



Gaelscoil an Choillín

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Nuachtlitir 27 Meán Fómhair 2016

Focal ón bPríomhoide Lorraine

Seo chugaibh cúpla rud nua nach raibh againn inné don Nuachtlitir ach, b'fhearr liom an t-eolas a roinn libh go tapa inniu. Go raibh maith agaibh.

Slán go fóill, le ardmheas, Lorraine, 27-9-2016 ☺

Gum Shields

Beidh gum shield ag dul abhaile le gach páiste ó Rang 1 go Rang a Sé an tseachtain seo. Fanann an gum shield seo sa mhála scoile an t-am ar fad.

Each pupil, 1st to 6th class will bring home their school gum shield this week. Please follow the moulding instructions. Leave the mouth guard in a cup of boiling water for 30 seconds and then dip it into cold water for 1 second immediately afterward. Ask your child to place the mouth guard into his/her mouth, sitting around their upper teeth and then mould to teeth by pressing down, taking care not to bite it.

Please leave this gum shield in your child's school bag at all times.

Traenáil GAA do Rang 1&2

Bíonn Enda Sheridan, traenálaí GAA, sa scoil gach Céadaoin. Tógann sé Rang 1&2 ó 1:30 go 2:30in.

Our GAA coach, Enda Sheridan is in our school every Wednesday for 1st&2nd Class. Please ensure that your child wears his/her sports uniform on this day. They must have the school gum shield in their schoolbags at all times.

Our After School GAA training continues every Tuesday and Wednesday for pupils in 3rd to 6th class who are interested in training for and/or partaking in Cumann na mBunscol.

There are currently no GAA hours available for Infants.

Coiste na dTusmitheoirí

Beidh dhá Oíche Eolais do Thuismitheoirí na Scoile á chur i láthair ag Coiste na dTusmitheoirí go luath ar an 10 Samhain agus ar an 24 Samhain 2016.

The Parents Association in conjunction with the NPC (National Parents Council) have kindly organised two Information & Awareness Evenings for our school parents as well as for the wider community, both to take place in November 2016 (10th & 24th).

These Information & Awareness Evenings will be offered to all interested parties with regard to Mental Health and Bullying. We will have more information shortly when we receive final confirmation of the times and facilitators.

We hope that parents will find these nights extremely beneficial.

Please note that *Grow Community Mental Health Movement* is every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the 1428 Club, 044 9384290, enquiries@1428club.ie.

An tAthair Pádraig

Tá ócáid ollmhór á eagrú don tAthair Pádraig ar an Satharn seo, 1 Deireadh Fómhair 2016. Beidh aifreann á cheiliúradh aige agus é cúig bhliain 's fiche ina shagart. Beidh aifreann ann dó ag 6in tráthnóna Shathairn san Ardeaglais anseo sa Mhuileann gCearr. Beidh cupán tae in Halla an Pharóiste i ndiaidh sin. Bhuail an tAthair Pádraig isteach chun na scoile inné agus chuir sé céad míle fáilte romhainn ar fad freastail ann agus an ócáid speisialta seo á cheiliúradh leis.

This Saturday, 1 October 2016 at 6pm mass in the Cathedral, Fr.Pádraig celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination into the Priesthood. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Community Centre. Yesterday, Fr. Pádraig visited our school and extended an invitation to all children and families in our school to celebrate this important occasion with him. Our school will be represented at this mass. Pupils from 5th & 6th Class will bring up the offertory.

Freastalaí Aifrinn

Tá freastalaí Aifrinn á lorg ag an bParóiste i láthair na huaire. Is féidir le páiste ó Rang 3 go Rang 6 a bheith ina f(h)reastalaí Aifrinn. Beidh traenáil ar siúl san Ardeaglais, leis an tAthair Pádraig, an Aoine seo, díreach tar éis na scoile (30 Meán Fómhair 2016). Má tá suim agat do pháiste a chur ann agus má tá dúil aige/aici a bheith ina f(h)reastalaí, glaoigh ar an ArdEaglais chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil, 044 9348338. Molaim go mbaileoidh tú do pháiste ag 2:20in ar an lá seo nach mbeidh tú sáite sa trácht scoile ar an mbealach isteach chun na hEaglaise.

The Parish are currently seeking new Altar Servers. Any pupil from 3rd to 6th Class may become an Altar Server, if they so wish and with parental consent. There will be supervised training with an tAthair Pádraig this Friday 30th September in the Cathedral, immediately after school. If you would like your child to become an Altar Server and if your child has expressed an interest in becoming an Altar Server, kindly ring Cathedral House office at 044 9348338 to find out more. If you intend to bring your child to the supervised training on Friday please collect him/her from school at 2:20pm to avoid the town schools' traffic.

An Chéad Chomaoineach 2017 le Páistí ó Rang a Dó

Beidh Oíche Eolais, dár dtuismitheoirí scoile ó Rang 2, a bhfuil a bpáiste ag glacadh le Sacraimint an Chéad Chomaoineach i mbliana, go luath an mhí seo chugainn. Beidh an cruinniú seo oíche Mháirt, 11 Deireadh Fómhair 2016 ag 7:30in sa seomra ranga. Tá an cruinniú seo á eagrú ag an tAthair Pádraig.

Fr. Padraig has organised an in-school meeting for the parents of 2nd Class pupils who wish to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Term 3 of this school year. This Information Evening will take place in the classroom at 7:30pm on Tuesday 11th October 2016. Please ensure that at least one parent from your family is in attendance.

Enrolment Mass for 2nd Class pupils who will receive the sacrament this year is on Sunday 9th October at 11am mass in the Cathedral. Please be in attendance with your child. An tAthair Pádraig and Múinteoir Trína Ní Nualláin kindly request that the full school uniform is worn at this mass please.

If your child is in 2nd Class but did not receive the Sacrament of First Confession last year while in 1st Class, please contact Cathedral House directly at 044 9348338.

An Cóineartú 2017 le Páistí ó Rang 6

Beidh Cóineartú do pháistí ó Rang 6 ar an Satharn 1 Aibreán 2017 ag 11rn san ArdEaglais.

Beidh níos mó eolais againn go luath.

Beidh cruinniú á eagrú ag an tAthair Pádraig amach anseo.

We have received the date for 6th Class pupils who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this school year. Confirmation will be on Saturday 1st April 2017 at 11am in the Cathedral.

We will share further information with you as soon as we receive it.

It is expected that the Parish will organise a meeting in advance for the parents of pupils who wish to receive this sacrament.

If your child is in 6th Class and did not enroll to receive the sacrament last year while in 5th Class, please contact Cathedral House directly at 044 9348338.

1916 – The Forgotten Children

Beidh dráma ceoil á chur i láthair in Lárionad Elaíon an Mhuilinn gCearr an mhí seo chugainn bunaithe ar pháistí dearmadta 1916. Beidh an dráma seo ar an 19ú & 20ú Deireadh Fómhair ag 8in. Is cúis áthais dúinn a rá go mbeidh páiste ónár scoilse ag glacadh pháirt ann, Bláithín ó Rang 4 a bheidh ag damhsa ann. Go n-éirí go geal léi!

Next month Mullingar Arts Centre stages the moving musical drama '1916–The Forgotten Children'. It will be staged over two nights on the 19th & 20th October 2016 at 8pm. It is a moving story telling how over 40 children

under 16 years of age lost their lives during the Rising but were subsequently not written into the history books. We at Gaelscoil an Choillín are very proud to say that while learning about The 1916 Easter Rising in 3rd – 6th Class last year, we paid particular attention to these forgotten children. This culminated in two visits to Collins Barracks Dublin where we learned more about them as well as many other participants, supporters and victims. Indeed, we were complimented on both days for our pupils' level of knowledge on the topic. This might be a wonderful way for you to engage in everything your child learned about 1916 during the last school year.

We are also very proud to say that a pupil from our school, Bláithín Rang 4, will take part in the drama. Good luck Bláithín!

If your child is taking part in anything locally and you would like the school to wish them well or bring it to the attention of their peers kindly drop a line to Siobhán at gaelscoilchoillin@eircom.net. If we have a Newsletter going out around that time we will do our very best to get it in. It is always a very proud moment for an individual pupil when they are mentioned in our Nuachtlitir but, we can only do so with your consent.

irishforparents.ie

Seo suíomhghreasáin nua do thuismitheoirí chun tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh agus a bpáistí ag freastal ar Ghaelscoil. Tá an suíomhghreasáin seo úrraithe ag Gaelscoileanna Teoranta mar aon le Foras na Gaeilge. Caithigí súil ar an suíomhghreasáin seo agus tagaigí ar ais chugainn le bhur gcuid tuairimí, le bhur dtoil.

Irishforparents.ie is a wonderful new interactive website with daily live interaction (Monday to Thursday) to assist parents with their children's' Irish language learning and homework. It is sponsored by Gaelscoileanna Teoranta and Foras na Gaeilge and was designed specifically to support parents who have chosen to send their children to a Gaelscoil. Try it out and let us know what you think. We will send all feedback directly to Gaelscoileanna Teo.

Áras an Mhuilinn

It is most important that we are always promoting and making you aware of Irish culture & language activities taking place within our community.

This is a wonderful and rather unique **Irish Language Facility** right here in the heart of our little town and yet many parents do not know it's on our doorstep. Here's a little of what happens there;

Club Óige (7 -12 Years Youth Club)

This is an Irish Language Activity Club for 7-12 year olds and is currently held every Monday of the academic school year in Áras an Mhuilinn, 5pm-6pm. Bíonn comhrá, spórt 's spraoi, ceol 's rince agus go leor imeachtaí eile ann agus iad

ar fad trí mheán na Gaeilge. Nach iontach a leithéad a bheith ar leac an dorais againn!

Ranganna Damhsa Gaelach

Irish dancing classes for boys and girls from 4 years of age are every Tuesday evening, 4-5pm.

Adult Irish dancing classes are every Tuesday night, 8-9pm.

Cúpla Focal Group for Adults

This gathering takes place every Wednesday morning. Beginners may join from 9:30am and confident Irish speakers may join from 11am. This would be a great way for you to brush up on your Irish in an informal manner among friends and over a cup of tea.

Music with Mullingar CCÉ Branch

Fiddle, Flute, Whistle, Banjo, Mandolin, Bodhrán, Button Accordion, Piano Accordion and Keyboard. Classes take place in Áras an Mhuilinn every Thursday commencing at 5pm.

Please note that it is not our objective to promote businesses through our Nuachtlitir but rather, we are seeking to support our pupils in accessing activities, clubs and groups that promote the Irish language and culture so that, they may engage with others through the medium of Irish outside of the classroom.

Kindly contact Siobhán, gaelscoilanchoilin@eircom.net if you become aware of any Irish language or Irish traditional/cultural activity taking place locally and, which may be suitable to mention in any future Nuachtlitir.

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.

Reminder – Dates for your Diary

1. Westmeath Schools Cross Country, 28-9-2016
2. Jungle Joes, 30-9-2016
3. Cruinniú BOM, 3-10-2016, 5-12-2016
4. Coiste na dTuismitheoirí – every 1st Thursday at 8pm
5. Tin Whistle, every Friday, compulsory 1st – 6th
6. MS Readathon, October 2016
7. Swimming Rang1&2, last session 17-10-2016
8. Swimming Rang3&4, commences 24-10-2016
9. Dress Up Halloween, 28-10-2016, €1 (not half day)
10. Mid Term Break, closed 31-10-2016 to 4-11/2016
11. Peace Proms, commence November 2016, no opt out
12. The Ark, My Place in Space, 3-11-2016
13. Coiste / NPC Awareness Evening 1, 10-11-2016
14. Tráth na gCeist, 13-11-2016
15. Coiste / NPC Awareness Evening 2, 24-11-2016
16. Christmas Tour Infants – 2nd Class, 1-12-2016, €10
17. Carol Singing in Harbour Place (3rd-6th), 8-12-2016
18. Christmas Tour 3rd – 6th Class, 14-12-2016, €10
19. Carol Singing in Fairgreen Centre (all pupils), 21-12-2016
20. Christmas Closure, 22-12-2016
21. New Year Reopening, 9-1-2017

22. P-T Meetings 2016-17, Term 2, January & February 2017
School closes 15 minutes early on 16-2-2016
1:15pm Infants (Naíonáin)
2:15pm Rang 1 - Rang 6
Bus Arrangements Update to follow.
Meetings times to follow shortly
23. Sports Day, 9-6-2016
24. Standardised Assessments, early May – mid June

Fógraí Eile

Good luck to all our athletes (1st – 6th) who are taking part in the Annual Westmeath Schools Cross Country Event in Belvedere on Wednesday.

Congratulations to the Stephens family, Saoirse in Rang 2 and Ryan in Rang 4 on the christening of their little sister Bella Stephens recently.

Bígí i dteagmháil linn má tá nuacht agaibh, be in touch if you have news to share and, if we are due to have a Newsletter go out around that time, we may just be able to put it in! (pending parental consent and school approval).

Suíomhghréasáin / Websites

- www.foras.ie (Patron)
- www.gaelscoileanna.ie (Support Body)
- www.gaeilge.ie
- www.irishforparents.ie
- www.arasanmhuilinn.ie
- www.education.ie (Department of Education & Skills)
- www.ncca.ie (National Council Curriculum & Assessment)
- www.npc.ie (National Parents Council)
- www.ncse.ie (Special Ed.)
- www.yourmentalhealth.ie
- www.antibullyingcampaign.ie

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Slán go fóill***