



# Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc

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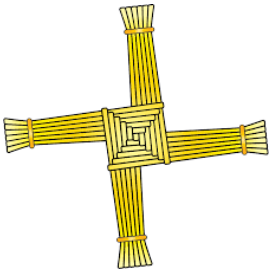
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## NUACHTLITIR NA GAELSCOILE

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**1. LÁ FHÉILE BHRÍDE:** Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Bhríde oraibh ar fad! This year we are celebrating 1500 since the death of Naomh Bríd and all the páistí are learning about her life this week.

**2. LÁ OILIÚNA DON FHOIREANN:** As part of the teachers' ongoing professional development we will be doing a full day of whole-staff training on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. **The school will be closed** on this day to facilitate the training.

There will be a further day of training for the new Primary Maths Curriculum, the Department have not yet given us a date for this but we will inform you know as soon as we have this information.

**3. CRUINNITHE TUISMITHEOIRÍ/MÚINTEOIRÍ:** Parent-Teacher meetings for Naíonáin Bheaga and Naíonáin Mhóra M Aoihbheann (seomra 6) will take place on Monday & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February. These are available for booking now through your Aladdin App or by phoning the office.

**4. TÓGÁIL:** As you can see our building works are nearing completion and we are very excited to move into the new classrooms. We are very grateful for your patience during these works and helping us to keep the children safe by reminding them to always use the pedestrian gates to enter and exit the school.

**5. CRUINNITHE:** A reminder that I and the múinteoirí are always available to meet with you to discuss any concerns you might have about your child(ren). As is school policy these appointments should always be made through the school office. In the interest of child safeguarding and protection we would ask parents/minders to never enter the school building unaccompanied or go directly to the classrooms. Often times children want to help by opening the door for adults waiting but we would ask you to please wait in the foyer for Paula or a teacher to help you with your query.

**6. ÓICHE SCANNÁIN:** Cairde na Gaelscoile have been busy planning events for our páistí. They organised a wonderful Cookie Decorating workshop day before the Christmas break and even managed to organise a visit from a very busy and special visitor for the day. Míle buíochas daoibh. Their next events are Movie nights which will take place next week. Entry is €2, with popcorn and jellies available for purchase too. Children can bring a cushion and blanket and their own drinks bottle (with a lid/cap) for cordial.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** for Naíonáin – Rang a 1 from 6.15pm to 7.30pm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** for Rang a 2 – 6 from 6.30pm to 8pm

**7. M. EITHNE AG DUL AR SCOR:** We are very sad to say that An M. Eithne has decided that she will be retiring from teaching this February. Her final day teaching will be Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. An M. Eithne has been teaching here in Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc for 25 years and has been an integral part of the fantastic teaching team here ever since. She will be sorely missed and I am sure you will join me in wishing her every future happiness in her upcoming retirement.

8. **CÉAD FHAOISTIN:** Rang a 2 will receive the sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Confession on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February after 9.30am mass in the church of The Holy Family in Askea.
9. **COMHNEARTÚ:** Rang a 6 will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at 11.30am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the church of the Holy Family in Askea. They have been very busy preparing to receive this sacrament, part of which includes a Spiritual Retreat day this week and a Heritage Day in the coming weeks.
10. **SPÓIRT: Ficheall:** We have a great number of children taking part in Chess classes every week with Múinteoirí Michaela & Danielle. This week they took part in a Ficheall Tournament in The Seven Oaks Hotel and a great day was had by all. Míle buíochas to the múinteoirí, Michaela & Danielle who provide this wonderful opportunity for our páistí.
- Iománaíocht & Camógaíocht:** We have had some great success in the Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Hurling and Camogie competitions this year. Our boys' teams made it to the finals of Roinn A and came up against very strong opposition on the day but played really well and we are very proud of their achievement. The girls' team made it the final of Roinn B and managed to win all 3 games to take home the title! We are extremely proud of their wonderful efforts and achievement. Míle buíochas do mhúinteoirí Ruairí & Jill don obair ar fad a dhéanann siad leis na páistí.
- Training will be starting very soon for boys and girls interested in playing with the school teams. Múinteoirí Ruairí & Jill will be in contact with interested pupils with more details.
- Liathróid Láimhe:** Recently páistí in our senior classes did Handball training with Mick & Martin from Tinryland GAA Handball Arising from the keen interest shown by the children we entered the Leinster GAA Cumann na mBunscol handball tournament. We had entries in the Boys U11 singles (Adam Ó Dubhshláine), Boys U13 singles (Zac Ó Braonáin), Boys U13 Doubles (Zac Ó Braonáin & Cian Oprea aswell as the Girls U13 singles (Cara Ní Shiail) and Girls U13 doubles (Cara Ní Shiail & Fiadh Pléimeann) competitions. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Adam took home 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the U11 singles, and Cara won the U13 singles final. Cara went on to represent Carlow in the Leinster finals this week up in Páirc an Chrócaigh and had a fantastic showing on the day. Maith sibh go léir a pháistí!
- Lúthchleasaíocht:** Last week pupils from Ranganna 4, 5 & 6 all took part in the Primary Schools' Cross-Country Races organised by St. Lawrence O'Toole's AC over in Carlow Hurling Club. This was a fantastic day out for the páistí and they managed to bring back numerous individual and class medals. Maith sibh go léir a pháistí.
- Rugbaí:** Ranganna 5 & 6 are currently taking part in tag rugby classes with Gavin from Leinster Rugby.
- Peil:** We are very fortunate to be so well supported by our local GAA clubs. Currently we have Éire Óg doing football sessions with Ranganna 2 – 5 and O'Hanrahans GAA with Naíonáin – Rang a 1 and the páistí are thoroughly enjoying these weekly sessions. Páistí from Rang a 4 will soon be taking part in the PELLA tournament which is an indoor football event organised by Cumann na mBunscol.
11. **DRÁMAÍOCHT:** We are once again taking part in Coirm Gael Linn and the Féile Scoil dramaíochta competition organised by Glór Cheatharlach. Many pupils from Rang a 5 and Rang a 6 are busy rehearsing for this year's show "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." To make our show extra special, we are in need of Oompa Loompa wigs. If your child has a wig from past Halloweens or World Book Days, we'd greatly appreciate your contribution. These wigs are quite expensive, and we're hoping to gather 30 for the cast. Please drop off any available wigs to M. Clár or M. Jill.

- 12. PEACE PROMS:** Míle buíochas to M. Aisling who is coordinating Peace Proms in the school. Páistí from Rang a 3 are busy rehearsing every week for their upcoming concert in the SETU Arena in Waterford on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. This will be an amazing experience for all involved as the children will get the opportunity to sing with professional singers and musicians and with a live orchestra!
- 13. RANGANNA IARSCOILE/AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Many of our afterschool activities are already well underway. Details of the activities available are below.
- a. **Rang Ceoil Traidisiúnta:** Children from Rang a 3 to Rang a 6 can avail of traditional Irish music lessons after school from 2.30 to 3.30pm on Wednesdays.
  - b. **Speech and Drama:** Classes with **Keelin Mc Donald** have begun on Tuesdays from 2.35 – 3.35pm for children from **Rang a 3 – Rang a 6**. For further information, please contact Keelin at **087 2534265**.
  - c. **Rince Gaelach:** Irish Dancing lessons with **Adeleine Dargan** take place on **Mondays**, at 1.35 – 2.30pm for children in Infant Classes and from 2.30 – 3.30pm for older children. Contact Adeleine at **085 7259865**.
  - d. **Ficheall:** Chess Classes for Rang a 3 – Rang a 6 with Múinteoirí Michaela & Danielle are taking place on Thursdays after school. For further information or to book a place please email [fichell22@gmail.com](mailto:fichell22@gmail.com)
  - e. **Mona Fit Kid Club:** Fitness classes based on gymnastics with Mona will start on Thursdays after the Halloween break. You can get more information by visiting her Facebook page and register using this link <https://mona-fit-kid-club-ltd.class4kids.ie/>
  - f. **Hip Hop Classes** with Laura from Encore Dance Company is starting up again on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. For more information or booking you can contact Laura on 085 2358122 or [encoredancecompany1@gmail.com](mailto:encoredancecompany1@gmail.com)
  - g. **Junior Einsteins:** Science classes with Sophia & Robson from Junior Einsteins are taking place at 1.35 – 2.30pm for Junior & Senior infants and 2.35 – 3.30pm for Rang a 1 - 6. You can email [bookings@junioreinsteinsclub.ie](mailto:bookings@junioreinsteinsclub.ie) for more information

Le gach-deaghuí,

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### **NUAcht AN PHOBail / COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Ceachtanna Yoga:** Louise Keegan will be holding Yoga classes in Halla na Scoile on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, starting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Contact Louise directly on 089 7022405 for more information and booking.

**Martial Arts:** Brian Whelan is continuing with his Martial Arts class for children on Tuesday evenings in Halla na Scoile. Contact Brian on 087 2376903.

**Zumba Fitness Classes for Adults:** Natalie Cummins is running adult Zumba fitness classes in Halla na Scoile on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm. You can contact Natalie on 089 2224672 or [natalie\\_cummi27@hotmail.com](mailto:natalie_cummi27@hotmail.com) for more information.