

NUACHTLITIR NA SEACHTAINE

14-02-17

Lá Fhéile Vailintín sona daoibh! *Happy Valentine's Day to all!*

Briseadh meantéarma/Midterm Break

Beidh an briseadh meantéarma againn an 23 & 24 Feabhra. Beidh an scoil dúnta ar na laethanata sin.

The school will be closed on Thursday, February 23rd and Friday February 24th for midterm break.

Lá Fhéile Pádraig/ *Saint Patrick's Day* 16 – 20 Márta/March (san áireamh/inclusive)

An Scoil Nua – Cead Pleanála/ *New School Building – Planning Permission*

Tá an fógra ar chead pleanála don bhfoirgneamh nua ar crochadh anois ar thalamh Ghaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin. Is dea-scéal é seo don phróiseas pleanála. *The planning permission notice is now on display on the grounds of Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin/Coláiste Chilllain. This is great news for the planning process.*

Ranganna giotáir agus fidile/*Guitar and fiddle classes*

An féidir libh a bheith cinnte de go bhfuil costas na ranganna giotáir agus fidile íochta san iomlán agaibh le bhur dtoil.

Please ensure that the guitar and fiddle classes are paid in full.

Comórtas Ealaíne/ *Art Competition*

Comhghairdeas le hOlivia Caomhánach a bhain an dara háit sa chomórtas ealaíne Faoi 10 agus Cindy Ní Fhaoláin a bhain an chéad áit Faoi 13, comórtas a d'eagraigh an Comhar Creidmheasa. Maith sibh!

Congratulations to Olivia Caomhánach who won second prize in the CLondalkin Credit Union Art Competition and to Cindy Ní Fhaoláin who won 1st prize in the Under13 's category. Well done!

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Beimid ag céiliúradh Sheachtain na Gaeilge idir an 2 agus an 15 Márta i mbliana. Beidh rudaí deasa eagraithe againn don scoil cosúil le ‘ceol, íoga, zumba, turasanna, briogóid dóiteáin, srl. Tá Cairde sásta cabhrú le cuid den chostas ach bheadh an scoil fíor-bhuíoch as gach clann cúnamh airgeadais a thabhairt chomh maith. Más féidir an t-airgead a sheoladh isteach roimh dheireadh na míosa seo. Costas Sheachtain na Gaeilge ná €3 do pháiste amháin. €5 má tá níos mó ná pháiste amháin sa chlann.

We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge again from March 2nd-15th and we are asking parents to contribute towards all the wonderful events that are organised for this. The activities will include music, yoga, zumba, tours, etc. Our thanks to Cairde who have agreed to help with some of the costs so we would be grateful if each family could contribute also. Please send in €3 per child or €5 per family before the end of February.

Áras Chrónáin

Ba mhaith liom a mheabhrú do thuismitheoirí nach bhfuil cead tiomáint isteach trí gheataí Áras Chrónáin, ag a 3:30 san áireamh. Caithfear na páistí a shiúl isteach tríd an ngeata siúlóide ar thaobh an phríomhghheata. Agus tuistí ag bailiú páistí is féidir teacht isteach sa chló agus iad a bhailiú nuair a thagann sibh amach ó na seomraí. Iarraim oraibh a bheith an-chúramach agus sibh ag páirceáil roimh/tar éis am scoile chomh maith go háirithe ag geataí na scoile, in eastát Naomh Cillian agus ag na hárasáin in aice le Cois Abhann agus ag eastát Cois Abhann. Tá sé tábhachtach nach mbíonn aon charr fágtha ar an gcosán mar ní féidir leis na mbugaí dul tríd agus tá sé an-dáinséarach.



I would like to remind parents that Muintir Chrónáin have instructed us that cars are not permitted through the gates of Áras Chrónáin at any time including 3:30. Please ensure that cars are not parked at the school railings at any time. 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. When parents are collecting their children please wait in the school yard and collect them when they come out from the classrooms. Please be mindful when dropping and collecting the children also, particularly at the school gates, St. Killian's estate, the apartments beside Rverside and the entrance to Riverside estate. Please ensure that cars are not blocking the footpath as it blocks buggies and children walking safely to school

Feadóg Stáin

An féidir libh a bheith cinnte de go bhfuil an fheadóg stáin sna málaí scoile gach Mháirt ar a laghad le bhur dtoil. Ba chóir go mbeadh siad sna málaí scoile gach lá chomh maith. *Please ensure that tin whistles are in the school bags every Tuesday at the least. Tin whistle should be in the school bags every day.*

Club Oibre Baile

Beidh an chéad téarma eile den chlub ag tosú an 27 Feabhra.

The next term of the homework club will commence on February 27th.

An Leabharlann/The Library

Beidh Rang a 1 agus Rang a 2 ag dul go dtí an leabharlann an 21 Feabhra.

1st and 2nd class will be visiting the library on February 21st.

Traenáil Trastíre/ Cross Country Training

Comhghairdeas le gach duine a ghlac páirt i Lá 1 den Rásaíocht Trastíre. D'éirigh go hiontach leo. Míle buíochas don dream atá ag traenáil gach Deardaoin óna 2.30-3.15. Bhí siad go hiontach sna rásanna agus an-bhéasach – is dea-shampla don scoil iad ar fad. Traenáil arís an Déardaoin seo. Tá fáilte roimh pháistí eile tús a chur leis freisin. Ár mbuíochas leis an Múinteoir Donncha a d'eagraigh gach rud le cabhair ón Múinteoir Clíodhna. Déanann na múinteoirí an t-úafás oibre breise ar son na bpáistí agus táimid an-bhuíoch dóibh.

Congratulations to all who participated in Day 1 of the Cross country Races. They all did so well. Thanks to all participants who took part and to those who trained on Thursday. The children were so well behaved and were a great example for the school. Training will take place this Thursday from 2:30-3:15. Children from 3rd-6th class are welcome to join the training group. Thanks to Múinteoir Donncha for organising everything with assistance from Múinteoir Clíodhna. The teachers do so much extra work on the behalf of the children and the school and we are so grateful to them for their hard work.

Mic Léinn ar thaithí oibre/Students on work experience

Tá lán fáilte roimh na mic léinn atá ag déanamh taithí oibre le déanaí. Tá siad an-chabhrach agus táimid an-sásta leo. *Welcome to the students who are on work experience at present. They are extremely helpful to the teachers and we are delighted to have them.*

Meabhrúchán/ Reminder

We are collecting the outstanding money for school books as well as the hall, dancing, gymnastics, swimming and tin whistle now. Please ensure that all outstanding monies are paid before the end of this month. If you have any queries please contact the office. If you have any problems with this, please do not hesitate to contact the office in confidence.

Táimid ag bailiú an airgid do na leabhair scoile agus halla, rince, gleacaíocht, snámh agus don fheadóg stáin. An féidir libh a bheith cinnte de go bhfuil gach rud íochta roimh dheireadh na míosa le bhur dtoil.

Má tá aon fhadhb ann, ná bíodh drogall oraibh labhairt go príobháideach leis an oifig.

Na Sacramintí/The Sacraments – Rang a 2 & 6

Searmanas na gCoinneal/Ceremony of Light – Rang a 6

Beidh Searmanas na gCoinneal ar siúl i gCnoc Mitin Déardaoin, an 2 Márta, ag a 7:30pm. Beidh coinneal ag teastáil uathu ar an oíche. Cabhraigh le do pháiste na paidreacha a chleachtadh le bhur dtoil. Caitheann na páistí gnáth-éadaí scoile ar an oíche. Mar is eol daoibh beidh an Cóineartú ar siúl an 5 Aibreán.

The Ceremony of Light for 6th Class will take place in Knockmitten church on Thursday, March 2nd at 7:30pm. The children will need a candle (their baptismal candle if you have it) on the night. Please help your child practice the prayers at home. The children wear their normal school uniform for the ceremony. As you are aware the Confirmation will take place on April 5th.

Athrú ama don Chóineartú: Cóineartú ag tosú anois ag 10.30am.

Change of time for Confirmation: Confirmation now beginning at 10.30am.

An Chéad Fhaoistin/ First Confession

Beidh an Chéad Fhaoistin ar siúl Dé Céadaoin, an 15 Márta ag a 11:30 sa séipéal sa sráidbhaile. Téann na páistí ar ais chuig an scoil tar éis an tsearmanais. Mar is eol daoibh beidh an Chéad Chomaoineach ar siúl an 27 Bealtaine.

The First Confession for 2nd Class will take place on Wednesday, March 15th at 11:30 in the church in the village. The children return to school after the ceremony. As you are aware the First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 27th.

Féile Drámaíochta

Go n-éirí le Rang a 4 atá ag glacadh páirt i bhFéile Drámaíochta na hÉireann Dé Céadaoin beag seo leis an Múinteoir Síle. *Best of luck to 4th Class who are taking part in Féile Drámaíochta na hÉireann this Wednesday with Múinteoir Síle.*

Nuacht Ó Cairde

A Tuismitheoirí

So, the date and venue has been decided for

"Oíche Iontach Casino & Oíche ag na Rásaí"

Casino Night & Night at the Races,

This year it's taking place on **Wednesday 15th March @8pm in The Laurels, Clondalkin Village.**

The horse ownership forms will go home with the children this week. We are sending home one horse ownership form to each family. This year it has been decided to reduce the selling price of the horses to €8. All the details of the horse ownership form will also go home this week. (for those lovely new parents who haven't been to a race night before). Please try sell as many horses as possible, this is the last fundraiser of this school year, It would be fantastic if we could purchase the new Irish agus English reading schemes for the school. When the school had the WSE (whole school evaluation) earlier in the year it was recommended by the inspector that our reading schemes could be updated. These reading schemes are expensive but would be hugely beneficial to the school.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge (Irish language week) takes place next month, as you all know this is the biggest celebration of our native language, it takes place every March for the two weeks before Patrick's Day. The children really enjoy this time of year, they celebrate Seachtain Na Gaeilge by taking part in Fun and educational activities organised by the wonderful teachers in our school. There will be many different activities going on in the school during the two weeks, Cairde contributes towards these activities, In the past there have been activities like yoga, zumba, drums playing, movies, tours, buses.... It has always been a great success.

Caoimhe and the Board have given great praise to Cairde for being able to provide the school with many resources for the children, this wouldn't be possible without your constant support. Cairde were in a position to fund the following.....

The Stick and Stones workshops that took place in school for the children of Rang a 5 & 6. This is an anti-bullying programme.

Irish Grammar resources.

Learning support resources.

We are currently looking to help the learning support teachers to purchase recommended diagnostic screening tests for learning support. This is at a cost of €290
Again we are in a position to buy this for the school because of your generosity.

The next Cairde meeting will be Wednesday 22nd of February at 9am in the Áras.
If you would like to add anything to the agenda please get in touch, we will always try to help parents with queries.

If any parent could help with spot prizes or auction prizes for the Race night could you please get in touch, we would really appreciate it- cairdecamoige@gmail.com

Have a great week.
Míle Buíochas

Amanda, Tracey & Maeve.

Cairde Meeting 25th January 2017

Attendance

Amanda Rogers, Tracey Reid, Fiona Condrón, Julie Mc Adam, Patrick Mc Hugh, Mary O Neill Fagan, Mary Keany, Eimear Billings, Caoimhe de Búrca, Fergus Byrne, Avril, Lynda Hughes, Sharon Ní Mhurchú, Jean McKenna, Michelle Brereton

Apologies

Anita Broderick, Pam Quinlan, Ann O Hare

Accounts Update

There is currently a balance of €10600 in the Cairde account.

New School Building Update

The new school building is still in the planning permission stage, no definite date for the start of work has been confirmed. The schools and Round Towers are in the process of securing funding from the Department for the all weather pitch.

Uniform Swap

The uniform swap took place on the 27th January, many kind donations were made, and uniforms of excellent quality were available for parents. The tea, coffee, and great company were also enjoyed.

Upcoming Dates

The following dates have been confirmed for the upcoming months:

- Mid Term Break Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th February
- Ceremony of Light (for students in 6th Class) Thursday 2nd March
- First Confession (for students in 2nd Class) Wednesday 15th March
- Confirmation (6th Class) Wednesday 5th April
- First Holy Communion (2nd Class) Saturday, 27th May

Irish Classes

Irish language classes are taking place in the Aras, and parents of children attending Gaelscoil na Camóige receive a discount of 15%. All parents are encouraged to give these enjoyable classes a try.

Monies made for School

Thanks were extended to everyone who supported all of Cairde's fundraising endeavours, the help of parents is invaluable in raising money for our school. Thanks also to the teachers for their help and support.

- Bag Packing in Dunnes in the Mill Centre €1266
- Carol Singing €680
- Christmas Shows and Raffle €2013
- Calendars €2540
- Christmas Cards €1030

Online Banking

A discussion occurred regarding the efficacy of online banking. Thank you to a parent from the school who has followed up on this.

School Meal Programme

A discussion was had as to why we are not in receipt of a school lunch, Amanda contacted the dept. of social protection, she explained how as Gaelscoil na Camóige are not part of the DEIS programme we are not entitled to a school lunch, however in the recent budget it was announced that 5.7 million will go towards the school meal programme, we will apply for the snack under the new scheme. We will find out if we are successful by the end of May.

Recycling Clothing

Parents are reminded that any clothes donated to clothing recycling shop across from Molloy's will result in monies for the school. Simply mention the school name when leaving items.

Annual Fundraiser

For several years, the primary fundraising even organised by Cairde has been a Race Night in Áras Chrónáin. It has been decided this year to make a few changes to the format of this event, which will take place in the Laurel's pub in the village, and will include a casino element. It is hoped that these changes will encourage parents to attend. Race Night will take place on Wednesday, 15th March, and parents are reminded that there will be no school the following day! The price of horses is to be confirmed. If anyone knows of any people or local businesses who would like to donate prizes for the event, they are encouraged to contact any of the committee members.

AOB

It was noted that Muinteoir Caoimhe will be beginning maternity leave in May, and that Muinteoir Aoife will be stepping up from her role as Deputy Principal in her absence as Príomhoide. Muinteoir Eimear will continue as Deputy Principal. Muinteoir Brid will continue teaching Rang a 3. Muinteoir Oisín returned to school on Monday, and we would like to wish him huge congratulations on the arrival of his baby daughter.

Anti bullying workshops for Rang a 5 and Rang a 6 took place last week, this was paid for by Cairde, parents are reminded to be aware of their children's activities on social media. If the workshops prove successful, it may be offered to other classes, if a need is seen for this.

A discussion occurred regarding parking around the school in particular Riverside housing estate, Parents are reminded to please be mindful when parking their cars. Parents and children are finding it very difficult to manoeuvre past all the cars at drop off and collection times. Parents are asked to park safely and considerately at all times, and take care not to block any footpaths, forcing children to walk on the road.

The quality of the path leading from the back gate to the school was discussed, this matter has been raised with Brian, who noted that resurfacing this area would be very expensive.

The next Cairde meeting is provisionally booked for Wednesday 22nd February 9am

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhe de Búrca

Príomhoide