

1. **SEIRBHÍS CHARÚL**: As we cannot congregate in Askea Church as we have traditionally done, our **Virtual Carol Service** will take place **this evening at 7 pm**. We invite you all to join us on the link which you will receive at that time, when we will be transported back to the very first Christmas, compliments of the talented páistí in Naíonáin Mhóra (S.6), along with heavenly singing and recitations from some of our more senior pupils. Please make a special effort to sit down with your family and tune in – it will bring us all together as a school community and undoubtedly lift your spirits and remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.
2. **DRAÍODÓIR**: As we were unable to host our annual pantomime in school this year, all classes will be treated to the wonderful world of magic with a **Seó Draíochta/Magic Show** which will be beamed into all classrooms tomorrow, Friday. Special thanks to the **Bord Bainistíochta/ Board of Management** for arranging this lovely Christmas treat!
3. **MION AONACH NA NOLLAG**: Creativity has come to the fore again regarding our mini Christmas Fair! **Daidí na Nollag** is very conscious that he wants everyone to be safe and healthy, especially for Christmas, and he has asked if he may visit classrooms via Zoom this year rather than meeting the páistí in the Halla which he usually does (**Naíonáin Bheaga – Rang 4**). Of course, we are more than happy to oblige him and have arranged this for Monday next. He has promised that he will bring treats for all the good children in the school and has asked that everyone wears their favourite Christmas outfit or geansaí Nollag for the special occasion. Daidí na Nollag has also told us that he thinks everyone should be allowed bring a few little treats for a small party that day (no chewing gum, fizzy drinks, nuts or nut traces please) and he has suggested that páistí would donate **€2** each for our **Seomra Ranga Lasmuigh**. **Frosty the Snowman** will be sending a special message to Rang 5 agus Rang 6 that day also and he has suggested a donation of €1 from these classes. It will be a very special occasion and we are all very much looking forward to it!
4. **CRANCHUR NA NOLLAG**: Ticket sales for our annual Christmas raffle are in great demand with an array of valuable prizes to be claimed on Monday next. Sincere thanks to all who have so generously donated lovely prizes.
5. **COMÓRTAS EALAÍNE NA NOLLAG**: Comhghairdeas to a very large group of Gaelscoil artists who were winners in the recent Glór Cheatharlach Christmas Art Competition – Myya Ní Mhaonaile, Alex Daltún, Cillian Mac Eochaidh, Aoife Nic Dhónaill, Sofia Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh, Jack Ó Briain, Ailbhe Ní Shionóid, Emmy Dao Ní Ghallchóir agus Bríd Grassick, with Bríd emerging as the overall winner of the competition. Maith sibh go léir!
6. **DATHANNA PEILE**: As with the recent All-Ireland Hurling and Camogie Finals (comhghairdeas le Luimneach agus le Cill Chainnigh!), children may wear their choice of colours tomorrow showing support for **Muigh Eo** or **Átha Cliath** or **Corcaigh** who will be playing against Átha Cliath in the Ladies final.
7. **CÁRTAÍ NOLLAG**: As always, we ask that children do not exchange ‘bought’ Christmas cards – this is an unnecessary expense and is unfair on children who may not receive any and an obvious risk with COVID-19.
8. As we approach the end of what has been a very strange and challenging year for so many, I want to extend a huge **Míle Buíochas** to all who helped our school community to deal with the various challenges which 2020 brought. Most especially, I wish to thank our wonderfully committed staff who have worked tirelessly to keep our pupils safe and who have provided as ‘normal’ a school experience as possible. I commend all our páistí for their level of engagement and co-operation, along with the parents who have supported all our efforts, especially during this past term.
9. **SLÁN LE 2020**: 2020 has been a hard year for everyone, especially those of us who have lost loved ones, and we offer our sincere condolences and continued support to you. Others may not have seen family or friends for a long time, but hopefully Christmas will bring some cheer and happiness to everyone - here’s to a safer, better and brighter new and positive chapter for all in 2021.

A reminder that school holidays begin on Tuesday next, December 22nd, with all classes having the traditional half day. To facilitate the staggered dismissal times, Naíonáin Bheaga agus Naíonáin Mhóra will be free at 11.40, classes which begin at 8.40 each morning will be free at 11.50 with those who begin at 8.50 being free at 12 noon. School re-opens on Wednesday January 6th.

Guím Nollaig faoi shonas agus faoi shíocháin agus Athbhliain faoi shláinte agus faoi shuaimhneas ar gach duine!

Aingeal

An Múinteoir Aingeal (Príomhoide)