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# Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig

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A thuismitheor/chaomhnóir,

03/09/19

Ba mhaith liom míle fáilte a chur romhaibh ar ais ar scoil. Cuirimid fáilte ar leith roimh na Naíonáin Bheaga nua atá ag tosnú linn i mbliana. Tá súil againn go mbeidh tréimhse sona sásta acu linn! Tá súil agam gur bhain sibh ar fad ard-thaitneamh as na laethanta saoire agus go bhfuil sibh ag súil go mór le scoilbhliain úr-nua.

## Uasdátú ar an bhfoireann teagaisc:

Comhghairdeachas le Múinteoirí *Róisín Ní Cheannabháin* agus *Eoin Bairéad* a ceapadh go buan ar fhoireann teagasc na scoile le déanaí.

Comhghairdeachas le Múinteoirí *Aisling* agus *Odhrán* a bheidh ag feidhmiú ar bhonn sealadach i mbliana.

Fáilte ar ais do Mhúinteoirí *Lisa* agus *Brid* arís i mbliana.

Cuirimid fáilte roimh Múinteoir *Dayna* a bheidh ag clúdú saoire mháithreachais agus ag feidhmiú mar mhúinteoir ranga le naíonáin mhóra. Cuirimid fáilte roimh *Ciara Uí Dhuinn* agus *Jean Nic Dhómhnaill* a bheidh ag clúdú saoire mháithreachas eile eatarthu agus ag feidhmiú mar chuid den bhfoireann tacaíochta.

Cuirimid fáilte roimh Múinteoir *Kate* ó Ghaelscoil Nás na Ríogh, a bheidh ag feidhmiú ar bhonn post roinnte le Múinteoir *Eimear*.

Táimid ag fágáil slán le Múinteoirí *Stiofán Ó Donncha* agus *Hannah Ní Chuiric*. Ba mhaith linn go léir ár mbuíochas a ghabháil leo as an bpost iontach a rinne siad chomh maith leis na dualgaisí breise ar fad a ghlacadar go deonach le linn a seal ama anseo. Guímid gach rath orthu!

**Ceachtanna Rothaíochta:** Beidh ceachtanna rothaíochta agus sábháilteachta ag tosnú ar an Aoine **6-9-19** do dhaltáí R5, R6. Seolfar litir amach go luath faoin gcostas. Tá fáilte roimh do pháiste a rothar féin a thabhairt ar scoil don traenáil. Buíochas mór le tuismitheoirí na scoile tríd Chumann na dTuismitheoirí atá toilteanach airgead a chur ina dtreo chun an praghas a laighdiú.

**Ranganna Veidhlíní/Dorveidheal:** Beidh ranganna veidhlíní/dorveidheal ag tosnú arís go luath roimh dheireadh na míosa.

**Cluichí CLG:** Bíimid fíor-bhuíoch do mhúinteoirí na scoile a thógann na foirne amach ag treanáil agus chuig cluichí go deonach chuile bhliain. Beidh **treanáil peile na gcailíní** (R4,5,6) ag tosnú ar Dé Máirt **3-9-19** ó 2.40-3.40 agus **treanáil peile na mbuachaillí** (R4,5,6) ar an gCéadaoin **4-9-19** ó 2.40-3.40 ar an bpáirc il-aimseartha.

**Snámh:** Beidh **Rang 6 Louise agus Rang 2 Elaine** ag dul ag **snámh** ar an gCéadaoin **04/09/19** i rith am scoile. Seoladh ríomhphost chuig na ranganna seo le tuilleadh eolas faoin gcostas.

**Ranganna Leadóig Bhoird:** Tosnóidh **ranganna leadóig bhoird** tar éis am scoile ar Dé Máirt **03/09/19** do **Ranganna 3 agus 4** agus do **Ranganna 5 agus 6** ar Dé hAoine **07/09/19**. Tá costas 50 euro ar 10 gceacht. Tá **foirm** ar fáil **san oifig** má tá suim.

### **Ba mhaith liom cúpla pointe a chur i gcuimhne duit maidir le rithim na scoile:**

- **Gaeilge:** Le cur i gcuimhne duit, is suíomh lán-Ghaelach í Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, ar nós Gaeltacht. Nuair atá tú ar an suíomh, iarraim ort gach iarracht a dhéanamh aon Ghaeilge atá agat a úsáid. Is cuma mura bhfuil ach cúpla focal agat, ach a bheith toilteanach an teanga a úsáid agus iarracht cur leis an stór focal atá agat! Tá sé an-tábhachtach an teachtaireacht cheart a thabhairt do na páistí!
- **Pairceáil:** Bí aireach faoin áit ina ndéanann tú do charr a phairceáil. Ní féidir pairceáil i suíomh pairceála na mbusanna nó in aice leis na cóin. Ní féidir tiomáint trí gheataí na scoile ag am ar bith. Tabhair faoi ndeara go bhfuil línte buí ar Bhóthar an Chaisleáin. Impimid ort gan do charr a phairceáil os comhair tití na gcomharsan le do thoil. Tabhair faoi ndeara go bhfuil Bóthar an Chaisleáin oscailte ag amanta áirithe. Tá sé rí-thábhachtach go mbíonn tuismitheoirí agus páistí fíor chúramach ag trasnú an bhóthar anseo. Bíonn an bealach tuirlingthe ar oscailt ar maidin agus um thrathnóna. Tá fáilte romhat pairceáil ar na suíomhanna pairceála ach níl cead ag carranna pairceáil ar an mbóthar féin. Cothaíonn sé an t-uafás fadhbanna sábháilteachta agus tráchta. Chomh maith le seo, níl cead do charr a iompú thart ag bun Bóthar an Chaisleáin díreach roimh geataí glasa an bhealach tuirlingthe. Tá sé an-dáinséireach a leithead a dhéanamh.
- **Páistí ag teacht ar scoil agus am dul abhaile:** Beimid ag clai leis an gcóras céanna iontrála arís i mbliana. Ní bheidh an príomhgheata in úsáid ach do charranna na múinteoirí amháin. Iarrfar ar daltaí na scoile teacht isteach tríd na taobh geataí in aice leis an mbealach tuirlingthe. Tiocfaidh na Naíonáin Bheaga agus Mhóra chomh maith le daltaí atá ag rothaíocht/ar scútar isteach tríd an gheata nua (geata mór) ar chlós na naíonán. Tiocfaidh daltaí ó Ranganna 1 - 6 isteach tríd an taobh gheata beag (ceann céanna le anuraidh).
- **Poncúlacht:** Tá sé rí-thábhachtach chuile iarracht a dhéanamh a dheimhniú go bhféadfar do pháiste isteach ar scoil **in am** (roimh 09:00). Mura mbíonn fáth eisceachtúil leis, níl sé sásúil do pháiste a fhágáil isteach déanach **go rialta**.
- Ní féidir leis na páistí teacht isteach sa chlós ar maidin **roimh 8.45r.n.** Ba chóir go mbeadh gach duine imithe ó suíomh na scoile @ 15:00.
- Má thagann do pháiste ar rothar/scútar nó rothaí scátála caithfidh siad tuirlingt roimh theacht isteach trí gheataí na scoile. Moltar do pháistí a thagann ar rothar nó scútar, clogad a chaitheamh. Moltar chomh maith go gcuirtear glas ar na rothair nó na scútair.
- Caithfear **príomhgheata na scoile do chuariteoirí** i rith an lae a **choinneáil dúnta** an t-am ar fad. Ciallaíonn sé seo gur chóir an geata beag a dhúnadh i do dhiaidh i gcónaí agus tú ag teacht nó ag imeacht ón scoil i rith am scoile.

- **Cumarsáid le múinteoirí:** Caithfear teachtaireacht a fhágáil leis an rúnaí má tá tú ag iarraidh labhairt leis an múinteoir ranga. Déanfaidh an múinteoir ranga teagmháil leat agus socrófar coinne a n-oireann don dá pháirtí. Caithfear na múinteoirí a fhágáil chun a gcuid dualgaisí a chomhlíonadh ar maidin agus ag am dul abhaile. Déanfar cumarsáid níos fiúntaí ar an mbealach seo.
- **Oifig an rúnaí:** Beidh oifig an rúnaí **dúnta ó 1:05 - 1:35i.n** gach lá ó Luain go hAoine. Iarraim ort fanacht go dtí 1:35i.n. ach amháin más cás fíor-phráinneach atá i gceist. Bíonn ar an rúnaí a lón a ghlacadh ag an am seo.
- Tá **polasaí lón sláintiúil** againn sa scoil agus tá **cód iompair** againn sa scoil a leantar i gcónaí. Tá siad ar fáil ar [http://gsnp.ie/Polasaithe\\_Scoile.html](http://gsnp.ie/Polasaithe_Scoile.html). Beidh athbhreithniú á dhéanamh ar an gcód iompair i mbliana
- **Clárú do Mheán Fómhair 2020:** Beidh athbhreithniú á dhéanamh ar an bpolasaí iontrála i mbliana. Beidh an polasaí athbhreithnuithe ar fáil ar suíomh na scoile i Mí Dheireadh Fómhair. I measc na hathruithe ná go nglacfar le hiarratais i Mí Eanáir 2020 amháin, in ionad Mí na Samhna 2019. Beidh tú in ann an Polasaí Iontrála a léamh ar suíomh idirlíon na scoile [www.gsnp.ie](http://www.gsnp.ie) ó Mí Dheireadh Fómhair ar aghaidh.
- **Guthán Póca:** Níl cead ag daltaí na scoile guthán póca a bheith acu ar scoil. Má tá cás eisceachtúil ann, agus má tá tuismitheoir den tuairim go bhfuil sé riachtanach go mbeadh guthán póca ag an bpáiste le n-úsáid tar éis am scoile, caithfear **litir a scríobh chuig an phríomhoide** ag míniú an fáth. Más rud é go bhfuil guthán póca ag páiste sa scoil i rith an lae, níl cead é a chuir ar siúl ag aon am. Caithfear an guthán a fhágáil múchta sa mhála scoile. Tá an polasaí um úsáid guthán póca ar fáil ar suíomh na scoile ar [www.gsnp.ie](http://www.gsnp.ie).
- Má bhíonn **do pháiste as láthair caithfear nóta a scríobh chuig an múinteoir ranga** ag míniú an fáth leis an asláithreacht. Ní leor glaoch a chur ar an oifig.
- **Níor chóir na páistí a bhaint ón scoil go luath ach amháin i gcásanna práinneacha.** Ba chóir litir a scríobh chuig an múinteoir ranga má bhíonn ort do pháiste a bhailiú luath agus ní scaoilfead páiste go luath ach le tuismitheoir/caomhnóir amháin. Bí cinnte go síníonn tú do pháiste amach ag an oifig.
- **Cruinniú Tuismitheora:** Beidh **cruinnithe tuismitheoirí** ar siúl ar **Dé Céadaoin agus Déardaoin 20 & 21 Samhain.**
- **Trialacha Caighdeánaithe:** Beidh na **trialacha caighdeánaithe** ar siúl i rith **Mí Dheireadh Fómhair** i mbliana do pháistí R2-R6 ón tseachtain dár tús **31/09/19 go dtí an tseachtain dár gcrích 18-10-19**. Roinnfear torthaí scrúdaithe do pháiste le tuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí ó bhéal ag na cruinnithe tuismitheoirí i rith Mí na Samhna. Beidh sé riachtanach do dhaltaí R2, R4 & R6 na trialacha a dhéanamh arís i Mí Bhealtaine 2020. Is don Roinn Oideachais amháin a chuirtear an t-eolas seo ar aghaidh.
- **Curaclam Teanga do Bhunscoileanna (Ciorclán 0045/2019):** Beidh lá inseirbhíse le déanamh ag foireann na scoile sa chéad téarma ar **Dé Máirt 19 Samhain 2019. Ní bheidh an scoil ar oscailt do dhaltaí na scoile ar an lá sin.** Beidh dhá leath lae le tógáil i Mí Eanáir agis Mí Aibreán chomh maith le dul i ngleic leis an gCuraclam Teanga do Bhunscoileanna. Níl aon dátaí deimhnuithe do na leath laethanta go fóill.

- **Clár Bí Sábháilte (leasuithe):** Beidh seisiún eolais do thuismitheoirí na scoile faoin gclár athbhreithnithe ar siúl oíche ar leith roimh dheireadh na míosa. Fuair foireann teagasc na scoile comhairle agus treoir faoin gclár Bí Sábháilte athbhreithnithe ó éisitheoir ón PDST. Tá sé tábhachtach an t-eolas seo a roinnt le thuismitheoirí sula gcuirfear tús leis an gclár a mhúineadh i mbliana.
- **Airgead Leabhair/costais scoile:** Caithfear airgead leabhair/costais scoile a íoc ar líne (ar an gcóras íocaíocht ar líne) nó leis an múinteoir ranga chomh luath agus is féidir. Nuair atá an t-airgead á chur isteach agat, cuir i gclúdach litreach é le hainm do pháiste scríofa air le tabhairt don mhúinteoir ranga. **Ní ghlacfar le h-airgead leabhair in oifig an rúnaí (Pauline).** Is féidir líon beag airgid a íoc go rialta (seachtainiúil/in aghaidh na coicíse) má tá tú faoi bhrú airgid. Iarraim ort iarracht é seo a dhéanamh in ionad é a fhágáil ar fad.
- **Airgead snámh:** Beidh **airgead snámh le n-íoc (ranganna 1 - 6 amháin)** chomh maith chun an costas ar na ceachtanna snámha a chlúdú. Iarrtar ort do dhícheall a dhéanamh an costas do na ceachtanna a íoc. Is féidir líon beag a íoc in aghaidh na seachtaine/coicíse má tá tú faoi bhrú airgid. Is féidir é seo a dhéanamh ar an seirbhís ‘íocaíocht ar líne’ ar suíomh na scoile.
  - Faoi iamh tá **clár na bliana don snámh**
  - Tá cóip den **bhféilire scoile (laethanta saoire san áireamh)** na bliana faoi iamh chomh maith

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Dear parent/guardian,

03/09/19

On behalf of the whole staff, I would like to welcome you and your children back to school! I would especially like to welcome the new entrants who are beginning what we hope will be a happy and meaningful journey for each and every one of them. We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are looking forward to a new school year.

## Staff update:

Congratulations to *Múinteoir Róisín Ní Cheannabháin* and *Múinteoir Eoin Bairéad* who have recently been appointed to permanent positions on the school teaching staff.

Congratulations to *Múinteoirí Aisling and Odhrán* who have successfully been appointed to fixed term positions for the coming school year.

We extend a warm welcome back to *Múinteoir Lisa* and *Múinteoir Bríd* who rejoin the teaching team of GSNP!

Welcome to *Múinteoir Dayna* who will be covering a maternity leave and teaching senior infants this year. We also welcome *Múinteoirí Ciara Uí Dhuinn* and *Jean Nic Dhómhnaill* who are also covering a maternity position this year.

Welcome to *Múinteoir Kate* who is with us from Gaelscoil Nás na Ríogh and teaching senior infants in a job sharing arrangement with *Múinteoir Eimear*.

We bid farewell to *Múinteoir Stiofán* and *Hannah* who are no longer with the teaching team of GSNP. We sincerely want to thank Stiofán and Hannah for their wonderful work carried out as excellent team members and class teachers. We would like to offer our thanks to both for all the extra responsibilities assumed both willingly and voluntarily.

Safe Cycling Classes will begin on Friday **6-9-19** for the pupils of **R5, R6**. Further details to follow. Your child is welcome to bring their own bicycle into school for use during the cycling classes.

Violin/Cello Classes: will resume this month

Cumann na mBunscoil (GAA): As always we are very grateful to our teachers who take the children training and to matches on a voluntary basis each year. The **Girl's Football Training (R4,5,6)** will take place on Tuesdays starting **3-9-19**. The **Boys' Football Training (R4,5,6)** will commence on Wednesdays starting **4-9-18** from 2.40-3.40 on the All- Weather Pitch.

Swimming Lessons: **Rang 6 Louise** and **Rang 2 Elaine** will be starting **swimming** on Wednesday **04/09/19** during school hours. Please see the additional attachment of swimming dates for all of the other classes.

**Table tennis classes:** Table Tennis will take place after school on **Tuesdays** for 3rd & 4th class and **Fridays** for 5th and 6th class students from 2:40 - 3:40. Classes will commence on Tuesday the 10th of September and on Friday the 13th of September.

**Forms are available in the school office** if interested.

**Please remember the following points in relation to the running of the school:**

- **Gaeilge:** It is so important to understand that while in the school grounds of GSNP we are all effectively operating in a Gaeltacht. This means that the ‘Gaeilge’ is the spoken language in the school at all times. It is imperative to send the appropriate positive message out to the children and lead by example. That said, the main objective has to be that a parent/guardian can communicate clearly with the school. The main point is, no matter how little Irish you have, I would be very grateful if you try to use it!
- **Safety re: parking and pedestrians:** To ensure the safety of all our children please take care when parking your car. No cars may be parked in the bus section or beyond the cones. We appeal to all to comply with the road markings. Please do not drive through the school gates at any time. Please note that part of Castle Road is now a double yellow line area. Please do not block our neighbours’ driveways. At the bottom of Castle Road, the road continues towards the Esker Educate Together ‘set-down’ area. You are welcome to park in the marked parking spaces. There is a limited number of spaces. No cars should be parked on the road near the green gates where the road narrows. This causes a traffic obstruction and blocks cars from driving up or down on the roadway part of the set-down area. I advise that parents and children be very careful crossing the road as the traffic is not compelled to stop on the roadway. Finally, I urge you to refrain from making a u-turn at the bend directly before the set-down entrance. A manoeuvre of this nature is extremely dangerous.
- **Punctuality:** It is very important to make every effort to ensure you child presents for school on time (before 09:00). Unavoidable/exceptional circumstances apart; it is crucial to develop a good habit and routine.
- **Children entering/leaving the school premises in the morning and going home time:** An additional gate has been erected at the infant yard. The aim is to reduce the volume of traffic entering at the same time. Junior and Senior Infants along with students on bicycles or scooters will enter through the new gate. 1st to 6th class students will enter through the existing gate (smaller gate) as they did last year.
- **The children may not enter the school yard before 8.45am each morning. The yard is not supervised before this time. Students and parents need to vacate the premises by 15:00 for the same reason unless a pre-arranged meeting has been scheduled.**
- If your child comes on a bike or scooter to school, please make sure he/she dismounts before coming through the gates. Roller skates must be removed before entering the school gates also. **(No skateboards are allowed)**. Children travelling to school by these means to school should be encouraged to wear helmets and protective gear where necessary. We also encourage that you lock your bicycle/scooter while on the school premises.
- **Pedestrian School Gate:** In the interests of safety, the pedestrian school gate is to be kept closed at all times during school hours. I appeal to all to close the gate after you, whether you are visiting or leaving the premises.

## General Information:

- **Communication with Teachers:** I urge you to follow the correct protocol and contact the school secretary should you wish to make an appointment to speak to a class teacher. The secretary will pass the information on to the relevant class teacher who will in turn, contact you and organise a time and a date that suits everybody. This should also facilitate a more worthwhile meeting. There is a need to respect that teachers are obliged to carry out their teaching duties during school hours.
- **Secretary's office (School Office) closing time:** The school office will be closed from **1:05 - 1:35pm Monday-Friday**. The office will **re-open @ 1:35pm**. There will be no personnel available to answer the office during the lunch time period. Please refrain from calling the office at this time except in cases that are a matter of urgency.
- **Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday the 20th and Thursday the 21st of November 2019.**
- We have a **Healthy Eating Policy** and **Code of Behaviour** in the school that are available for review on [http://gsnp.ie/Polasaithe\\_Scoile.html](http://gsnp.ie/Polasaithe_Scoile.html). The Code of Behaviour will be reviewed this year.
- **Enrolment for 2020:** If you have a child due to start in September 2020, it is important to understand that the revised enrolment policy will be available on the school website during the month of October 2019. One of the amendments up for review is the timeframe for submission of application forms. There is a strong likelihood the timeframe for submission of applications will take place during the month of January. [www.gsnp.ie](http://www.gsnp.ie)
- **Mobile Phones in GSNP:** The students/children are not allowed to use a mobile phone during the school day in GSNP or while on the school premises. Children are not allowed to have a phone on their person while on the school premises. If a parent deems it absolutely necessary that their child has a phone on their person, the parent is required to write a letter to the principal explaining why. In an exceptional circumstance where a child does have a phone in school, the phone must be turned off at all times and remain in the child's schoolbag. There is further information available on the school website @ [www.gsnp.ie](http://www.gsnp.ie)
- If your child is absent you must send in a note to the class teacher explaining the absence. It is not sufficient to call the office.
- **Children should not be collected before the usual finishing times except for urgent reasons.** A note must be sent to the class teacher in advance and the child must be collected by their parent/guardian. Children leaving the school early must be signed out at reception by their parent.
- **Standardised Testing:** Please note that the **standardised testing (R2 - R6)** will take place from the week commencing **30-10-19 to the week ending on 18-10-19**. The standardised test results will be communicated in person at the parent/teacher meetings at the end of November. It is compulsory for 2nd, 4th and 6th classes to undertake standardised tests again at the end of May 2020. These test results are passed on as mandatory information to the Department of Education and Skills.
- **Primary Language Curriculum:** School Closures (as per circular 0045/2019): One full day school closure during Term 1 as whole staff will engage with Primary Language Curriculum. Date to be confirmed by the PDST. There will also be two half-day closures in January and April 2020 for whole staff. No definite dates have been confirmed yet.

- **Revised Stay Safe Programme:** There will be an information evening for parents of GSNP before the end of September re:information on the revised stay safe programme. The revised stay safe programme will be implemented and taught from this year onwards. Staff have received advice and guidance from a member of the PDST on the content of the revised stay safe programme towards the latter stages of the previous school year. Further notification to follow soon.
- **Book Rental Scheme costs:** All book money must be paid either online (online payment facility on the school website) or to the class teacher in a clearly marked envelope as soon as possible. **No book money will be accepted at the secretary's (Pauline) office.** If you are under financial pressure, small payments can be paid off regularly (on a weekly/fortnightly basis). It would be better to try this rather than deferring altogether.
- **Payment for Swimming Lessons (1st - 6th class):** It is very important to make every effort to pay for the swimming lessons to cover the cost of the bus and the swimming lessons. If you are experiencing financial pressure at the time when payment is due, please use the online facility and try to pay small amounts in instalments. You are also welcome to discuss with the Principal in confidence. You will receive a letter a week in advance of your classes' scheduled lessons. The swimming timetable for the year is attached if you want to pre-plan.
- Please find attached the swimming timetable for the year.
- School Calendar year (including closures) are also attached.

Le gach dea-ghuí don scoilbhliain nua,

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