NUACHTLITIR NA SEACHTAINE 15-02-16

Tumoideachas/Immersion:

Is ábhar mór groí dom a chur in iúl daobh go mbeidh Gaelscoil na Camóige ag cur tús leis an tumoideachas le Rang na Naíonán Beag 2016. Is córas iontach é an tumoideachas le Gaeilge na bpáistí a fheabhsú. Agus anuas air sin, tá sé léirithe sa taighde ar an tumoideachas go gcuireann an modh seo go mór le scileanna pearsanta an pháiste, scileanna sóisialta agus féin-mhuinín an pháiste freisin. Is féidir go leor eolais a aimsiú maidir le an tumoideachas ar www.gaelscoileanna.ie.

Míneofar níos mó faoin gcóras seo ag an gcéad chruinniú eile de chuid Chairde agus míneofar go cruinn do thuistí nua na scoile é. An t-athrú is mó a bheidh i gceist ná nach múinfear aon Bhéarla i Rang na Naíonán Beag. Cuirfear tús leis an mBéarla leath bealaigh tríd Rang na Naíonán Mór nó tús Rang 1. Níl sé i gceist go gcloisfidh na Naíonáin Bheaga focail Bhéarla taobh isitgh de gheataí na scoile. Beidh tacaíocht chomhphobal na scoile ag teastáil chun a chinntiú go n-éireoidh leis an gcóras seo. Tá an modh seo in úsáid ag formhór na ngaelscoileanna nua faoi láthair agus tá sé i bhfeidhm le tamall anuas ag Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin.

I am delighted to say that Gaelscoil na Camóige will be using the Immersion Model of teaching with the class of Junior Infants 2016. This model of teaching and learning through total immersion in Irish has proved very effective in improving children's standard of Irish. Research also shows that Personal Development Skills, Social skills and children's self-confidence greatly improves through the use of Immersion. Information and Research can be found on Immersion on www.gaelscoileanna.ie

This method will be explained in more detail at the next Cairde Meeting and new parents will be able to learn more about it at their meeting in the school. The biggest change from how we teach at the moment will be that English will not be taught in Junior Infants. English will be introduced halfway through Senior Infants or at the beginning of First Class. Therefore, Junior Infants will not hear English spoken within the school gates. Support from the entire school community will be needed for this approach to succeed. Immersion is in use in the majority of new Gaelscoileanna, and has been used in Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin for some time now. Further information to follow at next Cairde Meeting.

Beidh an scoil dúnta an 18 agus 19 Feabhra. The school will be closed on the 18th and 19th of February.

Searmanas na gCoinneal/ *Ceremony of Light*— Beidh Searmanas na gCoinneal ar siúl i gCnoc Mitin Déardaoin, an 25 Feabhra, ag a 7:30pm. Cabhraigh le do pháiste na paidreacha a chleachtadh le bhur dtoil.

The Ceremony of Light for 6th Class will take place in Knockmitten church on Thursday, February 25th at 7:30pm. Please help your child practice the prayers at home.

Traenáil Trastíre/ Cross Country Training

Comhghairdeas le gach duine a ghlac páirt i Lá 1 den Rásaíocht Trastíre. D'éirigh leis na cailíní an dara háit a bhaint amach as 14 scoil. D'éirigh leis na buachaillí an 6ú háit a bhaint amach as 14 scoil. Beidh an chéad rás eile ann an 3 Márta. Beidh traenáil lúthchleasaíochta ar siúl gach Déardaoin ó 2.30-3.15pm leis an Múinteoir Olivia agus an Múinteoir Donncha. Congratulations to all who participated in Day 1 of the Crosscountry Races. The girls managed to come second out of 14 schools and the boys came sixth out of 14. The next race will be on March 3rd. There will be Athletic Training every Thursday from 2.30-3.15pm with Múinteoir Olivia and Múinteoir Donncha.

Rang 6

Tá Rang 6 tosnaithe ag cadhcáil le John Gregg agus tá ag éiri go hiontach leo! Bhain siad anthaitneamh as go dtí seo. Tá an scoil fíor bhuíoch do John as an seans seo a thabhairt dúinn.

Rang 6 have started Kayaking with John Gregg and Crosscare Clondalkin. They are having a wonderful time! We are very thankful to John for giving the school this opportunity each year.

Banc R5

Rinne Rang 5 an clár Bizworld le Banc na hÉireann thar tréimhse dhá lá agus bhaineadar antaitneamh as. D'fhoghlaim siad an-chuid faoi chúrsaí gnó agus bhí an-spraoi acu ag an am céanna. Thug éascaitheoirí Bhanc na hÉireann ard-mholadh don scoil, iompar na bpáistí go háirithe. Dúirt siad gur rang álainn a bhí ann agus atmaisféar álainn sa rang. Maith sibh! 5th Class participated in the project Bizworld with Bank of Ireland over two days this week and they thoroughly enjoyed it! They learned about the world of business and had great craic at the same time! The facilitators from Bank of Ireland praised the school on the excellent behaviour of the children and on the fun-loving, enjoyable atmosphere in the classroom. Maith sibh!

Comórtas Scratch

Is ábhar mór groí dom a chur in iúl go bhfuil grúpa páistí sa scoil ar éirigh leo i gcomórtas scoile Scratch. Rachaidh na cartúin agus na cluichí a rinneadar ar aghaidh anois chuig an Chraobh Náísiúnta. Go n-éirí libh!

I am delighted to say that a group of children have succeeded in the Scratch School Competition. Their entries will now be entered into the National Finals and we wish them the best of luck!

Comhgairdeas le: Dáithí Ó Teimhneáin-Rang 2, Céití Ní Chinsealach R2

Leo Kessie R3, Seán Ó hÍr R3 Émí Nic Tiarnáin Rang 4

Lilí Ní Chiardhubháin Rang 4, Caitlín Ní Ghrádaigh Rang 4

Eibhlín Nic Giolla Easpaig Rang 4 Brannagh Ní Luain de Faoite Rang 6

Oíche Rásaíochta

Mar is eol daoibh beidh an Oíche Rásaíochta ar siúl Dé hAoine, an 26 Feabhra san Áras. Beidh go leor duaiseanna iontacha ar an oíche agus tá súil againn go mbeidh slua ann ar an oíche chun tacaíocht a thabhairt don scoil agus chun taitnemah a bhaint as an oíche. Tá an t-úafás oibre déanta ag Cairde mar is gnáth agus táim cinnte de go mbeidh an-oíche againn ar an Aoine.

As you are all aware we will be having our big fundraiser, the Race Night Friday night, February 26th in the Áras. There will be lots of prices on the night and we hope to see a huge crowd to support the school and to enjoy a fun-filled night, which is always a certainty in regards to the Race Night.

An tSiria €330

Táim sásta a rá gur éirigh linn €330 a bhailiú ar Lá na nGeansaithe ar son na ndaoine ón tSiria atá ag fulaingt faoi láthair.Mo bhuíochas ó chroí libh as tacaíocht a thabhairt dúinn. Má tá tuilleadh eolais ag teastáil faoin bhfeachtas is féidir teacht air ar Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Island-to-Island-1728643594036534/?fref=ts

I am delighted to say that the children of Gaelscoil na Camóige raised €330 on Jersey Day for the People of Syria who are suffering at present. Many thanks for your support. If you would like further information about this campaign or how the funds will be spent, it can be found on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/lsland-to-lsland-1728643594036534/?fref=ts

Lá na Leabhair/ World Book Day

Beimid ag ceiliúradh Lá na Leabhair ar an Déardaoin 3 Márta. Beidh go leor gníomhaíochtaí ar siúl sna ranganna chun an lá a cheiliúradh. Bainigi taitneamh as agus bígí ag léamh! We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. All classes will be participating in activities to celebrate the day. Have a great World Book Day!

Cúrsaí Sábháilteachta ar an mbóthar

Ba mhaith liom a mheabhrú do thuismitheoirí nach bhfuil cead tiomáint isteach trí gheataí Áras Chrónáin. Caithfear na páistí a shiúl isteach tríd an ngeata siúlóide ar thaobh an phríomhgheata.

I would like to remind parents that Muintir Chrónáin have instructed us that cars are not permitted through the gates of Áras Chrónáin. Children may be walked through the pedestrian gate beside the main gate or through the gate at the back of the Áras from Orchard Road.

Is oth liom a rá go bhfuil tuismitheoirí áirithe nach bhfuil ag cloí leis na rialacha. Tá tuismitheoirí ann:

- a stopann ar an mbóthar, ag cur isteach ar an trácht agus a ligeann do na páistí rith isteach ón ngeata gan tuismitheoir.
- a thaispéanann easpa measa don Mhoar Tráchta atá ag déanamh a post, ag cinntiú go dtrasnaíonn na páisti go sábháilte.
- A phairceálann go mídhleathach ar na línte buí in Eastáit Naomh Cillian
- A stopann ag geataí na scoile le ligint do na páistí rith isteach ar scoil, in ionad an carr a pháirceáil agus iad a shiúl isteach mar is gnáth.

Tá na heachtraí seo drochbhéasach agus dainséarach. Níl siad cothrom ar na tuismitheoirí a dhéanann an-iarracht an carr a pháirceáil go sábháilte agus a shiúlann isteach leis na páistí, fiú sa drochaimsir. Tuigim go mbíonn sé deacair, go háirithe má bhíonn páistí níos óige i gceist. É sin ráite, ní féidir leis na heachtraí seo leanúint ar aghaidh. Tá sé an-chontúirteach do na páistí, an Maor Tráchta agus tiománaithe eile an carr a stopadh ar an mbóthar nó do pháiste a scaoileadh le rith isteach gan tuismitheoir. Tá sé míchothrom ar dhaoine agus is dímheas ar dhaoine eile é má dhéantar neamhaird ar rialacha Áras Crónáin.

I regret to say that there are parents who are not abiding by the road safety rules which are in place to protect our children. There are parents that

- Stop outside on the road, block the traffic and allow their children to run **unattended** from the gate into the school.
- Show disrespect to the Traffic Warden who is employed to ensure the safety of children crossing the road. Our Traffic Warden, Phyllis, goes to great lengths to ensure the safety of all the children and parents crossing the road.
- Illegally park on double yellow lines at St.Killian's Estate. This is highly dangerous for all children walking towards the pedestrian lights.
- Pull in at the school gate and allow children to enter the schoolyard unattended rather than parking the car and escorting them in as required.

These actions are highly dangerous and also disrespectful to others. They are also unfair on those parents that go to great lengths to park safely and walk their children in, even in bad weather. I understand that it can be difficult at times, especially if a parent has younger children with her/him. However these actions cannot continue. It is extremely dangerous for the children, the Traffic Warden and other drivers to stop on the road or to allow your child to run in alone from the gate. It is also disrespectful and unfair on others to ignore the rules of Áras Crónáin.

CAIRDE CAMÓIGE

Hi All,

It's that time of the year again when Cairde organise a really great, well organized and presented (by Philip Baker) night in the Aras **THE RACE NIGHT** on **FRIDAY 26**TH **FEB.** The Race night is a great opportunity to raise much needed funds for the school so the continuous support from all parents and family members and friends is greatly appreciated and we hope that all parents can attend (even for an hour) in support of our school Gaelscoil na Camoige and have a great night at the same time. There are many, many great prizes and cash to be won betting on horses ,raffles and an Auction on the night. All the children have been sent home with a Horses sheet with 6 boxes on the sheet. Each horse cost $\in 10$. All the winners at the end of the Race Night will be entered into a draw for a $\in 100$ voucher. Also there was an error on the horses sheet that was sent home. The return date the $ext{20}^{th}$ Feb is an error, as the school will be closed for mid-term break on the $ext{18}^{th}$ + $ext{19}^{th}$ Feb. Apologies for this error. All horses sheets must be returned to the school by Wednesday $ext{17}^{th}$ Feb.

At the Board of Management meeting on Monday 8th Feb, it was proposed that Cairde organise two parent representatives for each class. These representatives could attend each Cairde meeting. We will be sending home a form with the children so if any parent is interested in applying please fill in the form and return it to the school.

Tá súil againn sibh go léir a fheiceáil ar an Oíche Rásaíochta !!!!!
Go raibh maith agat
Le meas,
Cairde na Camóige