

**Cumann Pheadair Naofa
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**REPORT TO CLUB AGM
1 Nov 2021**

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1. INTRODUCTION

Cumann Pheadair Naofa Club School Links were dramatically affected during the academic year 2020/2021 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Looking forward to 2021/22 academic year the main focus of the Cumann Pheadair Naofa Club School Link will be with the well-established partnership between Cumann Pheadair Naofa and St. Dallan's Primary School. Principal Una Farrell and GAA Co-ordinator Brendan Rice and Cumann Pheadair Naofa Football Committee Member Noreen Kelly, are still very committed to the partnership and the development of a strong Club School Link.

2. COACHING

No coaching was provided over the academic year of 2020/21 in St Dallan's. There was 2 months (May and June 2021) when coaching was provided in Carrick Primary School for camogie and hurling.

Hurling/Camogie

Since the start of October hurling and camogie coaching has been provided to the boys and girls in P6 and P7 at St Dallan's on alternate Fridays. In P7 17 children signed up to participate and in P6 there is 21. A special thanks to Paddy, Collette and Ben Lock who have been coaching these children every Friday to date this school year.

In Carrick School the coaching is led by Mrs Angeline O'Hare and Miss Fegan. In May and June 2021 coaching was provided every Friday after school. Carrick had roughly 30 boys and girls in the P4, P5 and P6 age group. Carrick have a high number of P6's who play hurling and camogie within CPN, including some very talented young players so I am hoping there will be school blitzes later in this school year.

Football

As of 15 September 2021 football for Boys started back on alternate Wednesdays for P6 and P7s. There is about 20 in each school year and coaching is provided solely by Brendan Rice

Ladies Gaelic Football

As of 16 September 2021 football for Girls started back on alternate Thursdays for P6 and P7s. There is about 20 in each school year and coaching is provided solely by Brendan Rice. Appreciation to his commitment to getting coaching started again in St Dallans for now both boys and girls.

Handball

GAA coordinator Brendan Rice continues to promote handball in St. Dallan's. Due to Covid 19 restrictions handball has not entered the playground again yet but hopefully will going forward.

3. ANNUAL GAA HEALTH AND WELLBEING DAY

It is hoped that 2021 will be able to promote the GAA benefit to health and well being as was successfully delivered in previous years.

4. COMMUNICATION

Communication has been central to the development of the Cumann Pheadair Naofa / St. Dallan's Club School Link. In this regard Cumann Pheadair Naofa wish to acknowledge the excellent support from St. Dallan's Primary School and in particular Mrs Noreen Kelly who is responsible for communications in St. Dallan's. The following areas continue to be developed. They are as follows:

- St. Dallan's and Cumann Pheadair Naofa websites linked to each other.
- A link to St. Dallan's website is already on the website.
- St. Dallan's Primary School and Cumann Pheadair Naofa Fact Sheet is distributed to all P1 pupils at St. Dallan's Induction Day. (This was not an option for May 2021 induction or September 2021 starters but will be distributed as soon as it has been approved)
- St. Dallan's and Cumann Pheadair Naofa share good news stories through promotion on both school and club website. There is excellent co-operation between St. Dallan's and Cumann Pheadair Naofa in acknowledging success of pupils in Gaelic Games.
- Cumann Pheadair Naofa frequently carry stories in club notes in relation to successes in St. Dallan's Primary School.
- At the request of Cumann Pheadair Naofa, St. Dallan's staff frequently distribute notes to the pupils on club activities.
- St. Dallan's/Cumann Pheadair Naofa GAA noticeboard is frequently updated.

5 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLUB / SCHOOL LINK WITH ST. DALLAN'S

Principal Una Farrell has put in place an arrangement whereby Cumann Pheadair Naofa Club /School Liaison Officer will meet with GAA Co-ordinator Brendan Rice each term to ascertain how the partnership is progressing and to look at ways of enhancing the Cumann Pheadair Naofa / St. Dallan's Club School Link. This has had to be postponed and contact has been mainly by messaging or phone calls.

6. CONCLUSION

Progress was seriously halted with the School closure and Covid 19 restrictions. but I would like to thank the Club Senior Management Committee and the various sub sections within the Club for their support in my role as Club / School Liaison Officer and for continuing the coaching of children outside the school.

In particular the Hurling, Football and Camogie sections for their input to after school coaching. I would also like to record special thanks to Principal Una Farrell, GAA Co-ordinator Brendan Rice and St. Dallan's Communication Coordinator Noreen Kelly for their support and professionalism in delivering GAA activities in St. Dallan's Primary School.

I wish St. Dallan's Primary School, staff and pupils every success in the years ahead and continued progress in the promotion of Gaelic Games.

Brigid Carr
(Club / School Liaison Officer)
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