### Gaelscoil na Camóige

### Nuachtlitir 11 Eanáir 2024

# Fáilte romhaibh ar ais!

Ba mhaith liom fáilte is céad a chuir roimh gach éinne ar ais ar scoil don bhliain 2024 agus guím Athbhliain faoi Shéan is faoi Mhaise ar gach aon teaghlach sa scoil

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for 2024 and to wish all families a happy New Year.

# Naíonáin Shóisir 2024

Tá foirmeacha iarratais do Rang na Naíonáin do Mheán Fómhair 2024 ar fáil ón scoil nó ar <a href="www.gsnc.ie">www.gsnc.ie</a> anois. Caithfear iad seo a líonadh agus a sheoladh ar ais go dtí an scoil roimh dheireadh na míosa seo. **Sé 31 Eanáir an data deiridh le glacadh le h-iarratas.** 

Application forms for Junior Infants September, 2024 are now available from the school or from <a href="www.gsnc.ie">www.gsnc.ie</a> . These forms must be completed and returned to the school before the end of the month.

The last date to receive an application is 31 January.

### Dátaí/ Dates

### Meabhrucháin/ Reminder:

An Chéad Fhaoistin/ Confession (Village Church): Dé Céadaoin 21 Feabhra/February, 3.15in

An Chéad Chomaoineach/ Holy Communion (Village Church): 27 Aibreán / April 12.00

Seirbhís an gCoinneal/ Service of Light (Knockmitten Church) TBC An Coineartú/ Confirmation (Village Church): Dé Céadaoin, 15 Bealtaine/ May 1. 00i.n

## Scoil Dúnta/ School Closure

Beidh an briseadh meán téarma againn ar 15 & 16 Feabhra. Beidh an scoil dúnta don dá lá sin.

The school will be closed on the 15th & 16st February for midterm break.

Beidh an scoil dúnta ar 23 Feabhra de bharr traenáil foirne. *The school will be closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> February to facilitate staff training*.

### Stopthebully.ie

Mar is eol daoibh beidh ceardlainn frithbhulaíochta ar siúl ag R3- R6. Beidh Pat Forde linn ar **Déardaoin 8 Feabhra**. Tá sé richtanach go mbeidh gach páiste i láthair ar an lá sin.

### www.stopthebully.ie.

Beidh Oíche Eolais ar siúl do thuismitheoirí/ caomhnóirí comh maith ar an oíche, 8 Feabhra, san Áras . Iarrtar ar thuiste amháin ó gach teaghlaigh freastail ar an oíche seo. A thuilleadh eolais le teacht.

As you know Anti Bullying Workshops have been arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> Class – 6<sup>th</sup> Class. These will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**- It is essential that every child is in school on the day.

There will also be a Parent Information Session on Bullying on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Áras. We ask that at least 1 parent from every family attend. More information to follow.

## Ceol- Stand By Me

Tá páistí na scoile fíor chruthaitheach, mar is eol dúinn ar fad. Tá páiste amháin, Éabha Ní Mhórdha i Rang 6 théis an t-amhrán "Stand by Me" a aistriú go Gaeilge, agus tá an scoil uilig ag foghlaim conas é a sheinm ar na ucailéile! Maith sibh ar fad!

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le Múinteoir Claire atá anois ag oibriú go dian ar an t-amhrán seo a thaifead agus a chur ar líne, ar fáil do chách. Tá súil againn go gcuirfeadh an t-amhrán/ físeán seo go mór lenár bhfeachtas leanúnach i dtreo an Roinn Oideachais agus an tAire Norma Foley, chun foirgneamh a thógail do pháistí agus foireann na scoile. Cabhróidh an tionscnamh "Stand by Me" aird a tharraingt ar ár scoil, agus spotsoilse a lasadh orainn- tá 30 bliain caite againn i seomraí rémahdhéanta- tá foirgneamh ceart ag teastáil go géar agus teastaíonn uainn seo a mheabhrú arís is arís eile don Roinn.

Mo bhuíochas le Claire agus Éabha, a chur tús leis an bplean agus atá anois á thiomáint, le Muintir Chrónáin, Brian Ó Gáibhín agus le Alan Doherty atá ag tacú linn an taifead a chur le chéile.

We are very proud of our children's creativity skills and talents in the school. Éabha Ní Mhórdha, in Rang 6, has translated the song "Stand by Me" to Irish and has inspired us all to sing and play ukulele together. I would like to thank Múinteoir Claire, who is at this moment, working hard on a wonderful idea for this song. The school is constantly campaigning and working hard to make sure that our school build starts as soon as possible. Claire is working on recording the song with Éabha, and teaching the children to play the tune on the ukulele. We hope that this recording, which will be available online, with help raise awareness of our lack of facilities. We plan to continue to put pressure on The Department of Education and on the Minister Norma Foley to move quickly through the final steps and start this long awaited build. I would like to sincerely thank Claire and Éabha, Muintir Chrónáin, Brian Ó Gáibhin and Alan Doherty for all their help and support. We are very excited to see the end result and I know that the children will have great fun in the recording studio!

# Deontas STEM STEM Grant

Is cúis áthais dom a chur in iúil daoibh gur éirigh linn lenár n-iarratas chun Deontas STEM a fháil don scoil. Tugann seo an deis dúinn cur leis an stoc ipad/ Lego/ Spike Prime atá againn sa scoil faoi láthair do R3- R6. Leis an t-airgead seo beidh páistí sna bunranganna in ann tabhairt faoi Chódáil srl...

Mo bhíochas ó chroí leis an Múinteoir Clíodhna, a chur an t-iarratas le chéile, agus atá ag obair go dian ar an ábhair seo.

I am truly delighted to inform you Gaelscoil na Camóige were successful in our application for the STEM Grant. https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/4d40d5-stem-education-policy/

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This grant will provide us the opportunity and funding to increase our stock of ipads/ Lego Wedo and Spike Prime in the school, which is in use in the Senior Classes.

The funding will also ensure that the Junior Classes are provided opportunities and equipment to learn through Coding etc..

A heartfelt thank you to Múinteoir Clíodhna who worked on the application and is now working on a STEM plan for the school.

# Áine Ní Chorragáin

Beidh an micléinn Áine Ní Chorragáin i mbun Socrucháin Scoile i seomra na Naíonáin Mhóra ar feadh 3 seachtaine. Guímid gach rath uirthi. Student Teacher, Áine Ní Chorragáin, is undertaking three weeks School Placement in the Senior Infant class at the moment, and we wish her the best of luck.

## Béilí Scoile Te Hot School Meals Scheme

Is cúis áthais dom a chur in iúil daoibh gur éirigh le Gaelscoil na Camóige lena n-iarratas don Scéim Béilí Scoile Te. Beidh lón te ar fáil do gach páiste scoile mar chuid den scéim seo. Táimid luath sa phroiséas, agus faoi láthair tá páistí gnóthach ag blaiseadh bia ó chomhlachtaí áirithe- yum!

Tá costas an scéim seo clúdaithe ina n-iomlán ag an Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí. Ní bheidh costas ar bith ar thuismitheoirí. Táimid ag súil go mbeimid réidh leis an scéim a rolláil amach roimh dheireadh na scoilbhliana seo. Beidh gach páiste sa scoil i dteideal lón te, saor in aisce. Beidh rogha leathan de bhia ar fáil agus roghnófar an lón ar aip fón gach tuiste.

Tá go leor oibre ar siúl faoi láthair le cinntiú go mbeidh gach iarracht déanta laghdú a dhéanamh a chur amú- ofrálann comhlachtaí dhifriúla pleananna maidir le hathchúrsáil, roghanna bia srl... agus faoi láthair, táimid i lár an bpróisis. Táimid ag súil go mór leis an scéim seo, agus tá súil againn go gcabhróidh sé go mór le costaisí airgid agus le bia scamhardach a thabhairt do na pháistí.

I am delighted to announce that Gaelscoil na Camóige were successful in applying for the Hot School Meals Scheme. This scheme provides a hot meal for every child and we are at the early stages of the process. At the moment, children have been busy tasting all the food options! Yum!

This scheme is fully funded by the Department of Social Protection and there are no costs to parents. Every child in the school will be entitled to a free hot lunch daily and parents can choose from the menu, using an app on the phone.

We are hoping to have this up and running before the end of this school year. Food companies offer different food choices/various methods of recycling/compostable etc. and we are at the moment in the process of sourcing the best option for our school.

We are looking forward to the launch of this scheme and am sure that it will help parents financially, whilst at the same time, the children will enjoy a hot nutritious meal every day in school. More information to follow.

# Bord Bainistíochta 2023-2027

An Cathaoirleach/ *The Chairperson*: Caimin Ó Catháin

An Príomhoide/ *The Principal*: Aoife Ní Raghallaigh

Ionadaí an Phatrúin/ Patrons' Representative: Sarah- Jayne Carey

Ionadaithe Tuismitheoirí/ *Parents' Representative*: Niall Connaughton & Clíodna Ní Mhurchú

Ionadaí Múinteora/ Teachers' Representative: Clíodhna Esslemont

Ionadaithe an Phobail/ *Community Representative*: Máire Uí Bhroin & Conor Clifford

Athbhliain faoi Mhaise daoibh go léir!

### **CAIRDE**

We hope you had a lovely and restful Christmas break. Just a few things we wanted to let you know.

### **Open Cairde Meeting**

Our first meeting of 2024 will take place on Monday 22nd January at 9am in the ÁRAS. We hope to see some of you there for a cuppa and a bickie. We understand that mornings don't suit everyone, however we will circulate minutes afterwards and would welcome feedback from anyone by mail <a href="mailto:cairdecamoige@gmail.com">cairdecamoige@gmail.com</a>, or you can chat to any of us on the clós either.

#### Calendars 2024

Thanks to your support our calendars so far have raised over €1700 in fundraising, after costs, for the children. We are absolutely delighted with this considering the cost to produce the calendars had increased significantly this year so go raibh míle maith agaibh for your support in purchasing the calendar. We have a small few left so we have asked Kathy to leave the Aladdin payment option open for you until 19th January should you wish to still buy one.

### Anti Bullying Talk with Pat Forde

As Príomhoide Aoife mentioned above, Pat Forde is facilitating a parents Anti Bullying talk on the evening of the 8th of February after the talks he will give in the school to the children. We have organised with the Áras to open the bar once the talk has ended and would love you all to stay for a drink and chat afterwards! Hope to see lots of you there.

### **Music Bingo Night**

After the success of last years Music Bingo Night, we are hoping to organise another one this year at some stage and will be in touch with a date once it has been

decided. It was a fantastic get together and great fun, so we hope to see even more of you there this year! Webuyclothing.ie - Just a little reminder that if you are doing a clear out, and have some items for Charity, our school have an account with Webuyclothing.ie behind Molloys there in the Village so you can pop the bags in to them, they'll weigh them and you can them choose to donate the money you receive to the school. Just make sure to say Gaelscoil na Camóige when donating as Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin also have an account! As always, if you have any queries or would like to get in contact, you can email us at cairdecamoige@gmail.com, or grab one of us on the clós for a natter! GRMMA! Aoife, Jen, Joe, Su, Laura, Heather and Maria