



## Gaelscoil an Choillín

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### Nuachtlitir 20 Meán Fómhair 2016

#### Peace Proms 2017

Could parents of all pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class kindly return the registration form tomorrow, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016. Míle buíochas!

#### World Roald Dahl Day 2016

Bhí Lá Domhanda Roald Dahl an tseachtain seo caite ar an Máirt 13 Meán Fómhair 2016. Tháinig na páistí ar scoil gléasta mar caractair ó leabhar agus ó scánnáin Roald Dahl. It was Roald Dahl Day last Tuesday and many of our pupils came to school dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl book or film. During the week many classes read extracts from various Roald Dahl books and watched a Roald Dahl film. On Tuesday, Rang 1 – Rang 6 listened to David Walliams reading THE BFG before taking in the events taking place live from The Cambridge Theatre in London, the home of Matilda, The Musical. Don't forget that the good work will continue during the year in Rang 1&2 with Múinteoir Trína. Here students will read Fantastic Mr. Fox as well as The BFG. Go n-éirí go geal leo!

#### Leabharlann na Scoile

Tá na leabhar seo á lorg againn i láthair na huaire. We are currently seeking donations of books written by the following authors (in good condition);

JK Rowling  
Michael Morpurgo  
David Walliams  
Jacequeline Wilson  
Holly Webb  
Roald Dahl  
Enid Blyton  
Stacey Matson  
Judi Curtin  
Daisy Meadows  
Jim Smith  
Lincoln Peirce  
Rosie Banks

We are also looking for donations of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Beast Quest, Artemis Fowl, Big Nate, Captain Underpants and Horrid Henry.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

#### AGM Coiste na dTuismitheoirí

Bhí Cruinniú ChinnBhliana do Choiste na dTuismitheoirí an Déardaoin seo caite. Our Parents' Association AGM took place last Thursday. Many thanks to all who attended and our sincere gratitude to the outgoing Coiste. The Parents' Association next meet this Thursday at 8pm and thereafter on the first Thursday of every month. Please note that any parent can attend any/all of the Coiste na dTuismitheoirí meetings. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

#### Tráthnóna Spraoi i Jungles Joes & Tráth na gCeist

Beidh an Tráthnóna Spraoi Jungle Joes/Rock 'n Bowl ar an Aoine 30 Meán Fómhair 2016. Our Board of Management fundraiser takes place in Jungle Joes/Rock 'n Bowl on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Many thanks to Múinteoir Trína for organising this fundraising event for the school. It promises to be a fun evening for all.

Beidh ár dTráth na gCeist do Chlainne Scoile ar siúl arís ar an Domhnach 16<sup>ú</sup> Deireadh Fómhair ag 3in. Our Coiste na dTuismitheoirí have their annual Family Table Quiz in the Annebrook Hotel on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. This was a great success last year and we look forward to seeing you all back with us on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to our Coiste na dTuismitheoirí and all our sponsors, in particular Bertie at the Annebrook Hotel.

#### An Fheadóg Stáin

Tá an fheadóg stáin againn arís i mbliana do gach páiste i ngach rang ó Rang 1 go Rang 6. Tin Whistle lessons with Enda Seery continue this year for all pupils in all classes 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. All páistí must have a D Tin Whistle in their bag each day at school. Kindly note that this is part of the primary school curriculum and is not opt-in/opt-out. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

#### Caomhnú Leanaí / Child Protection

Please note that our Designated Liaison Officer is Múinteoir Lorraine and, our Deputy Designated Liaison Officer is Múinteoir Trína Ní Nualláin. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

#### E Íocaíochtaí & Sonraí Bainc na Scoile

For any outstanding bill you may send a cheque in to the school or make a direct lodgement to our bank account. Please ensure that you attach your name to the bank lodgement so that we may then mark it as paid on our database for E Payments/Aladdin.

AIB Oliver Plunkett Street, Mullingar, Westmeath  
Sort Code 93-21-75

Account No. 16461041

**Please pay your bills. We rely heavily on their payment.**

#### Imeachtaí Breise

Tá Bernie Corroon linn gach Máirt do Chumann na mBunscol – iománaíocht/camógaíocht. GAA Cumann na mBunscol (no charge) hurling/camóige is every Tuesday 2:30–3:25pm sharp. **Please note that we need much higher attendance at this training session if we are to keep this training slot with the GAA.** It would be disappointing to lose this weekly physical activity session.

#### Cumann na mBunscol 2016-2017

Tá ár gcéad chluiche peile ar an Déardaoin seo, 22 Meán Fómhair ag 1in. Tá fáilte romhaibh ar fad. Our first Cumann na mBunscol gaelic football match takes place this Thursday at 1pm. This is a home game. All are welcome to attend. Many thanks to our coach Enda Sheridan and our Bainisteoir, Múinteoir Ciarán.

### Éide Scoile

Tá cóta scoile agus cúpla gheansaí ar strae arís! There are a number of school jumpers as well as a navy school coat gone astray. Kindly check your child's name tag and labels (including the label down the inside) on his/her school jumpers and navy school coat.

### Club Bricfeasta

Ná déanaigí dearmad go bhfuil an Club Bricfeasta ann gach maidin, ag glacadh le páistí ocrasach ag 8:20rn. Breakfast Club opens at 8:20am and takes place in the rear building. You can get in touch with Sarah on 086 0800439.

### Cross Country at Belvedere

Tá Belvedere ar an gCéadaoin seo chugainn, 28 Meán Fómhair 2016 ag 12in. We travel to Belvedere on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September for the Annual Westmeath Schools Cross Country Event with Mullingar Harriers. All parents are welcome to attend. Please ensure that you speak to your child's class teacher and only your child's class teacher if you are removing your child away from his/her class or away from the school's meeting point. The class teachers will have a class list to keep track of this. It is a school event with the attending supervising teachers in charge while all parents are welcome to attend and support. We will not bring bags with us this year. Please ensure that your child has a substantial breakfast that morning and a healthy sized first break lunch. We will provide the pupils with water, apples, oranges and bananas at the event. Please ensure that your child has suncream on that morning. We will be back for 2:30pm. Many thanks to all the parents who attended last year and who worked with us to keep our group together during this busy event. Go raibh míle maith agaibh. **Participation is €4 per pupil paid in advance and directly to the class teacher.**

### Eolaíocht / Science for the Family

Beidh ócáid eolaíochta ann do chlainne le páistí scoile ar an An Domhnach 20 Samhain 2016 ag 2in agus arís ag 4in ar feadh 45 nóiméad ag an am. For Science Week 2016 The Ark are organising family talks on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 2pm and again at 4pm (45 minute slots) with the theme 'My Place in Space'. Please note that entry is free but there is limited capacity. Tickets will be available from 10am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016. This would be a great day out for all the family. Let us know how you get on should you attend!  
**boxoffice@ark.ie 01 6707788 (Eustace St, Temple Bar)**

### Turas Nollaig 2016

Beidh gach rang ag freastal ar Cheolchoirm Nollaig i mbliana. Beidh Naíonáin go Rang 2 ag freastal ar an gceolchoirm Frosty The Snowman ar an 1 Nollaig in Ostán na Páirce ag 10:30rn. Beidh costas €10 ar seo. Beidh Rang 3 – Rang 6 ag freastal ar an gceolchoirm A Christmas Carol insan Ark ar an 14 Nollaig 2016 ag 10:15rn. Beidh costas €10 ar seo. Infants

to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will attend the Christmas Concert Frosty The Snowman in The Park Hotel on 1<sup>st</sup> December during the school day. The cost is €10 including the bus. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will attend A Christmas Carol in The Ark Theatre Dublin on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 10:15am. The cost is €10 including the bus. This will be placed on E Payments or you may lodge to the school account. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

### Carúil na Nollaig in Harbour Place & Fairgreen Centres

Beimid ag canadh na gCarúil Nollaig i mbéal an phobail arís i mbliana. We will be Carol Singing in Harbour Place Shopping Centre as well as in Fairgreen Shopping Centre again this year. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class will be Carol Singing in Harbour Place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We will have more details regarding the time slot shortly. All parents and family members are welcome to attend. Junior Infants – 6<sup>th</sup> Class will be Carol Singing in Fairgreen Shopping Centre on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and again we will send home details regarding the time slot as soon as we have confirmation. All parents and family members are welcome to attend. Practice begins after the Halloween Break. This will be our priority in Term 1 right up until our Christmas Holidays. Many thanks to Coiste na dTuismitheoirí for helping organise these events for us.

### Peace Proms 2017

Beimid ag glacadh páirt insan Peace Proms 2017 le linn na scoilbhliana 2016-2017. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will take part in the Peace Proms again this year under the guidance of Múinteoir Tríona Ní Bhaoill. **Please note that this is not an opt-in/opt-out activity, all pupils 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class must participate. It is a very important team activity in the senior end of our school.** Practice begins after the Halloween Break. This will be our priority in Term 1 right up until our Christmas Holidays. We will give you our performance date and time as soon as we receive it and, thereafter we recommend that you keep an eye on [peaceproms.com](http://peaceproms.com) for information regarding tickets, etc.

### La Spóirt 2017

Beidh an Lá Spóirt ar an Aoine 9 Meitheamh 2017. Our annual School Sports Day will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017, weather permitting. We will have indoor activities ready in case of bad weather. There will be no alternative date. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Nollaig 2016 in nGael scoil an Choillín

Beidh Mí na Samhna mar aon le Mí na Nollaig an-ghnóthach i mbliana agus chuige sin ní bheidh Seó na Nollaig againn. Gabhaim míle míle buíochas leis na Múinteoirí, leis na baill foirne, leis na baill clainne agus leis na tuismitheoirí a chabhraigh linn ó bhliain go bliain agus seó á eagrú againn. November and December will be very busy for us this year and so there will be no in-school concert. This may be a disappointment to many parents but I hope that you can all understand the hours of our own family time that it takes to organise a concert year after year, particularly when school volunteers are unavailable to help in the hours of preparation that must take place outside of school and teaching hours. It is a credit to all our staff, past and present, that we have staged wonderful variety concerts year after year since we opened in 2006. All have been of a high

standard. I will take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us over the years beginning with Trína and I in our first year. I can recall a Saturday night where family members and friends were on their knees painting huge backdrops until 2am. I also recall Múinteoir Fiona, her husband, Siobhán, Tommy and I coming in to the school on the Sunday before last year's concert and remaining here until 10pm to prepare the hall for a concert that was over in less than 3 hours. The workload in preparing for a 2 hour performance is significant and not to be underestimated. We are taking a step back from that this year. Many thanks for your understanding and support.

#### **Múinteoir Trína Ní Bhaoil**

Please note that Múinteoir Trína's (Naíonáin/Infants) designated meeting day and time is Wednesday 8:20 – 8:40am, by appointment through the Dialann / diary.

#### **SALF Rang 3 2016-2017**

In 2<sup>nd</sup> Class pupils participated in SALF by completing a scrapbook. This year in 3<sup>rd</sup> Class they must complete a work folder. In order to help parents assist their children in completing the folders I will have samples from last year's 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class on display on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 2:30 – 2:50pm. 3<sup>rd</sup> Class parents are welcome to call in and view them. They will be outside the classroom and on display in the hallway. Many thanks, Múinteoir Lorraine.

#### **Déanach Ar Scoil**

Please note that if your child is late to school, after 9am, you must accompany him/her to the classroom and sign the Attendance Record Sheet that is in the box on the classroom door. You must do this for each child. There is no need to speak with the teacher or disturb the classwork. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

#### **Naíonáin Shóisearacha & Naíonáin Shinsearacha**

Please ensure that your child is wearing Velcro strap shoes if he/she is not yet able to tie shoelaces.

#### **Mar Fhocal Scór ón bPríomhoide Lorraine**

Tá an chéad mhí ar ais ag an scoil beagnach críochnaithe againn ag an bpointe seo. Gabhaim míle buíochas le gach páiste, Múinteoir, tuismitheoir agus ball foirne as ucht a gcuid oibre le linn na míosa seo.

Slán go fóill, le ardmheas, Lorraine, 20-9-2016 ☺