



# Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc

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## NUACHTLITIR NA GAELSCOILE 2

- OÍCHE SHAMHNA / HALLOWEEN:** With the midterm break and Halloween upon us, many of the páistí (agus múinteoirí!) are thinking about costumes they might wear on the day we break for midterm, this Friday **October 26th**. 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, Clown masks and fake blood are not allowed, but face paint is fine should your child so wish. I would also like to remind you that any props, such as toy guns, scythes, knives, tridents etc. should also be avoided and left at home. Traditional Halloween games will be played in school on that day. **Please note that this is a full school day and so the children will be going home at their usual times.**
- CRAOBH CUMANN NA mBUNSCOIL:** COMHGHAIRDEAS Ó CHROÍ le cailíní na Gaelscoile. A huge congratulations to our Girls' Football Team who won the Division 1 title out in the Carlow GAA, Centre of Excellence in Fenagh on Wednesday evening. They played exceptionally well and although there was a strong comeback from Bennekerry girls, they managed to hold their nerve and come away with the win. Maith sibh cailíní. As always, we are so proud of all the buachaillí and cailíní who put themselves forward for our Girls' and Boys' teams. Maith sibh a pháistí! Unfortunately, it wasn't the boys' year this year but they fought hard in all their matches and they should be very proud of their efforts. Míle buíochas to múinteoirí Art, Nóirín and Nichola who always give so generously of their time to help coach these teams.
- LÁ NA nGEANSAITHE do GOAL / GOAL JERSEY DAY:** Míle buíochas daoibh go léir!! A huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you who donated so generously to our charity fundraiser for GOAL in October! We are as always taken aback by your willingness to support and your generosity! Míle buíochas ó chroí libh ar fad!  
**The total amount raised for GOAL was €1,063.40.**
- CAIRDE na GAELSCOILE:** Cairde na Gaelscoile (our Parents' Association) plan to host the rescheduled Cupán Tae / Caifé for our new parents'/guardians'/grandparents'/caregivers' of páistí in Naíonáin Bheaga straight after the midterm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm in Halla na Scoile. They would also like to extend the invitation to parents' of Naíonáin Mhóra too. You are very welcome to come to the halla to have a cupán tae / caife and a chat to get to know the other parents in your child's class group.  
As always, Cairde na Gaelscoile are always looking for new members / volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved in the committee or are willing to volunteer at any events you can contact any member of the steering group or you can give your name on the day. **Tracy (0879056806), Nicola (0863969484), Caitriona (0863336508).**

5. **CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:** 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. The children have received a leaflet with further details in school and extra leaflets are available from Oifig na Scoile. This is 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.
6. **SACRAIMINTÍ:** A heartfelt congratulations to Ranganna a 6 & Ranganna a 2 on completing their enrolment for their Confirmation & First Holy Communion recently. They are working hard with their teachers preparing for their upcoming receipt of sacraments. We are very grateful for all your help and support with this.
7. **AONACH NA LEABHAIR / BOOK FAIR:** Our much loved Aonach na Leabhair is back again this year on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and lasts for one week. This is one of the most eagerly awaited events of the year. We will send out catalogue information straight after the midterm break. Over the course of that week and each class will also get an opportunity to browse through the bookcases and buy their chosen books with their teacher. The Aonach will be open afterschool for parents to attend on the following days.  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm - 3pm**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm - 3pm**  
**Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30 - 2.30pm**  
**Children will not be permitted to browse the books after school unaccompanied.**
8. **MS READATHON:** Once again this year we will be running the MS Readathon from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. The children from Rang a 1 go 6 will receive a form to keep track of the books they read during the month of November as well as sponsorship forms if they choose to collect money for the MS Society. We have a very strong tradition of supporting the Readathon in the Gaelscoil and looking forward to hearing all about the books our children are reading.
9. **CRUINNITHE TUISMITHEOIRÍ:** Our Annual Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on **November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** for most classes with the exception of Junior Infants, which will take place during the Spring term and Naíonáin Mhóra Seomra 4. These meetings are to update you on your child's progress in school and the vast majority of these meetings will be in-person, face-to-face meetings. We are aware that for a small number of parents a telephone meeting is more convenient and so we will be offering this option also. After the midterm break we will be sending out a message so that you can book an appointment with your child's teacher via the Aladdin Connect App.  
In the meantime, should you have any concern regarding any aspect of your child's progress, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher. For such appointments, it is necessary to arrange a suitable appointment through Oifig na Gaelscoile. Likewise, the teacher may feel it appropriate to meet with you before the November meetings - the vast majority of issues are easily resolved with good communication between school and home.
10. **BAILIÚCHÁIN ÉADAÍ / CLOTHES COLLECTION:** Cairde na Gaelscoile are organising a Clothes Collection of unwanted clothing as a fundraiser for the school. We will update you once a date for this collection has been organized.

11. **ÉADAÍ CAILLTE / LOST CLOTHES:** We have several items of clothing, brown & green school jumpers along with some lovely coats & hats that are looking for their owners. If your child has lost any item of clothing, you or they are welcome to pop into the school to go through what we have. In order to help us to reunite jumpers etc with their owners can you please make sure that **your child's name is on every item of clothing, including their coats.**
12. **CUIRÍ BREITHLAE / BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS:** We respectfully ask that you **please do not** send in birthday invitations to be handed out in school, even discreetly. It is extremely upsetting for children to see other children in their class being invited to a child's birthday party and for them not to receive an invitation. There are many other avenues available to parents to extend invitations to birthday parties and we please ask that you make use of these rather than sending them through the school. I thank you all in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

I hope you all have a lovely midterm break and we look forward to welcoming the páistí back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Le gach dea-mhéin,

**An Ruth Ní Chearbhalláin**

**(Príomhoide)**