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A Thuismitheoirí:

Lá Fhéile Bríd faoi shonas daoibh go léir. Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh go maith agus go mbíonn sibh ag plé leis an chlár scolaíocht baile, b'fhéidir chan le fuinneamh, ach le foighid.

### Suirbhé Scoile

Go raibh maith agaibh dóibh siúd a rinne an suirbhé scoile ar na malliaibh. Bhí 44 freagróirí againn agus cuirtear in iúl thíos cén dóigh atá muid ag dul a athrú rudaí i gcomhair le bhur moltaí. Seo thíos torthaí an tsuirbhé:

- Chuir 100% d'fhreagróirí in iúl go raibh go leor de rochtain acu ar wifi, ach d'iarr duine nó beirt iPad ar iasacht ón scoil. Chuir muid iarratas isteach do Chromebook do gach dalta ar Bhéilte Saora Scoile (faighte cheana féin ag daltaí R4 agus 7) ach rachaidh Múinteoir Jayne i dteagmháil leo siúd a d'iarr iPad ar iasacht le linn na dianghlasála. Iarrfar ar thuismitheoirí conradh a shíniú d'úsáid chomhaontaithe.
- Chuir 41% d'fhreagróirí in iúl nach bhfuil rochtain acu ar phrintéir agus dúirt 60% d'fhreagróirí gur thóg said obair phriontáilte ón scoil. Leanfaidh muid le hobair phriontáilte a ofráil le linn na seachtainí eile den dhianghlasáil.
- Chuir 77% d'fhreagróirí in iúl go bhfuil said sásta leis an chlár scolaíocht baile go dtí seo. Dóibh siúd nach bhfuil sásta nó atá éiginnte, gabh i dteagmháil le múinteoir do pháiste lena phlé cén dóigh a dtig linn rudaí a fheabhsú ar leibhéal pearsanta duit féin.
- Chuir 70% d'fhreagróirí in iúl in iúl gur shíl said go raibh an obair ag an leibhéal ceart. Arís eile, gabh i dteagmháil le múinteoir do pháiste lena phlé cén dóigh a dtig linn rudaí a fheabhsú ar leibhéal pearsanta duit féin.
- Chuir 68% d'fhreagróirí in iúl go bhfuil said sásta leis an chlár ar-líne. Féach thíos an dóigh a ba mhaith linn seo a fheabhsú a thuilleadh.
- Chuir 91% d'fhreagróirí in iúl go bhfuil said sásta le cumarsáid baile scoile. Do na tuismitheoirí sin nach bhfuil sásta nó atá éiginnte, gabh i dteagmháil liom ar fhón soghluaiste na scoile (07849162975) lena phlé cén dóigh a dtig linn seo a fheabhsú.
- Chuir 73% d'fhreagróirí in iúl go bhfuil said muiníneach ag úsáid Seesaw. Do na tuismitheoirí sin atá éiginnte, gabh i dteagmháil le múinteoir do pháiste le dul tríd an dóigh a n-oibríonn an córas.
- Chuir freagróirí ceist faoi Accelerated Reader agus Accelerated Maths. Tá Accelerated Reader ar fáil go fóill do Ranganna 5 – 7, ach chuir muid stop le Accelerated Maths mar gheall ar an easpa úsáide anuraidh (Rang 7). Do na daltaí sin i Ranganna 6 agus 7, áfach, logáil isteach sa chuid Transfer ar an líonláithreán do Quiozanna Mata seachtainiúla I mBéarla agus I nGaeilge.

## **Ábhar Ar-líne agus Teagmháil Ar-líne idir Múinteoirí agus Daltaí**

Mar Ghaelscoil, tuigimid go bhfuil sé ríthábhachtach go gcluineann na páistí an Ghaeilge chomh minic agus is féidir agus thóg neart tuismitheoirí a leithéid. Chuige sin, beidh muid ag tosú dhá chlár nua:

- Leabharlann Dhigiteach: Tá Leabharlann Dhigiteach curtha ar bun againn ar líonláithreán na scoile (pásfhocal hello2020) agus, cé nach bhfuil ach beagán leabhar uirthi go fóill, beidh muid ag cur leis thar na seachtainí romhainn. Amharcaigí air seo ar bhonn laethúil agus tá súil againn go méadóidh sé seo an méid Gaeilge a chluineann na páistí gach lá.
- Teagmháil ar-líne idir múinteoirí agus daltaí: táimid ag déanamh ullmhúchán do bhualadh le chéile seachtainiúil idir na múinteoirí agus na daltaí. Maidir le bunscoileanna, áfach, tá ceisteanna cumhdach ann nach mór dúinn cur san áireamh. Tá an tÚdarás Oideachais ag obair ar threoirínte dá leithéid faoi láthair agus, a luaithe a fhoilsítear iad, cuirfidh muid tús le seisiúin seachtainiúla bualadh le chéile.

## **Tinreamh**

Faoi dheireadh, chuir an Roinn Oideachais in iúl go gcaithfidh Bunscoileanna cloí le tinreamh na ndaltaí a chlárú bunaithe ar obair a chuireann said ar ais (ní gá gach píosa), i.e. marcálfar na páistí isteach má chuirtear obair ar ais agus marcálfar iad as láthair muna gcuirtear. Go dtí seo, ní raibh sé seo amhlaidh ach is mar gheall ar an ráiteas seo ón Roinn nach mór dúinn iarraidh oraibh an obair a chur ar ais ar bhonn seachtainiúil amach anseo. Tig seo a dhéanamh trí Seesaw, r-phost nó tríd an obair a fhágáil ar ais ar scoil Dé Luain nuair a thagann tú le hobair nua a thógáil. Tabhair faoi deara, le do thoil, nach mbaineann seo le teisteanna cleachtaithe do pháistí R6 agus ní gá do thuismitheoirí Náiscoilé fianais a léiriú.

Arís eile, go raibh maith agaibh as ucht bhur bhfoighide agus bhur n-iarrachta le linn an ama casta seo agus gabh i dteagmháil linn má tá a thuilleadh comhairle nó tacaíocht de dhíth.

Is mise,  
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A Thuismitheoirí:

Happy St. Brigid's Day to you all. Hopefully you are all keeping well and managing the home-schooling programme, if not with enthusiasm, then with patience.

### School Survey

Thank you to you all who filled in the recent school survey. We had 44 respondents and we outline below how we hope to modify things in line with your suggestions. The findings and actions from the survey are as follows:

- 100% of respondents reported that they had adequate access to wifi, but one or two asked if they could borrow an iPad from the school. We have applied for Chromebooks for all pupils on Free School Meals (already received by pupils in Rang 4 and 7) but Múinteoir Jayne will contact those parents who requested an iPad to make arrangements to borrow one from the school during the duration of the lockdown. Please note that parents will be asked to sign a contract of agreed use.
- 41% of respondents said that they do not have access to a printer and 60% of respondents said that they have collected work from the school. We will continue to offer printed work to all parents during the remaining weeks of the lockdown.
- 77% of respondents said that they are happy with the home-schooling programme to date. For those parents who are not happy or unsure, please contact your child's teacher to discuss how we can improve this on a personal level for you.
- 70% of respondents said that they thought the work was at the correct level. Once again, please contact your child's teacher to discuss how we can improve this on a personal level for you.
- 68% of respondents said that they are happy with the on-line aspect of the home-school programme. Please see below to read how we hope to improve this further.
- 91% of respondents are happy with home-school communication. For those parents who are not happy or unsure, please contact me on the school mobile (07849162975) to discuss how we can improve this.
- 73% of respondents said that they are confident in using Seesaw. For those parents who are unsure, please contact your child's teacher to go through how the system works
- Some respondents asked about Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Maths. Accelerated Reader is still available for pupils in Primaries 5 – 7, but we have discontinued Accelerated Maths due to lack of engagement last year (Rang 7). For pupils in Primaries 6 and 7, however, please log on to the Transfer Section of the website for weekly Maths Quizzes in both Irish and English.

### **On-line Content and On-line Contact between Teachers and Pupils**

As an Irish-medium school, we understand fully that it is vital that the children hear the spoken language as much as possible and quite a few parents mentioned this too. To this end, we will be rolling out two new programmes:

- Digital Library: We have set up a Digital Library section on the school website (password *hello2020*) and, while there are only a few books on it at the minute, we hope to populate this more over the coming weeks. Please check this out on a daily basis and, hopefully, this will increase the children's exposure to the language each day.
- On-line contact between teachers and pupils: we are making preparations for a weekly on-line catch-up between teachers and pupils. For primary schools, however, there are a number of safeguarding considerations that have to be taken into account. The Education Authority are currently working on guidelines for Primary School to ensure such considerations are and, as soon as these guidelines are issued, we will roll out weekly on-line catch-up sessions for the pupils.

### **Attendance**

Finally, we have been informed by the Department of Education that Primary Schools must continue to mark the children's attendance based on the return of their work, i.e. pupils will be marked present if work (not necessarily all work) is returned to the teacher and absent if it is not. To date, this has not been the case but the new directive means that we must now ask you now to return some work from the children on a weekly basis. You can do this through Seesaw, e-mail or by returning it to school each Monday when you come to pick up the new workbooks. Please note, for parents in P6, that it is not a requirement to return the practice tests and there is no requirement for parents of Nursery children to show evidence of work.

Once again, thank you for your patience and endeavour during these difficult times and please feel free to contact us if you need any additional advice or support.

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