

## Gaelscoil na Camóige

Nuachtlitir, 4 March 2019

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| <p><b>Bord<br/>Bainistíochta<br/>na Scoile</b></p> | <p><b>Bord Bainistíochta na Scoile reatha/ Our School Board of Management members:</b></p> <p>An Cathaoirleach/ <i>The Chairperson</i>: Barra Ó Caoinleáin</p> <p>An Príomhoide/ <i>The Principal</i>: Aoife Ní Raghallaigh</p> <p>Ionadaí an Phatrúin/ <i>Patrons' Representative</i>: Micheál MacAdhaimh</p> <p>Ionadaithe na dTuismitheoirí/ <i>Parents' Representative</i>: Caimin Ó Catháin &amp; Sarah-Jane Carey</p> <p>Ionadaí Múinteora/ <i>Teachers' Representative</i>: Eimear Billings</p> <p>Ionadaithe an Phobail/ <i>Community Representative</i>: Angela Uí Dhubhain &amp; Lorcán Ó Dúnaigh</p> <p>Mo bhuíochas ó chroí le Seán Ó Cearnaigh, Jackie Uí Dhulaing agus Pól Mac Reachtain a d'oibrigh go dian dícheallach ar Bhord na scoile. Lán fáilte roimh Micheál Mac Adhaimh, Angela Uí Dhubhain agus Lorcán Ó Dúnaigh, baill nua den Bhord. Ag súil le tréimhse taitneamhach, gníomhach os ár gcomhair. <i>A huge thank you to Seán Ó Cearnaigh, Jackie Uí Dhulaing and Pól Mac Reachtain who have worked tirelessly over the years on the Board of Management. We are incredibly grateful for all the time and support that they have shown to the school and for all their hard work as part of the Board. We are delighted to welcome Micheál Mac Adhaimh, Angela Uí Dhubhain and Lorcán Ó Dúnaigh as our newest members and look forward to working together in the coming months and years.</i></p> |
| <p><b>Searmanas na<br/>gCoinneal</b></p>           | <p>Beidh Searmanas na gCoinneal ar siúl i gCnoc Mitin Déardaoin, an 7 Márta, ag a 7:30pm. <b>Beidh coinneal ag teastáil uathu ar an oíche.</b> 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 3 Aibreán.</p> <p><i>The Ceremony of Light for 6<sup>th</sup> Class will take place in Knockmitten church on Thursday, March 7th at 7:30pm. <b>The children will need a candle (their baptismal candle if you have it) on the night.</b> Children must be at the Church by 7.20pm Please help your child practice the prayers at home. The children wear their full school uniform for the ceremony. As you are aware the Confirmation will take place on April 3rd.</i></p>   |

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| <b>Seachtain na Gaeilge</b>               | <p>Beimid ag céiliúradh Sheachtain na Gaeilge ón 11-15 lá Márta i mbliana. Beidh go leor le déanamh i rith na seachtaine ar nós ceol, zumba, tráth na gceist, céilí, scannán srl. Tiocfaidh na páistí ar scoil gléasta suas ar an Aoine seo agus beidh paráid againn ar scoil Beidh seachtain iontach ann do gach éinne! <i>We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge from March 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. The week will be packed with exciting activities such as Ceol, Zumba, quizzes, céilí, films etc. The children can come in dressed up for our school parade in an 'Irish' outfit which takes place on Friday 15th. I am sure that all of the children will enjoy the fun!</i></p>  |
| <b>Snámh/<br/>Swimming</b>                | <p>Beidh Ceacht Snámha deireanach ag R2/R4 ar Dé hAoine 8 Márta. Beidh R1( Múinteoir Caitriona) /R6 ag tosnú ar Dé hAoine 15 Márta. <i>Rang 2 and Rang 4 will have their last swimming lesson on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> March and Rang 1( Múinteoir Caitriona) and Rang 6 will begin their swimming on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. More information to follow.</i></p>  |
| <b>Lúbra Lus an Chromchinn</b>            | <p>Mar is eol daoibh, tá lúbra lus an chromchinn, i gcuimhne ar Erica Ní Draighneáin, curtha ag fás idir rang na Naíonán Mór agus Rang a hAon. Déan cinnte de nach mbíonn na páistí ag siúl ar an bhféar ansin. Tá na lusanna ag bláthú anois agus sriosfar iad má bhíonn na páistí ag siúl orthu. <i>A daffodil maze, in memory of Erica Ní Draighneáin, was planted between the Junior Infants and First Class classrooms . We ask that children don't walk on the grass here as the daffodils are blooming and will be destroyed if they are walked on now.</i></p>   |
| <b>Féilire 2019/20<br/>Calendar 19/20</b> | <p>2 Meán Fómhair/ <i>September 2nd</i> ar ais ar scoil/ <i>back to school</i></p> <p>28 D.F - 1 Samhain <i>28th Oct.- 1st Nov.</i> Briseadh Meán Téarma/ <i>Mid Term Break</i></p> <p>4 Samhain/ <i>November</i> Ar ais ar scoil/ <i>back to school</i></p> <p>20 Nollaig leath lá don Nollaig <i>20th Dec. half-day for Christmas Holidays</i></p> <p>6 Eanáir ar ais <i>6<sup>th</sup> January, back to school</i></p> <p>20 &amp; 21 Feabhra/<i>February</i> Briseadh Meán Téarma/ <i>Mid term break</i></p> <p>16, 17,18 Márta/<i>March 16<sup>th</sup>,17<sup>th</sup>,18th</i> Lá Fhéile Pádraig</p> <p>3 Aibreán/<i>April</i> leath lá laethanta saoire/ <i>Half Day</i></p> <p>20 Aibreán/<i>April</i> ar ais ar scoil/ <i>back to school</i></p> |

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|   | <p>4 Bealtaine 4<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday</p> <p>1 Meitheamh 1st June Bank Holiday</p> <p>26 Meitheamh/ June Leathlá/ Half Day</p>   |
| <p><b>An Chéad Fhaoistin/ First Confession</b></p>                        | <p>Mar is eol daoibh, tá an tAthair Pádraig tinn faoi láthair agus níl sé ar fáil le cabhrú leis an gclár do pháistí R2. Beidh an Múinteoir Laura ag leanúint ar aghaidh leis na ceachtanna mar is gnáth. Tá na tAthair Damian ar fáil leis an gCéad Fhaoistin a cheiliúradh linn ach tá athrú sa dáta. Mar sin, beidh An Chéad Fhaoistin ar siúl ar Déardaoin 4 Aibreán ag 3.00 i gCnoc Mitin. Taimid ag súil go mór leis an ócáid álainn seo.</p> <p><i>As you may be aware, Fr.Pádraig is unwell at the moment and is not available to organise the Faith, Fun Friendship Programme. However, Múinteoir Laura will continue to organise the lessons and prepare the children for the sacrament. Fr.Damian is available to conduct the First Confession, however, there has been a change of date for this ceremony. First Confession will take place on <b>Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm in Knockmitten Church.</b> We are all looking forward to this lovely, special occasion.</i></p> |
| <p><b>Lá le Pádraig</b></p>   | <p>Beidh an scoil dúnta ar Dé Luain 18 Márta, Saoire Lá Fheile Pádraig.</p> <p><i>The school will be closed on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March- St.Patrick's Day Holiday.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>Lá na Leabhair/ World Book Day</b></p> <p><b>Nurture Africa</b></p> | <p>Beidh <b>Lá na Leabhar</b> á cheiliúradh againn ar an Déardaoin, 7 Márta. Beidh gníomhaíochtaí difriúla ar siúl ag na páistí chun an léitheoireacht a spreagadh. Gheobhaidh gach páiste dearbhán chun leabhair a cheannach freisin. Is lá álainne seo a chuireann i gcuimhne dúinn ar fad an tábhacht a bhaineann le léitheoireacht agus taitneamh a bhaint as leabhair.</p> <p>Ar an lá céanna beidh cead ag na páistí teacht ar scoil gléasta ina n-éadaí féin. Iarrtar ar na páistí €1 a thabhairt isteach chun airgead a bhailiú ar son Nurture Africa. Tá Gráinne Cinsealach agus iardhaltaí na scoile ag taisteal chuig an Aifric le obriú leis an gcarthanacht seo. Rachaidh gach airgead bailithe i dtreo costas an taisteal agus tacú leis</p>  |

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|                                   | <p>an gclár seo a chabhraíonn go mór le muintir Uganda le feabhas a chur ar na seirbhísí sláintiúla agus oideachasúla sa tír.</p> <p><i>World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> March. All classes will be enjoying different activities to promote and encourage reading. Each child will also receive a voucher towards the cost of a book! This is a special day where we are reminded of the importance of reading and of the enjoyment of a good book!</i></p> <p><i>On that day, the children can leave the uniform at home and can come to school in their own clothes. The children are asked to bring in €1 on the day to raise funds for Nurture Africa. Gráinne Cinsealach and some other past pupils of the school are travelling to Africa to work with this charity. Every Euro raised will go towards the cost of the travel and also to support this fantastic programme, which helps provide the most vulnerable children in Uganda with lifesaving treatment, education and the hope of a better future.</i></p> <p><i>We wish Gráinne and her fellow students all the best in this wonderful project!</i></p> |
| <p><b>Fan Slán/ Stay Safe</b></p> | <p>Beidh Oíche Eolais Fan Slán ar siúl do thuistí na scoile ar Dé Luain 25 Márta, 6.45i.n I nGaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin. Tabharfar eolas do thuistí faoin gclár Fan Slán sa scoil, eolas faoi Chaomhnú Leanaí, Bullaíocht agus polasaí na scoile. Iarrtar ar gach duine iarracht bheith I láthair ar an oíche eolach seo.</p> <p><i>There will be a Parent Information evening taking place in Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin on <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6.45 pm.</b> On the night, parents will be informed about the school's Stay Safe Programme, information on Child Abuse and Bullying and school child protection procedures. This will be a very informative and worthwhile evening and I would urge as many parents as possible to attend.</i></p>  |
| <p><b>Spórt</b></p>               | <p>Beidh an Dara Rás Tras Tíre ar an 7 Márta. A thuilleadh eolais ón Múinteoir Caitriona.<i>The second Cross Country Race of the season will be on 7<sup>th</sup> March more information to follow from Múinteoir Caitriona.</i></p>  |

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| <p><b>Céadaoin an Luathrigh</b></p> <p><b>Ash</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> | <p>Tá an Carghas ag tosnú an seachtain seo. Beidh pancóga againn ar Mháirt na hInide agus dar ndóigh beidh Céadaoin na Luathrigh ann an lá dar gcionn. Tabharfar luathreach beannaithe do gach páiste sa scoil. Tá súil againn am a fháil le linn shéasúr an Charghais machnamh a dhéanamh ar ár saol (tá sé fíor-dheacair é sin a dhéanamh sa saol gnóthach seo!!). Beidh Ranganna a 2 agus a 6 ag freastal ar Aifreann gach Céadaoin le linn an Charghais i gCnoc Mitin.</p> <p><i>This week sees the start of Lent. Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday (pancakes – yum, yum!!) and on Wednesday all of the children will receive blessed ashes here in the school. We hope that this Lenten season will give us all a chance to reflect – so hard to get time for this in such a busy world! 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will attend mass every Wednesday in Knockmitten during Lent.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>CAIRDE</b></p>  | <p>Dia dhaoibh, gach duine. We hope everyone enjoyed the midterm break.</p> <p>The next few months will be busy, as we prepare for some big events, so your support will be more important than ever. Every hour you can spare makes a huge difference, so please let us know if you can help.</p> <p>We will be bag packing in Tesco in the village right before the Easter holidays, on Friday, 12th April and Saturday, 13th, so if you can spare an hour or two, please let us know. It's a great fundraiser for school, and always a bit of fun. Older kids are welcome to come along to help!</p> <p>The first Communion is coming up quickly for Rang a Dó, and we will be hosting a party in the Áras for the children and their families after the event. It's a great opportunity for parents from Rang a hAon to see how the whole day goes, so we especially welcome those parents to help out on Sunday, 26th May. We will need help making sandwiches and treats, and also help on the day. Please let us know if you can help.</p> <p>Our big annual fundraiser is fast approaching, and thankfully doesn't involve any of us wearing wigs this year (unless you want to, like!). We are holding Race Night on the 10th May, and hope it will be the great fun it's always been. A lot of organising goes into an event like this, so we are holding a meeting on Monday, 11th March at 9am to ask for your help in getting all the jobs done. We cannot do any of this without you, and it's great fun to get involved!</p> <p>The school and CAIRDE have organised a couple of useful talks, which will take place over the next few weeks. The first is run by the NPC- National Parents Council, Tuesday, 19th March, at 7.30pm, and will explore positive mental health in our children. This will be held in the school.</p> |

The second takes place on Monday, 25th March at 7pm, is Stay Safe, and will cover bullying and associated issues. This will be held in Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin.

These promise to be very informative sessions, please join us if you can, and don't hesitate to approach us if you have any questions.

As always, Mary, Fiona and Jeff are on the yard if there's anything we can help you with. GRMA.

*Is mise le meas,*

*Aoife Ní Raghallaigh*

*Príomhoide*