



Memo No. 3 to Parents – 6th Oct. 2022: Nature Trek 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our annual Nature Trek Day is scheduled for Friday, 14th October 2022.

The Nature Trek, running every October since the school opened, is our primary fund-raising event of the school year. Parents/guardians and friends of Scoil Barra have always been very generous in their response to our fund-raising appeal. Over the years the Nature Trek has been an invaluable additional source of funding for the purchase of a great variety of teaching equipment and resources for Scoil Barra which may not be funded/fully funded by the Dept. of Education. This year, with funds raised from the Nature Trek, we are hoping to purchase some much needed new **interactive whiteboards** for some of our classrooms.

We have invited **John Dwyer**, our long-standing GAA coach here in Scoil Barra to officially launch the Nature Trek and pass on some words of wisdom to our pupils on the day. John has been an inspiration and mentor to so many pupils here in Scoil Barra over the years and we are delighted to acknowledge this by inviting him to be our *Guest of Honour* on the day!

Sponsorship Cards:

The Nature Trek cards will be sent home this week. Only one Nature Trek Sponsorship Card will be given to each family, however additional cards are available from Lorinda, our school secretary, if required.

The card can be used to collect sponsorship from family, friends, neighbours and work places etc., if you wish. Please return all monies collected, along with the card (even if there is no sponsorship on it and it hasn't been used) to the school as soon as possible.

Online Contribution:

If you do not want to use sponsorship cards, there is also the option of making a payment online through Databiz with a choice of €10, €20 and €50 contributions.

******Please tick the box provided on the Sponsorship card indicating that you will be contributing online as opposed to using the sponsorship card and still return the card to the school.***

All cards must be returned to the Class Teacher by Friday 28th October.

******It is important that cards are returned to the class teacher even if there is no money collected as this is a registered collection.***

Congratulations to Rhys Walkins, 6th Class, whose design was chosen for the cover of the Nature Trek Sponsorship Card this year.

Once again, your generous support would be much appreciated to ensure the continued success of what has been to date a very enjoyable and rewarding experience for all associated with the Nature Trek.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Karen O' Sullivan, Principal and Orla Lande, Nature Trek Co-ordinator.
