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A Thuismitheoirí:

Is amhlaidh go dtagaimid chun deireadh tobann le sos leath-théarma gnóthach. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil leis an tacaíocht, tuiscint agus foighid s'agaibh le roinnt seachtainí anuas agus beannaimid biseach iomlán agus tapa orthu siúd i measc phobal na scoile atá ag fulaingt mar gheall ar Choivid-19.

Faoi iamh atá eolas ar an sos leath-théarma agus roinnt leasuithe don Lá Scoile Nua nuair a thagaimid ar ais i mí na Samhna:

Sos Leath-théarma na Samhna

Mar aon leis an bhriseadh ciorcaid, beidh an scoil druidte don sos leath-théarma ón Luan, 19^ú Deireadh Fómhair go dtí an Aoine, 30^ú Deireadh Fómhair. Tiocfaidh muid uilig ar ais ar scoil ar an Luan, 2^ú Samhain. Tabhair faoi deireadh go bhfuil sé seo ina lá níos luaithe ná a bhí beartaithe ar an chéad dul síos de bharr go gcaithfidh muid laethanta a dhéanamh suas níos moille sa bhliain dar leis an Aire. Tabhair faoi deara gur saoire é seo agus ní tréimhse cian-fhoghlama, ligtear do na páistí sos a bheith acu (ach amháin do lucht R7 atá ag ullmhú don Teist Aistrithe!).

Suirbhé na Scoile

Míle buíochas do na tuismitheoirí uilig a líon isteach an Suirbhé ar an Lá Scoile Nua. Bhí 43 freagróirí againn le leibhéil sásaimh idir 75% agus 91% i ngach achar. Go raibh maith agaibh. Mar thoradh ar an suirbhé seo, tá sé aontaithe go gcuirfear na leasuithe a leanas i bhfeidhm nuair a thiocfaidh muid ar ais i mí na Samhna:

Obair Bhaile

Nuair a tháinig muid ar ais i mí Lúnasa, bhí sé mar phríomh-spríoc againn na páistí a thabhairt ar ais ar scoil don lá iomlán, cúig lá sa tseachtain le béile the ag am lóin. In ainneoin imeachtaí ar na mallaibh, mothaímid gur bhain muid an spríoc seo amach agus bhí an bhéim ann i measc na foirne dearcadh deimhneach a chothú i leith na scoile a chothú i measc na bpáistí. Mhothaigh muid gur féidir go mbainfeadh obair bhaile ón dearcadh dearfach seo agus cuimhní na Scoile sa Bhaile le Múineoir Maim agus Múinteoir Daid ag tábla na cistine a thabhairt ar ais. Ag an am céanna, bhí daltaí Rang 6 agus 7 ag fáil obair bhaile gach seachtain agus mothaímid anois go bhfuil sé in am go n-atosódh obair bhaile scríofa do Rang 3 - 5 i mí na Samhna (féach thíos).

Buidéil Uisce agus Trealamh Scoile

Beidh cead ag daltaí an buidéil uisce s'acu a a thabhairt abhaile gach lá le haghaidh glantacháin agus lena athlínadh. Tá cosc go fóill ar mhálaí scoile. Rachaidh obair bhaile chun an bhaile i gclúdach donn Dé Luain, i ndiaidh coráintín trí lá ar scoil, agus caithfidh sé teacht ar ais Dé hAoine, rachaidh sé faoi choráintín trí lá ina dhiaidh seo arís.

Éide Scoile

Chinn Bord na nGobharnóirí go mbeidh éide scoile riachtanach arís ó thús mhí na Samhna. Ba mhaith linn aird a dhíriú ar an ghá le haghaidh éadaí úra gach lá agus, le tacú libh anseo, beidh Éadaí Féin ar an Aoine gach Aoine, mar a mbeidh cead ag na páistí cibé a roghnaíonn tú féin a chaitheamh, a fhad go bhfoireann siad don aimsir.

Faoi dheireadh, go raibh maith agaibh as an tacaíocht iontach a thug sibh dúinn an leath-théarma seo agus bíodh sos slán agaibh.

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A Thuismitheoirí:

So we come to an abrupt end to a very eventful half-term. We would like to thank you for your support, understanding and patience over the last few weeks and we wish all those in the school community who are currently poorly with Covid-19 a swift and full recovery.

Please find below information on mid-term and a number of changes to the New School Day when we return in November:

Halloween Mid-term Break

In line with the circuit breaker guidelines, the school will be closed for mid-term from Monday, 19th October until Friday, 30th October. We will all return to school on Monday, 2nd November. Please note that this date of return is a day earlier than was originally planned as we have been informed by the Minister that we must make up some of the extra days over Halloween break later in the year. Please note that this is a holiday and not a period of remote learning, so let the children have a well-deserved break (apart from the P7s preparing for the Transfer Test!).

School Survey

Thank you to all parents who filled in the New School Day Questionnaire. We had 43 respondents with satisfaction levels ranging between 75% and 91% in all areas. Thank you. As a result of the survey, it has been agreed that the following changes will take place when we return in November:

Homework

When we returned in August, our main objective was to get the children back to school safely, for the full day, five days a week and with a hot meal at lunch-time. Despite recent events, we feel we have achieved this and discussions among the staff focussed on the need to ensure the children had a positive view of the return to school following lockdown. We felt that homework could potentially undermine this positive view and bring back memories of home-schooling with Múinteoir Mum or Múinteoir Dad around the kitchen table. At the same time, pupils from Primaries 6 and 7 have been receiving weekly homework and we feel now that it is time for written homework for pupils in Rang 3 - 5 to recommence in November (see below).

Water Bottles and School Equipment

Pupils will now be allowed to bring their water bottle home each day for cleaning and refilling. Schoolbags, however, are still not permitted. Homework will go home in a brown envelope on a Monday, having been quarantined at school for 3 days beforehand, and to be returned to school the following Friday, with marking taking place after a further three days' quarantine.

School Uniforms

The Board of Governors has decided that school uniforms will once again be mandatory from the beginning of November. We would like to stress the need for the children to come to school in a fresh clothing each day and, to support you in this, each Friday will be a Dress Down Friday, where the children can come to school in any attire you choose, as long as it is appropriate for the weather.

Finally, thank you once again for your amazing support so far this term and have a safe mid-term.

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