

- Children First and Child Protection  
Child Safeguarding Statement of Scoil  
been reviewed in February 2019 and a  
available to view on  
[www.scoilnaomhfionan.ie](http://www.scoilnaomhfionan.ie) in the policies



- New Drumcondra Primary Tests Testing- Trialacha Dhroim Chonrach-  
This year, your child in Rang 1-6 will take the new Drumcondra Maths and English tests and we will share the results with you. You may see differences between your child's results on the new tests and their results on older tests. **Because so many were scoring so highly in the old version, the tests have been updated and changed. Also, children from R3-6 will complete their assessments in ipads, giving less opportunity to pupil to change answers.** With the new norms and way of doing test, scores may be lower.

All test scores are only *estimates* of a child's true achievement level, based on a particular set of questions on a particular day.

**It's not the whole picture and doesn't take into account learning styles or intelligences.** How a child is working in class and the standard of their work is far more likely to have an impact on their future results at secondary school.

**STens:** STens are scores 1-10 which give a rough idea of where performance lies, with around 5 being average. It is possible for two children to have standard scores just one or two points apart, yet to have different STens.

It is important to praise and encourage, and to talk positively about learning and achievements. "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí"

- Thanks to the hard work of the Green Schools team, the school is being awarded its 7<sup>th</sup> green flag in Letterkenny on Thursday. Comhghairdeas/Congratulations! Beidh coiste úr againn i Meán Fómhair. We will have a new committee in September, where we will begin working on **Global Citizenship- Marine Environment**. Many people are going back to this way of living. We have a number of workshops this term for our children where they will learn to grow their own vegetables.
- We hope to run courses for parents in the autumn term and will send out a list to see which might be popular.

- **CASH FOR CLOBBER competition-**

**We need all the bags of used clothing we can get to win the €1500 prize. Start collecting now and leave bags in clothing bank behind school. Go raibh maith agaibh.**



### **Gaeilge /Irish language:**

New infants starting in September will have greater opportunity to become bilingual, as we begin Tumoideachas, immersion education. Studies show that the advantages of bilingualism include: being better at learning further languages, better .mathematical ability, better career opportunities, better communication skills.

### **An Chéad Chomaoineach**

Comhghairdeas le Múinteoir Patricia agus rang 2 ar an Chéad Chomaoineach Dé Sathairn. Bhí lá an-speisialta acu. Go raibh maith agat Múinteoir Patricia, Rose agus an tAthair James.

Buíochas speisialta don chór, banna ceoil, Eva agus Múinteoir Fiona.

