


Gaelscoil na Camóige

Nuachtlitir, 12 Meán Fómhair 2023

<p>Fáilte romhaibh!</p>	<p>Tá fearradh na fáilte romhaibh ar fad ar ais don scoilbhliain nua seo. Táim cinnte de go mbeidh bliain iontach againn faoi mar a bhíonn gach aon bhliain i nGaelscoil na Camóige. Tá súil agam go raibh samhradh maith ag gach duine agus go bhfuilimid ar fad réidh le bliain úr thaitneamhach thairbhreach a bheith againn. Cuirim fáilte ar leith roimh na naíonáin nua i Rang an Mhúinteora Bríd. Fáilte ar leith freisin roimh an Múinteoir Rachel, an Múinteoir Shannon agus an Cúntóir nua, John.</p> <p>Bhí brón orainn slán a fhágáil leis an Múinteoir Sorcha thar na laethanta saoire, agus guímid gach rath uirthi sa todhchaí.</p> <p>Táimid ag súil go mór le bliain álainn agus ghníomhach a bheith againn.</p> <p><i>A hearty welcome back to one and all. I hope that everyone had a great summer and that we are all well rested and ready for an enjoyable and fruitful new school year. A special welcome to our new Junior Infants who began the school journey in Múinteoir Bríd's class. A special welcome also to our new teachers, Múinteoir Rachel and Múinteoir Shannon, and also our new SNA John. We were sorry to bid farewell to Múinteoir Sorcha over the holidays and we wish her the very best of luck for the future.</i></p> <p><i>I am sure that we will have a wonderful, exciting year in Gaelscoil na Camóige.</i></p>
<p>An Fhoireann / Staff</p>	<p>Múinteoirí Scoile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Na Naíonáin Bheaga – an Múinteoir Bríd• Na Naíonáin Mhóra- an Múinteoir Rachel• Rang 1- an Múinteoir Niamh• Rang 2-an Múinteoir Sharon agus an Múinteoir Sinéad• Rang 3- an Múinteoir Sandra• Rang 4- an Múinteoir Kellie• Rang 5- an Múinteoir Clíodhna• Rang 6 – an Múinteoir Caitriona

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rang 6- an Múinteoir Eimear <p>An Fhoireann Oideachas Speisialta–an Múinteoir Shauna agus an Múinteoir Shannon</p> <p>Cuntóirí Ranga- Bríd Cinsealach, Cáit Nic Cathail Riabhaigh agus John Ó Cairaigh</p> <p>Rúnaí- Kathy Uí Chonbhuí</p> <p>Feighlí Scoile- Fergus Ó Broin</p>
<p>Breithlá Shona! GnaC 30 Bliain ag Fás</p> 	<p>Táimid an-sceitimíneach ar fad i mbliana, le 30 Bliain ar an mbóthar a cheiliúradh le chéile! Beidh searmóin againn sa scoil ar Dé Céadaoin 20 Meán Fómhair, agus tá páistí agus foireann na scoile gnóthach leis an réitiúcháin ar fad. Beidh iarsmalann le feiceáil i seomraí R5 agus R4- áit le breathnú ar saol scoile fadó i gcomparáid le saol scoile sa lá atá inniu ann. Má tá aon rud agaibh sa bhaile óna seanlaethanta scoile, seolaigí isteach iad le bhur dtola. Tá fáilte roimh chách teacht ar chuairt ó 1.00-3.30 ar an lá.</p> <p><i>We are very excited to celebrate 30 years on the road! We will have a ceremony on Wednesday 20th September at 12.00.</i></p> <p><i>Parents, grandparents etc past and present are very welcome to join us from 1.00-3.30 on the day. 4th and 5th Classes will be open for all to visit and take a look at school life in the olden days compared to school life today- so many changes! If you have any old fashioned items from school years gone by that we could put into our museum, please send them in.</i></p> <p><i>We are looking forward to a great day of celebration le chéile!</i></p>
<p>Leabhair Scoile/ School Books</p> <p>Bille Scoile/ Aladdin</p>	<p>Déanaigí cinnte de ainm do pháiste (leagan a úsáidtear ar scoil) a chur ar gach leabhair scoile. <i>Please ensure that every book is clearly marked with your child's name(the name they use in school)</i></p> <p>Tá bille scoile seolta go thuistí/ caomhnóirí. Iarrtar ar thuistí an bille a íoc ina n-iomlán roimh nó ar Dé hAoine 17 Samhain. Má tá fadhb ag tuiste ar bith, is féidir teacht i dteagmháil leis an oifig, 4576878 nó oifig@gsnc.ie le seo a phlé go rúnda.</p> <p><i>The school bill 23/24, was issued to all parents/guardians. We ask that this bill be paid in full on or before Friday 17th November 2023 through Aladdin. If there are any problems with the payment of the bill, please do not hesitate to contact the office, 4576878 or oifig@gsnc.ie, in strict confidence.</i></p>

<p>Lón Sláintiúil/ Healthy Lunch Policy</p>	<p>Tá an-chuid cainte na laethanta seo faoin mbia a thugar dár bpáistí le hithe. Mar is eol daoibh tá polasaí lóin shláintiúil againn i nGaelscoil na Camóige le fada an lá. Níl cead ag páistí aon bhia nó deoch nach bhfuil sláintiúil a thabhairt ar scoil. Níl cead acu aon chnónna a thabhairt isteach ach an oiread. Seo liosta den bhia nach bhfuil ceadaithe. Má tá tú amhrasach faoi aon rud eile labhair leis an oifig nó cur nóta chuig an Múinteoir Ranga le do thoil. <i>There is a lot of talk these days about what we are feeding our children. At Gaelscoil na Camóige we have had a successful healthy lunch policy in operation for many years now. Children are only permitted to bring drinks and foods to school that are healthy. Food containing nuts are also not permitted. If you are unsure of any foods please do not hesitate to check with the office or with the class teacher. Below is a list of foods that are not permitted.</i></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barraí gránaigh / Cereal bars • Briosaí d'aon saghas/Biscuits of any type • Píotsa / Pizza • Muifíní / Muffins • Glóthach le siúcra/ Jelly made with sugar • Criospaí/crisps, pretzals, • Fruit winders • Croissants le seacláid/ chocolate croissants • Rollóg ispíní/sausage rolls • Ispíní/sausages • Dairylea lunchables/ cheese strings • Seacláid/Chocolate • Milseáin/sweets • Muller corners le seacláid, mionbhruar, briosa/Muller corners with chocolate/crumble,biscuit • Cnónna/nuts • Leathán seacláide/chocolate spread • Deochanna súilíneach/fizzy drinks • Sunny D/ Capri Sun • Prime (we ask that children do not bring in Prime Bottles)
<p>Nithe Cailte/ Lost Items</p>	<p>Sa chaoi is nach mbeidh éadaí srl. cailte ag na páistí cuirigí a n-ainmneacha ar gach aon rud a thógann siad ar scoil. <i>To avoid lost clothing etc. please put your child's name on everything that s/he brings to school.</i></p>

An Clós

Níl madraí ceadaithe ar chlós na scoile, ach amháin madraí treorach. *Dogs, except Guide dogs, are not permitted on the school yard.*

Níl cead ag tuistí/ caomhnóirí, fanacht ar chlós na scoile ar maidin. Iarrtar oraibh na páistí a fhágáil ar an gclós, agus an clós a fhágáil láithreach le bhur dtola. Anuas ar sin, níl cead ag daoine fanacht timpeall teach an Áras ar maidin.

Parents/ guardians are not permitted to stay on the school yard in the mornings. Please drop your child to the yard and leave. We also remind parents not to stay around the front of the Áras/ on the driveway etc. in the morning time. Supervision is provided on the yard every morning.

Tá lán fáilte roimh thuistí agus páistí óga fanacht i gclós na scoile ag 1.25i.n. Tá sé riachtanach, áfach, go bhfanfaidh na páistí lena dtuismitheoirí thuas ag an ngeata go ciúin. Bíonn ceachtanna ar siúl sna seomraí agus cuireann an torann isteach ar na páistí istigh. Níl cead ag páistí dul taobh thiar de sheomraí aon rang, am ar bith.

Parents and siblings are welcome to wait in the yard at 1.25pm for the infants to finish.. Please do not arrive into the yard earlier than 1.25pm. It is essential that children wait quietly with their parents near the gate as classes are still continuing and the noise in the yard can be disruptive. Children are not allowed go behind any class buildings at any time. Children are not allowed cycle bikes or scooters across the yard.

Féilire 23/24

31 Lúnasa// 31st August ar ais ar scoil/ back to school

30 D.F - 3 Samhain 30th Oct.- 3rd November. Briseadh Meán

Téarma/ Mid Term Break

22 Nollaig/ 22nd December- Leathlá/ Half Day

25 Nollaig – 5 Eanáir Laethanta Saoire/ 25th Dec- 5th January- Christmas Hol.

8 Eanáir ar ais 8 th January, back to school

5 Feabhra 5 th February- Lá Saoire Bainc/ Bank Holiday

15 + 16 Feabhra/15 th & 16 th February Briseadh Meán Téarma/

**CorpOideachas/
Physical
Education**

Midterm break

18 Márta / 18th March- Scoil Dúnta, School Closed- Lá le Pádraig

22 Márta/ 22nd March Leathlá/ Half Day

25 Márta – 5 Aibreán / 25th March - 5th April Easter Break

8 Aibreán/April 8th ar ais ar scoil/ back to school

6 Bealtaine / 6th May Bank Holiday

7-10 Bealtaine/ 7th- 10th May- School Holiday

3 Meitheamh 3rd June Bank Holiday

28 Meitheamh/ 28th June Lá Deireanach, Leathlá/ Last School
Day

Peil/ Football

Beidh an peil ag tosnú go luath! *Football season is upon us again.*

Bhí brón oraimn slán a fhágáil le Shane Treanor ó Chumann na Cloigthí, a rinne obair iontach le páistí na scoile. Tá lán fáilte roimh Dáithí Ó Callaghan ó Chumann na Cloigthí a bheidh ag traenáil na páistí scileanna peile/ iománaíochta agus camógaíochta i rith na bliana.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Shane Treanor, who did wonderful work over the last few years with the children, teaching them GAA skills. We extend a warm welcome to Dáithí Ó Callaghan from Round Towers GAA Club, who will now continue this training throughout the year. Many thanks to Round Towers Club for all their support.

Beidh traenáil ag tosú an tseachtain den 11 Meán Fómhair.

Training will begin on the week of 11th of September for all boys and girls from 3rd to 6th class. Training will take place on the school grounds.

Girls – Every Monday from 2.30 – 3.30

Boys – Every Tuesday from 2.30 – 3.30

Cumann na mBunscol

Cumann na mBunscol have three competitions this year:

- **Girls Senior**
- **Boys Senior**
- **Boys Go Games U11**

As there is only a Girls Senior team competition, we will not be able to bring 3rd

class pupils to our matches, but we do encourage them to come to training and get to know some of the girls they will play with the following year.

The **Boys Go Games** will include boys from **4th and 3rd class.**

The **Boys Senior team** will include boys from **4th, 5th and 6th class.**

A Thuilleadh Eolais le teacht ón Múinteoir Clíodhna

More information to follow from Múinteoir Clíodhna

Snámh/ Swimming

Beidh páistí Rang a 3 agus Rang 5 ag tosú snámh ar an Aoine , 8 Meán Fómhair.

3rd Class and 5th Class, will be starting their swimming lessons Friday, the 8th September.

Plean don bhliain/ *Plan for the swimming year:*

8 M.F - 1 Nollaig R5 & R3

4 D.F- 20 Nollaig R4

8 Nollaig- 15 Márta R6 Caitriona & Rang 2

12 Aibreán -21 Meitheamh, R6 Eimear & R1

Rince/ Irish Dancing

Tá Rita ar ais linn gach Déardaoin le ceachtanna rince a dhéanamh le gach rang! Bíonn na ceachtanna ar an gelós nó sa halla, ag brath ar an aimsir. Baineann na páistí an sult as an rince le Rita!*We are delighted that Rita is back with us for Irish Dancing classes every Thursday. The lessons will take place on the yard or in the Scout's Hall, depending on the weather. All classes enjoy Rince le Rita!*

Glaoch an Rolla/ Roll Call

Glaonn gach múinteoir ranga an rolla ag 9.50am. Aon duine atá istigh tar éis an ama seo beidh siad cláraithe, as láthair, ar an lá sin. *The roll is called at 9.50am every morning. Any children who arrive later than this time are marked absent on the roll.*

**Gáirdín na
gCéadfaí/
Sensory
Garden**

Mo bhuíochas ó chroí leis an gcúntóir Bríd Cinsealach agus le Fergus an Feighlí as an obair iontach atá ar siúl faoi láthair le Gáirdín na gCéadfaí a chur ag fás ag barr clós na scoile. Beidh plandaí miontas, labhandar, plandaí lán le boladh agus le uigeacht, agus beidh páistí in ann cuairt a thabhairt ar an ngáirdín in éineacht leis na muinteoirí i rith na bliana.

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Lisa Darley, máthair le Robin i Rang 2, a thug deonacháin dúinn chun an gáirdín álainn seo a chur ag fás. Tuigtear nach gclúdaíonn deontais na Roinne áiseanna ar nós gáirdín, agus bíonn an t-ádh linn go bhfuil comhphobail den scoth againn a thacaíonn leis an scoil i gcónaí. Ár mbuíochas le Lisa, as a cuid cineáltas de.

A heartfelt thanks to our wonderful SNA Bríd and to Fergus, our caretaker, for the work being done to create a Sensory Garden at the top of the school yard. Bríd is working hard in the afternoons, to have the garden ready for our 30 year celebrations. Plants full of scent and various textures, mint, lavender etc.. are being planted and the children will be able to enjoy the wonderful garden throughout the year. If parents have any suggestions to help us in creating this garden, please contact the school.

A special word of thanks to Lisa Darley, mother of Robin, in Rang 2. Lisa has supported the school many times over the years, and with Lisa's recent donation, we were able to create this garden, for all to enjoy. As you may know, Department Grants do not cover all expenses, and we are very fortunate to have a wonderfully supportive school community that helps us to provide so much more.

Many thanks to Lisa for her kindness and generosity.

Beidh an grianghrafadóir, Paul Keegan ar scoil linn ar an Máirt an 26 Meán Fómhair chun pictiúirí a glacadh don féilire scoile.

Ba chóir go mbeadh gach páiste ar scoil ar an lá sin agus éadaí scoile á chaitheamh acu go léir. Na buachaillí sin a bheidh ag traenáil, is féidir leo na héadaí spóirt a thabhairt leo ar scoil i mala agus athraigh ag am traenála.

Please note that the photographer Paul Keegan will visit the school on Tuesday 26th September to take the class photographs.

All children are to wear their full school uniform on the day, as the photographs taken will be included in this year's school calendar. Boys that are training after school should bring their gear with them and change for training.

**Féilire Scoile-
Paul Keegan**

**Foirmeacha
Eolais/
Information
Forms**

Mar is eol daoibh tá na foirmeacha eolais seolta abhaile ag Kathy. Tá siad le bheith ar ais ag an scoil roimh nó ar an **Aoine 15 Meán Fómhair**. Tá sé riachtach go líonfar na foirmeacha seo go h-iomlán. Má ghlacann do pháiste leigheas nó análóir, deán cinnte de, cead scríofa a thabhairt don mhúinteoir ranga an leigheas seo a thabhairt más gá.

*The children have received their purple Information Forms. These forms must be completed and returned no later than **Friday 15th September**. It is essential that these forms are completed **in full**.*

If your child takes medication or an inhaler, written permission is required for the class teacher to administer this.

Please arrange to meet the class teacher if your child has a medical condition and discuss and permit the teacher to administer medication.

<p>Bord Bainistíochta na Scoile</p>	<p>Bord Bainistíochta na Scoile reatha/ <i>Our School Board of Management</i></p> <p>members:</p> <p>An Cathaoirleach/ <i>The Chairperson</i>: Caimin Ó Catháin</p> <p>An Príomhoide/ <i>The Principal</i>: Aoife Ní Raghallaigh</p> <p>Ionadaí an Phatrúin/ <i>Patrons' Representative</i>: Mícheál Mac Adhaimh</p> <p>Ionadaithe Tuismitheoirí/ <i>Parents' Representative</i>: Damien de Búrca & Clíodna Ní Mhurchú</p> <p>Ionadaí Múinteora/ <i>Teachers' Representative</i>: Clíodhna Esslemont</p> <p>Ionadaithe an Phobail/ <i>Community Representative</i>: Máire Uí Bhroin & Lorcán Ó Dúnaigh</p>
<p>Cead Fágála/ <i>Permission to leave</i></p>	<p>Tá cead ag páistí ó R3 siúl abhaile lena siblíní ó R4-R6 , ag am dul abhaile, ach caithfear an cead seo a chur chuig na scoile tríd Aladdin/ríomhphost.</p> <p><i>Children from 3rd Class are permitted to walk home at home time, with older siblings in 4th-6th, however, this permission must be granted by parents via aladdin/ email.</i></p> <p><i>Please inform the school if your child is permitted to walk home with an older sibling.</i></p> <p>Tá cead ag páistí R4, R5 agus R6 siúl abhaile leo féin, ach tá an cead seo ag teastáil tríd Aladdin/ ríomhphost.</p> <p><i>Permission is required to allow children from 4th- 6th Class leave the school yard, at home time, without a parent. This permission must be given through Aladdin/ email.</i></p>

CAIRDE

Fáilte ar ais gach duine to a new year! Agus fáilte ar leith roimh na páistí nua i Naíonáin Bheaga. We have no doubt that Múinteoir Bríd will have made the children feel so welcome!

We are happy to confirm your **Cairde Committee** this year is made up of;

Aoife Hogan (páiste in R1)
Jen O'Sullivan (páistí R3 & N.Bheaga)
Laura Lonergan (páistí in N.Mhóra & N. Bheaga)
Heather Murray (páiste in R1)
Joe Nugent (páiste in N. Mhóra)
Maria Downey (páistí R6, R3 and N. Bheaga)
Su Moncelet (páistí R2 and N. Mhóra)

Your **Class Reps (Class Liaison Persons)**, for this year are as follows ;

Náoináin Bheaga	Maria Downey
Náoináin Mhóra	Niamh Dillon
Rang 1	Karen Hart
Rang 2	Gráinne Hartley
Rang 3	Sarah Lennon
Rang 4	Mairéad Merrigan
Rang 5	Rachel Johnson
Rang 6 C	Amanda Rogers
Rang 6 E	Fiona Condron

- At the end of this newsletter you'll find the Code of Conduct for the Class Whatsapp groups. This should have been circulated already to your Class group. It is important that this is read and understood so that the whatsapp groups are used properly and we are all kept informed and not inundated with unnecessary texts.

To kick off the year, we are planning to facilitate a **Halloween Costume Swap** on the clós at the end of this month. Keep an eye on your Class whats app group for an update of the dates and times and come and donate pre-loved costumes (in wearable condition!) and/or pick up a costume for your child 🎃👻

We are excited to get stuck into fundraising for the year ahead and in keeping with Camóige tradition, our first fundraiser will be our **Boinn na bPáistí** (Coin collection for kids) for the month of October. This year we plan to run it for the 4 weeks of October and with prizes for the class with the most coins collected at the end of each week and a Pizza Party for the overall winners at the end of the month, the excitement amongst the children will be contagious! So keep an eye out for more info on this in the next couple of weeks.

We will announce a date for our first **Open Cairde** meeting this week. We hope some of you can attend.

As always, should you like to **get in touch** with us, please don't hesitate to grab us in the yard, email us at cairdecamoige@gmail.com or contact us through your Class Rep. Looking forward to meeting and chatting to you all over the next school year.

Tabhair aire,

Your Cairde '23-'24 Team

Cairde Whatsapp Rules and Regs

(These rules were discussed and agreed to with the Cairde officers, CLP's and the school in 2019)

- *This whatsapp is created by parents, and is separate to the school and to the Board of Management. The Board of Management does not accept responsibility for any messages posted.*
- *CLP Whatsapp group is a forum to share factual information about Cairde fundraising and day to day advice.*
- *It is not a forum for complaint.*
- *Whatsapp is not to be used to share photos, animations, GIFs*
- ***Children's or teacher's names must not be used***
- *It is an app for information only. Opinions or comparisons must not be shared. - The information provided is from parent to parent. This information may not be accurate and is not the official form of communication used by the school. The Aladdin App is the school's official means of communication.*
- *It is every individual parent's decision to be on Whatsapp. It is not obligatory. - Whatsapp can be used to share information about such things as school activities, queries about uniform, school tours, etc*
- *Be mindful of the time/day whatsapp messages are posted.*
- *Always contact the school for any urgent concerns*
- *Remember to be respectful when posting messages. The forum is for sharing factual information only. If a conversation develops with a negative tone, the Admin will have no choice other than to close down the comments.*
- *Comparing children's work on Whatsapp is not permitted. This causes stress amongst parents. Children develop and grow at their own pace. Any concerns about your child's progress should always be brought to the class teacher.*
- *Whatsapp is a very useful tool, and is helpful in our busy lives. However, we should not rely too heavily on it. If mistakes are made, i.e. child goes to school in tracksuit rather than uniform in error, this is part of life and occasional mistakes are ok. We all learn from mistakes.*
- *Whatsapp may make life easier at times, but it is not essential.*

