

## Gaelscoil na Camóige

### Nuachtlitir, 3 Feabhra 2020

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| <p><b>Curaclam Teang Nua/ New Language Curriculum</b></p>              | <p>De réir treoracha na Roinne, beidh an scoil dúnta ar feadh leathlá ar Dé Máirt, 3 Márta, ag a 12.00 le traenáil foirne a chur ar fáil sa Churaclam Teanga Nua.</p> <p><i>The Department of Education has directed schools to have 2 half-day closures between now and the end of the year, to facilitate Staff Training in the New Language Curriculum. Therefore, we will close at <b>12.00pm on Tuesday, the 3rd March</b>. The next early closure will be in Term 3, the date to be confirmed.</i></p>   |
| <p><b>Briseadh meán-téarma/Mid term Break</b></p> <p><b>CAIRDE</b></p> | <p>Beidh an briseadh meán téarma againn ar 20 &amp; 21 Feabhra. Beidh an scoil dúnta don dá lá sin.</p> <p><i>The school will be closed on the 20th &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> February for midterm break.</i></p> <p><i>Dia dhaoibh, gach duine.</i></p> <p><i>Thanks to those who attended our first meeting of 2020 last week. We discussed our upcoming fundraising endeavours. We had another very low turn out for the meeting. Only 3 parents. We really need more people to attend the meetings in order to successfully arrange and discuss upcoming plans. The main fundraiser still hasn't been decided and we really need input from other parents.</i></p> <p><i>We asked parents at the meeting if there were anything in particular they would like CAIRDE to fund for the children. We got a few ideas and are currently researching them. If anyone has anything they would like to suggest, please send an email to us at <a href="mailto:cairdecamoige@gmail.com">cairdecamoige@gmail.com</a> or you</i></p> |

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|                        | <p><i>can catch us on the yard.</i></p> <p><i>We are still looking for donations of prizes we can use for raffles etc. So if anyone has any unwanted gifts or new items we could use please let us know.</i></p> <p><i>Rachel &amp; Lynda</i></p>  |
| <p><b>Buíochas</b></p> | <p>Ár mbuíochas le Ally Menary agus Sarah Jayne Carey, as an oíche eolais a chur ar fáil le déanaí. Tá an- áthas orm a rá go bhfuil Sarah-Jayne taréis dhá iarnóin a chur ar leataobh, le cuidiú linn bheith slán ar líne. Breathnaigh ar Aladdin Connect, le am a roghnú agus seans foghlaim faoi Shábháilteacht ar líne le Sarah-Jayne.</p> <p><i>A huge thank you to Ally Menary and Sarah-Jayne Carey for the Information Night recently. I am delighted that Sarah-Jayne has offered to spend 2 afternoons with parents, helping parents to secure privacy settings on broadband and giving tips on how to ensure your child is safe online. Please login to Aladdin Connect to book your timeslot with Sarah- Jayne.</i></p> |
| <p><b>Spórt</b></p>    | <p>Tá traenáil trastíre tosnaithe, R3-R6 agus beidh an Chéad Rás Tras Tíre ar an 6 Feabhra. A thuilleadh eolais ón Múinteoir Caitriona &amp; Clíodhna. <i>Cross Country Training has begun, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class- 6<sup>th</sup> Class and the First Race of the season will be on 6<sup>th</sup> February. More information to follow from Múinteoir Caitriona &amp; Clíodhna.</i></p>  |

## Accelerated Reading

Rinneadh Mórthuirisc sa scoil sa bhliain 2016. Tá an tuairisc ar fáil ar [www.gaelscoilnacamoige.ie](http://www.gaelscoilnacamoige.ie).

Ceann de na moltaí ón gCigireacht ná go ndéanfar athbhreithniú ar na straitéisí measúnaithe chun idirdhealú a dhéanamh ar chuspóirí foghlama agus chun soláthar difreáilte a thabhairt le chéile do pháistí a bhfuil cumais éagsúla acu.

Mar thoradh ar an Athbhreithniú seo, roghnaíodh córas rianaithe leictreonach leabhar / leabharlainne chun clár leitheoireachta céimnithe a eagrú . An t-ainm atá ar seo ná ‘Accelerated Reading’ ( AR)

Bhí an t-airgead tiomsaithe ag CAIRDE agus d’éirigh linn ballraíocht 3 bhliana a cheannach.

Tá ag éirí go hiontach leis agus rinneadh Athbhreithniú air le déanaí. Ghlac R2-R6 páirt i Suirbhé, le tuairimí na bpáistí a aimsiú. Chomh maith le sin, bhí sé pléite ag cruinnithe CAIRDE le déanaí.

Foriomlán, tá na páistí breá sásta le A.R agus ag baint taitneamh as an léitheoireacht.

Deántar scrúdú ( Star Test) orthu ag tús na bliana agus tugtar grád dóibh. Ansin, roghnaíonn siad leabhair atá oiriúnach dá leibhéal. Léann siad na leabhair ar scoil agus freagraíonn siad Tráth na gCeist ar gach leabhair ar líne. Spreagtar go mór iad.

Tá an clár an-úsáideach don fhoireann Teagaisc chomh maith. Baintear úsáid as na torthaí óna Star Tests go rialta le laigeachtaí a aithint agus pleananna a chur le chéile le tacú leis na bpáistí.

Tá cinneadh deánta ballraíocht de 3 bhliain eile a cheannach, agus ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le CAIRDE as gach iarracht airgead a thiomsú chun cabhrú leis an gcostas a chlúdú.

Tá tacaíocht na tuistí ríthábhachtach sa scoil , agus gan an cabhair seo, ní bheadh na hachmhainní iontacha seo ar fáil dos na bpáistí.

Ag teacht as an suirbhé agus eolas ó thuistí, beidh cead ag páistí leabhair A.R a thabhairt abhaile leo (ón Luan seo chugainn ar aghaidh). Coinneofar cuntas dena leabhair a théann abhaile. Má chailltear leabhar, beidh dualgas ar an tuiste cóip eile den leabhar a cheannach don scoil.

**Ní chheadaítear do na páistí Tráth na gCeist ar líne a dhéanamh sa bhaile** afách. Ar an gcéad dul síos, is ceadúnas scoile ata ceannaithe againn.

Anuas ar sin, moltar na tráth ns gceist a dheánamh ar scoil, le cinntiú go bhfuil an toradh i gceart.

Tá an-áthas orm gur éirigh linn os cionn 120 leabhair A.R a ordú le déanaí le cur lenár leabharlann! Is le tacaíocht Múinteoir Diarmuid agus na tuistí i rith an Féile Leabhair anuraidh, go rabhamar in ann an t-ordú a dhéanamh.

Is clár den scoth é an A.R, agus cuireann sé go mór le foghlaim agus múineadh na léitheoireachta sa scoil. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le Múinteoirí agus Tuismitheoirí as ucht gach cabhair is tacaíocht a thabhairt, ag cinntiú go bhfaigheann ár bpaistí na hachmhainní is fearr atá ar fáil, anseo sa scoil.

*A Whole School Evaluation took place in Gaelscoil na Camóige in 2016. The findings were very positive and the full report can be found on our website, [www.gaelscoilnacamoige.ie](http://www.gaelscoilnacamoige.ie)*

*One of the recommendations from the Inspectorate was, that we review our assessment and differentiation strategies, to differentiate learning objectives and to incorporate differentiated provision for pupils with various abilities.*

*As a result of this review, an electronic book/library tracking system was selected and purchased to help oversee and co-ordinate a graded reading programme called 'Accelerated Reading'. Our wonderful parents fundraised, and the monies raised was spent on a 3 year subscription for Accelerated Reading (A.R)*

*A.R has been a huge success and was recently reviewed by the A.R team. Children from Second to Sixth were surveyed on their opinions of A.R and recommendations sought. This topic was also discussed at the last 2 CAIRDE meetings by parents. Overall, the children are very happy with the Programme and enjoy their reading.*

*They are tested at the beginning of the year ( Star Test) which identifies their reading and comprehension ability. They then choose books from our A.R Library, suited to their individual ability, to read in school and answer online quizzes. They are motivated online, to read, and can track their own progress.*

*The programme is hugely beneficial for the teachers, as the children's progress is tracked easily online. The children are Star tested again twice during the year. The results of these tests, are a great help to teachers and Special Ed. Team, as the system highlights specific areas of difficulty for each individual child, and greatly helps us tackle these areas.*

*Due to the success of the A.R, we are renewing the subscription for another 3 years, and wish to thank CAIRDE for all their fundraising efforts to help with the cost.*

*Parent's commitment and enthusiasm for fundraising is a huge part of our school, and without it, these wonderful resources, would not be available for our children.*

*Following on from children and parents recommendations, the children will now be permitted to take the A.R books home (starting next Monday, the 10<sup>th</sup>), so that their reading is not interrupted. The class teachers will keep a log of books that are sent home with children. **Please make sure that these books are not mislaid and are always in your child's bag every day going to school. If a book is mislaid, the parent will be required to purchase another copy.***

***Children are not permitted to complete the online quizzes at home for various reasons.** The license purchased is a school license only. Also, it is essential that the quizzes be done in school, to ensure accurate results.*

*Also, I am delighted to say that, we have recently ordered over 120 new A.R books to add to our library! This was as a result of the monies raised from last year's Book Fair, a huge thank you to Múinteoir Diarmuid, and again, the parents, for their contributions.*

*The A.R programme is a wonderful addition to the teaching and learning in our school and I thank the teachers and parents for their support and input, ensuring that our children receive the very best resources that we can provide.*

Le meas,

Aoife Ní Raghallaigh