

NUACHTLITIR NA GAELSCOILE (2)

09/10/19

1. **LÁ GEANSAÍ: GOAL JERSEY DAY** takes place on this Friday, October 11th. We encourage all pupils to wear their favourite sports jersey to school and to make a small contribution to GOAL, the organisation which does so much good work for people in less well-off countries. If your child does not have a suitable jersey, the Gaelscoil éide spóirt is perfectly acceptable, ensuring that everyone can take part. Míle buíochas le gach duine!
2. **LÁ ÉIST:** Míle buíochas to all who participated in the recent fundraiser for the local branch of **Éist**. It was extremely well supported with a total of €700 raised by Gaelscoil families, funds which will be put to excellent use to help local people and their families dealing with cancer.
3. **GAISGÍGH AN BHIA/FOOD DUDES:** We are delighted to be included in the **Food Dudes** programme again this year. The programme which involves tasting (and hopefully eating!) a variety of fruit and vegetables will begin for all classes on **Thursday next, Oct. 17th** and will continue for 8 school days for **Rang 2 – Rang 6**. The junior programme which includes **Naíonáin Bheaga, Naíonáin Mhóra and Rang 1** will continue until November 14th. The system is based on repeated tasting of new foods and children will receive specific rewards for their participation. Your child may need slightly less lón on these days, something you will be able to gauge after the first day. The aim of the programme is to foster good habits of eating more fruit and vegetables as part of our regular lives and your support and encouragement will make a real and positive difference in this regard.
4. **CUPÁN TAE:** Parents of all children in **Naíonáin Bheaga/Junior Infants** are invited to an informal ‘cupán tae’ in Halla na Gaelscoile on **Friday, October 18th from 1.30 – 2.00**. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other parents and to share stories of the start of the children’s time with us in the Gaelscoil! **Míle buíochas to the Cairde group** for arranging this lovely occasion.
5. **LÁ NÁISIÚNTA NA GCRANN:** All classes are busy celebrating National Tree Day this week with trips to various woodlands and local places interest, providing opportunities for active learning in History, Geography, Science and Environmental Studies. Rang 1 went to Oak Park, Rang 2 to Clogrennane and Rang 3 visited Oakvale Wood near Stradbally. Rang 4 took a trip to the beautiful gardens of Altamont, Rang 5 are to visit Duckett’s Grove, Ballinakelly Wood and Browneshill Dolmen, whilst Rang 6 will visit Mullachreelan and the monastic features of Castledermot and the Dolmen. Míle buíochas for the parental support here in the Gaelscoil – having buses available to transport over 350 children on valuable trips such as these would not be a possibility without the wonderful financial support given by so many through the Voluntary Contributions (beginning after the Halloween break).
The infant classes searched for signs of autumn around the school grounds and have been learning about creatures such as the hedgehog, as well as creating artistic works on these themes. Check out some of the beautiful displays outside their classrooms!
6. **FÉILE AN FHÓMHAIR:** The annual bi-lingual festival is currently underway and many of our pupils are involved. Three teams represented the Gaelscoil at **Tráth na gCeist** (Schools’ Table Quiz) and two groups from Rang 5 agus 6 attended excellent writing workshops with the author **Mairéad Ní Eadhra** in the local library. Gaelscoil winners in the Féile an Fhómhair **Comórtas Ealaíne/Art Competition** include Clare Ní Éilí (Rang 6), Emmy Ní Ghallchóir (Rang 5) agus Poppy Báicéir (Rang 3). Comhghairdeas libh go léir!
7. **AONACH NA LEABHAR:** Our annual Book Fair will take place in **Halla na Gaelscoile** from **November 6th – 13th**. A wide variety of books will be available for sale. The fair will be open to parents from 9-9:30 each morning and also from 1:45 – 2:15 and 2:45 – 3:30 each afternoon during that week. A great bonus for the school is that we will get books to the value of 60% of sales during

that week, a welcome addition to our main school library and class libraries. **Buíochas mór** to all the parents who have volunteered as ‘siopadóirí’ during the Aonach.

8. **CÚRSAÍ SPÓIRT:** Our boys’ football team has reached the semi-final of the Cumann na mBunscol Division 1 Football Competition which will be played next week. Our girls’ team, also doing very well, will play Scoil Mhuire this week and Tullow Girls next week. Míle buíochas to **Múinteoirí Nóirín agus Art** and also **SNA Nichola** for their time and commitment to these football teams and to each and every one of the pupils involved for representing **An Ghaelscoil** so well. Buachaillí agus cailíní from Rang 4, 5 agus 6 pupils recently participated in the most enjoyable **Athletics Inter Schools Event** organised by St. Laurence O’Toole Athletic Club. Well done to all the children who took part and completed the 800m, 1000m and 1200m races, in less than ideal weather conditions! Comhghairdeas libh go léir, for individual and team prizes and for representing the Gaelscoil so well as always!
9. **TEAM HOPE:** This charity is again running the annual **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**, ensuring that children in some of the world’s underdeveloped countries also have a little present on Christmas morning. Details are outlined in the enclosed leaflet and extra leaflets may be had from Oifig na Gaelscoile/School Office if required. This is a lovely chance for children to think of others less fortunate than themselves and to share a little with them. The Halloween break is an ideal time to assemble the boxes, which will be collected from the school the following week.
10. **CEARDLANN MHATA;** All páistí from Rang 5 agus 6 will be attending a wonderful workshop entitled ‘**The Magic of Maths**’ in Carlow I.T. on Thursday next week as part of Maths Week. This workshop will be presented by international mathematician Andrew Jeffrey who is also known as ‘**The Mathemagician**’. We hope that it will be both entertaining and beneficial for our senior pupils.
11. **POLASAITHE:** Lots of relevant information, including our school policies, is available on the school’s website, www.cgscoil.ie. Policies recently reviewed and ratified by the Gaelscoil Board of Management include the school’s **Code of Behaviour** and the **Child Protection Statement**. Many thanks to all parties, including the Cairde Steering Group, who are involved in the review and updating of these policies.
12. **SÁBHAILTEACHT:** As all children are now well settled into the new school year, we are asking that parents foster independence as much as possible and therefore encourage child/ren to walk from the school gate to clós na scoile each morning. In the interest of **Child Protection**, we ask that parents/minders leave the clós as soon as the child has been dropped. This will also be a great help regarding parking and the flow of traffic, freeing up set down spaces outside the school.
13. **OICHE SHAMHNA/HALLOWEEN:** With the month of October now underway, many of the páistí (agus múinteoirí!) are thinking about costumes they might wear on the day we break for midterm, **October 25th**. As it is tradition here in the Gaelscoil, everyone is invited to dress in Halloween costume on that day. There’s no pressure to buy an outfit– those put together at home can be very creative and lots of fun! As always, fake blood is not allowed, but face paint is fine should your child so wish. Parents are also invited to join the fun and dress up. Traditional Halloween games will take place in school on that day. Please remember that our ban on nuts remains in place for Health and Safety reasons.

GLÓR CHEATHARLACH NEWS

ÁRAS NA NÓG; The **Naíonra Preschool** and the **Afterschool Service** in Áras na nÓg, Éire Óg is going from strength to strength. Now in its third year, we are delighted that parents are happy with both services and we are full to capacity both morning and afternoon. A waiting list is now open for the Naíonra for September 2020. Due to our continued growth we would like to add another member of staff to the Afterschool service from 2- 6pm or 3 - 6pm each day. A childcare qualification is not necessary for the school aged service but a reasonable command of Gaeilge is desirable and an interest in working with young people is essential. If any parent is interested in the post or knows of anyone who might be suitable we would be delighted if you would get in touch with us on 087 2857048 (Bride) or 085 1340047 (Emma).

Slán go fóill,

