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**REPORT TO CLUB AGM
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1. INTRODUCTION

Cumann Pheadair Naofa Club School Links were for a second year running affected during the academic year 2021/2022 due to the Covid 19 Pandemic restrictions. Looking forward to 2022/23 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 Mr Brendan Rice and Cumann Pheadair Naofa Senior Committee Member Mrs Noreen Kelly, are still very committed to the partnership and the development of a strong Club School Link.

3. COACHING

Thankfully coaching was able to be provided over the academic year of 2021/22 in St Dallans in football, hurling and camogie.

Hurling/Camogie

The hurling section continued to provide excellent support to St. Dallan's in terms of coaching. During the first term, coaching was provided to girls and boys in consecutive weeks and then combined for the last week. This coaching was provided mainly by Paddy Lock aided by Ben Lock, Declan Doyle, Brigid Carr and supervised by school temp Ryan Johnston.

In April 22 Oisín MacManus from Ulster GAA contacted the school about providing coaching. This was facilitated by St Dallans and coaching was provided to P5s during PE classes for 4 weeks of Term 3 and P7s for last 4 weeks of Term 3.

The school camogie and hurling team were unable to attend any indoor competitions this school year. However, on 24th June 22 Damian McConville and Declan Doyle organised a challenge match between Carrick v St Dallans hosted by St Dallans. P5/P6 boys and girls attended this match, and it was a great afternoon of practice for the children.

Football

After school training started back September 15th and was taken by Brendan Rice. The numbers were so high initially that P6 and P7s were trained in consecutive weeks. School supervisor (Aaron Gregory) assisted these trainings.

Unfortunately, the school team only got to participate in one blitz this school year and did not progress to the next round. No more matches were arranged. There was also no outside body such as Down or Ulster GAA coaches provided for football training this school year.

Thankfully in Term 3 the Club was able to provide a coach (Aaron Gregory) to the school to help coach all school years boys and girls in gaelic football. P1 to P3 boys and girls coaching was provided 2-3pm and P4 to P7 3-4pm.

After this coaching each boy and girl that participated in these sessions received a certificate and as a result the Club received a few more members joining our Club. The only issue with this was that Brendan Rice no longer had Aaron or anyone to help supervise and assist the school team training sessions and so a request for any help from the club going forward would be welcomed for the school team to progress.

Ladies Gaelic Football

Similar to the Boys football the school team is now being coached by Brendan Rice. The same issue of only having one coach meant P6/7 team had to be split and coached in consecutive weeks. The girl's team did not advance out of the first round of Bunscoil competition either this school year.

The ladies gaelic did benefit from coaching from Aaron Gregory in term 3 and so they were getting coached every week in Term 3.

Handball

The handball wall that has been used in St Dallan's in past years has been damaged and is no longer available for use. Handball is currently not being coached in school. A request via the Down Handball committee an Ulster GAA Handball coach, Fiona Shannon is available to go into St Dallan's in Term 3 on school year 22/23 providing a wall can be sourced by then...

4. ANNUAL GAA HEALTH AND WELLBEING DAY

St Dallan's Primary School in partnership with Cumann Pheadair Naofa hosted a highly enjoyable GAA health and wellbeing day in St. Dallan's for primary seven pupils on Friday 21st June.

In the morning the pupils participated in workshops with trivia and puzzles based on GAA sports.

Coaching was a major focus of the day with pupils receiving coaching in football, camogie, hurling, and ladies gaelic football. Thanks to the Club Coaches for their assistance Johnny Rooney, Declan Doyle, Ruairi McCormack, Patrick Murdock, Ben Lock and Caoimhe Shannon

5. COMMUNICATION

Communication has been central to the development of the Cumann Pheadair Naofa / St. Dallan's Club School Link.

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 was distributed to all P1 pupils at St. Dallan's Induction Day in May 2021.
- 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. Thanks to Club PRO Aisling McGivern for all her assistance.
- 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.

6. 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.

8. CONCLUSION

Progress was seriously halted with the school Covid 19 restrictions. Looking forward to the school year 22/23 Gaelic coaching is looking more positive with Ulster coach already in place in the school Term 1 to teach all gaelic sports. The school can welcome any coach that wishes to coach any age or sport in St Dallan's after school Wed-Friday.

I would like to record special thanks to Principal Una Farrell, GAA Co-ordinator Brendan Rice for their support and professionalism in delivering GAA activities in St. Dallan's Primary School through a difficult year.

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.

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27 October 2022