Nuachtlitir na Míosa

Mí: Eanáir 2024

	Imeacht / *Event*	Dáta	Ranganna / Múinteoirí
Imeachtaí agus dátaí tábhachtacha / *Events and important dates*	**Féach ar an nasc thall chuig an bhFéilire scoile ar son gach eolais eile/** *Please see the link for the school calendar for important dates*	Mí na Eanáir	Féilire / Calendar
	Lá níos giorra de bharr Cruinniú Foirne */ Shorter day due to Staff Meeting*	23.01.2024	**12:50:** Naí Bheaga & Mhóra **1:00:** R1 – R6

Meabhrúcháin/

Reminders

- ***Folláin an Pháiste** / Pupil's Wellbeing*

  Láimhseáil le Cúram – Bíonn laethanta deacra againn ar fad mar aon le páistí agus tá an saol ag éirí níos casta agus níos gnóthaí bliain de réir bliana. Má bhíonn droch Hoíche, maidin nó deireadh seachtaine ag do pháiste, iarrfaimid ort 'Handle with Care' a sheoladh trí r-phost go dtí an múinteoir ranga agus ní chuirfear aon cheist eile ort nó ar do pháiste

  Handle with Care – We all have challenging days, including our children and life is getting more complicated and busier withe each year. If your child has had a difficult night, morning or weekend, please send the message 'Handle with Care' to their class teacher via email and no other questions will be asked.

- ***Éide Scoile & Cótaí Te** / School Uniform & Warm Coats*

  Ba chóir go mbeadh cóta te ag gach páiste ag teacht ar scoil mar beimid ag dul amach seachas má tá sé thar a bheith fliuch. Ní thabharfar cead dóibh siúd gan cóta dul amach san fhuacht.

  *All children should have a **warm coat coming to school** as we will be going outside every day unless it is extremely wet. Those without coats will not be permitted to go to the yard.*

- **Poncúlacht** */ Punctuality*

  Don athbhliain impímid ar na tuimitheoirí go léir iarracht ar leith a dhéanamh páistí a thabhairt ar scoil in am.

  For the new year, we are asking all parents to make a concerted effort to be on time for school.

- **Nod Sábháilteachta na Míosa ar Líne** */ Online Safety Tip of the Month*

  Tá Nód Sábháilteachta na Míosa seo ar fáil ag an nasc thíos chun cabhrú le clainne tabhairt faoin bhfeachtas Sábháilteacht ar Líne.

  This month's Online Safety Tip to help families become more proactive and collaborative in their online practice is available at the following link. Nódanna Sábháilteachta ar Líne / Online Safety Tips

- **Míolta Gruaige** */ Headlice*

  Faraor, tá roinnt mhaith cásanna de mhíolta gruaige fós tríd an scoil. Impímid ar gach clann cinn a bpáistí a sheiceáil go rialta ar son miolta gruaige agus a gcuid uibheacha go rialta. Mar atá ráite sa Chód Iompair, ba chóir go mbeadh gruaig fhada ceangailte siar i gcónaí.

  Unfortunately, there are still quite a few cases of headlice throughout the school. We would appreciate it if all families could check their child/ren's heads for headlice and eggs

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regularly to help curb the spread. It is stated in the Code of Behaviour for this reason that all children with long hair keep it tied up.

- **Féinmheastóireacht Scoile** */School Self-Evaluation*

Mar pháirt d'Fhéinmheastóireacht Scoile (FMS) GSMNC, bheimís buíoch do thuistí bhur smaointe i leith folláine bhur bpáistí i GSMNC a fháil tríd an gceistneoir ag an nasc nó Cód QR seo a leanas. Tá sé freagartha ag 198 clann go dtí seo as 376. Ba bhreá linn tuairimi gach duine a thógaint san áireamh. Roinnfear na torthaí libh go luath.

As part of GSMNC's School Self Evaluation (SSE) process, we would appreciate it if parents would answer the following questionnaire to gather your opinions in relation to the wellbeing of your child(ren) in GSMNC via the link or QR Code below. To date 198 families out of 376 have answered. We would love to hear the opinions of as many families as possible.

2023 Ceistneior na dTuistí - Folláine a bpáistí / Parents' Questionnaire - Their children's Wellbeing

Nótaí eile / Other notes

- **Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh** */ Happy New Year*

Ar son mé féin agus na foirne, ba mhaith linn athbhliain shonasach, shuaimhneach agus shláintiúil a ghábhail libh agus bhur gclainne don bhliain amach romhainn. Táimid ag siúl le téarma maith eile de chomhoibriú, foghlaim agus sparoi.

On behalf of myself and the staff, we would like to wish you and your families a happy, peaceful and healthy new year ahead. We look forward to another term of cooperation, learning and fun!

- **Lá na Sean-Tuismitheoirí /** *Grandparents' Day*

Tá Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitliceacha á ceiliúradh i mbliana ón 21ú - 27ú Eanáir. An téama i mbliana ná Pobal na Seirbhíse. Tá sé beartaithe ag an scoil tabhairt faoi Lá na SeanTuismitheorí ar Déardaoin an 2ú Feabhra i mbliana, díreach roimh dheireadh seachtaine fada Lá Fhéile Bríde. Beidh sé á cheiliúradh i mbliana le Rang a Trí. Seolfar tuilleadh eolais chuig na ranganna agus na clainne go luath ach cur an dáta sa dialann.

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated this year from the 21st to the 27th of January. This year's theme is Communities of Service. The school chose Thursday the 2nd of February to mark Grandparents' Day this year as it leads into St Brigid's bank holiday weekend. This year, Grandparents' Day will be celebrated with 3rd class. More information will be shared with the relevant classes and their families in due course, however save the date in your diaries.

- ***Ceachtanna Rothaíochta le R4 /*** *Cycling Lessons with 4th class*

Beidh R4 ag caitheamh 5 seachtaine ag foghlai conas rothaíocht go sábháilte le Cycling Ireland. Bíonn an feachtas seo i bhfeidhm le R4 gach bliain agus ar an gcúigiú seachtaine téann siad amach ar an mbóthar ag rothaíocht faoi threoir. Is deis iontach é seo dos na páistí go léir.

Fourth class will be spending 5 weeks learning how to cycle safely with Cycle Ireland. This occurs with 4th class each year and on the 5th week, the children are taken out on the road for a supervised cycle. This is a great opportunity for them to learn to cycle safely.

Nótaí eile / Other notes

- **Tráth na gCeist Sciath na Scol** */ Sciath na Scol Table Quiz*

  Tá múinteoir Criostóir ag eagrú 3 fhoireann de cheathar chun páirt a ghlacadh i dTráth na gCeist spóirt Sciath na Scol @4:00 - 6:00 in Óstán Baile an Róistigh ar an 15ú lá. Míle buíochas le Criostóir as ucht é seo a eagrú.

  Múinteoir Criostóir is organising 2 teams of 4 to participate in the Sciath na Scol sports' Table Quiz in the Rochestown Park Hotel @4:00 - 6:00 on the 15th. Many thanks to Criostóir for organising this.

- **Síntiús ar son Carthanachtaí** */ Charitable donations*

  Mar is eol daoibh bhí pacáiste de ghníomhaíochtaí éagsúla scoile curtha le chéile roimh an Nollaig chun airgead a bhailiú ar son carthanachtaí áitiúla. Ní raibh an costas €3 don phictúrlann ar son Naomh Uinsean de Pól i Mainistir na Corann curtha san áireamh ag an am. Chomh maith le sin tháinig Orla Farmer, iar imreoir camógaíochta le Corcaigh ag lorg cúnaimh ón scoil chun tacú le 10,000 crann a chur i gCéinia san Afraic. Tacaíonn feachtas Orla leis an bhfeachtas atá idir láimh againn ó thaobh Scoileanna Glasa de. Tá an scoil ag oibriú ar an 6ú Bhrat Glas do Saoránaigh Domhanda - Bruscar agus dramhaíl. Tiocfaidh Orla isteach chun labhairt le R1-R6 faoin obair seo san Afraic agus faoi chúrsaí sláinte, aclaí agus folláine.

  As you are aware, the school organised a package of activities before Christmas that included events to raise money for charity. The €3 to attend the cinema just before Christmas in aid of Midleton St. Vincent de Paul was not included in the original package. In addition, Orla Farmer, former Cork camogie player, invited all schools in the locality to assist her in her endeavours to plant 10,000 trees in Kenya, Africa. We were very happy to take part. Orla's campaign is in keeping with our Green School's campaign. We are working towards the 6th Green Flag under the heading Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste. Orla will speak to 1st - 6th classes about her work in Africa and health, fitness and wellness matters.

- ***Pacáiste Gníomhaíochtaí Scoile nua 2024 /*** *New School Activities Packages 2024*

  Tá pacáiste de ghníomhaíochtaí éagsúla scoile ar son Naíonáin Bheaga go Rang a Sé curtha le chéile ag an scoil don athbhliain. Beidh costas ar son carthanachtaí curtha san áireamh chomh maith do ghléasadh suas Oíche Shamhna agus na Nollag do NB agus NM amháin. Cuirfear costas €3 ar son gach páiste ó R1 - R6 san áireamh don phictúrlann agus €2 ó thaobh feachtas Orla. Beidh ranganna Naíonaín Bheaga go rang a Dó ag déanamh dhá gníomhaíocht, Spraoi & Aclaí agus Rince Gaelach ó seo go deireadh na bliana. Beidh rince gaelach á dhéanamh ó R3 - R6 chomh maith anois. Beidh R4 ag déanamh rothaíochta ina theannta seo. Tá Fíona ag eagrú córas íocaíochta ar Aladdin agus beidh sibh in ann íoc as na gníomhaíochtaí ina ghálaí. Féach ar an nasc thíos ar son costasaí.

  The school is organising further packages of activities for the children from Junior Infants to 6th class. The cost of a charitable donation for the Halloween dress-up day and for Christmas will be included for Junior and Senior infants. The €3 for the cinema from 1st-6th classes will be included along with the €2 charge for Orla Farmer's campaign, as mentioned above. Junior and senior infants will partake in two activities, Fun Fitness and Irish dancing. 3rd to 6th class will also partake in Irish dancing and 4th in cycling. Fíona will organise a staggered payment plan via Aladdin and you are welcome to pay in installments up until February 2024. Please see the following link for costs. 2024 Costas Gníomhaíochtaí Inscoile / In-school Activities Costs 2024

Nótaí eile / Other notes

- ***Robotics le R5 /*** *Robotics with 5th class*

  Mar pháirt de chlár ETIM na scoile bíonn Robotics idir lámh ag an scoil gach bliain. Tá sé i bhfeidhm arís i mbliana le R5 agus beidh siad ag glacadh páirte i gcomórtas VEX Robotics le DELL i lár mí Eanáir. Tugann sé seo deis iontach dos na páistí oibriú go neamhspleách, róbó a dhearadh, a thógáil, a oibriú agus an róbó sin a thiomáint ag an gcomórtas. Buíochas mór le múinteoir Ultan atá i bhfeighil ar an gcóras agus á threorú. Ina theannta san, le cúpla seachtain anuas tá Martin de Buitléir anseo le R5 Aisling+Deirdre ó Pfizer ag déanamh scéim phíolóta leo ó thaobh Robotics de. Buíochas mór le Martin.

As part of our school STEM programme, the school partakes in Robotics projects each year. Fifth class are participating in the DELL VEX Robotics competition again on the 18th of January. This provides the children wiht a great opportunity to work independently, to design, construct, operate and drive a self constructed robot at the competition. Many thanks to Ultan who is in charge of and oversees this programme. For the past number of weeks, Martin Butler from Pfizer has been doing a pilot scheme on Robotics with Aisling+Deirdre's 5th class. Many thanks to Martin.

- **Cór na Scoile** / *School Choir*

  Beidh Cór na Scoile, páistí ó R4 - R6, ag cleachtadh ar Aoine amháin in aghaidh na míosa le linn am scoile agus gach Luan ansin @2:40 - 4:00 ó seo go laethanta saoire na Cásca. Beidh siad ag foghlaim iomann ar son an Cóineartú, ar Chéadaoin an 1ú Bealtaine agus ar son an Chéad Chomaoineach, ar an 25ú Bealtaine. Féach ar Fhéilire na Scoile ar son na dátaí cuí.

  The School Choir, children from 4th - 6th class, will be practiing in school one Friday per month and every Monday after school from 2:40 - 4:00 for the next term . They will be preparing the hymns for the Confirmation on Wednesday the 1st of May and for the Communion on Saturday the 25th of May. Please see the School Calendar for dates and information.

- **Múinteoir Ceoil** / *Music Teacher*

  Mar is eol daoibh tá múinteoir Mattie anseo ag déanamh an fheadóg stáin le R2-R5 agus ag oibriú le grúpa ceoil tradisiúnta scoile chomh maith. Tá áthas an domhain orainn go bhfuil sé ar ais linn. Beidh múinteoir Jordan, iardhalta na scoile, ag tosnú ceachtanna bodhráin ar scoil ar an 19ú lá de mhí Eanáir. Díreoidh sé ar an mbodhrán le Rang a Cúig agus Sé ó seo go díreach tar éis na Chásca. Cuirfidh an scoil na bodhráin ar fáil. *Féach ar Fhéilire na Scoile ar son na dátaí cuí.*

  As you are aware, múinteoir Mattie is back teaching the tin whistle from 2nd - 5th class. He is also working with a traditional music school group. We are delighted that he is back with us. Múinteoir Jordan, a past pupil of the school, will commence bodhrán classes in school on Friday the 19th of January with fifth and sixth class. The bodhráin will be provided by the school. Please look at the school calender for the dates.

- **Dea-scéal faoi iardhalta agus a grá don Ghaeilge** / *Good News about a past pupil and her love of the irish language*

  Comhghairdeas ó chroí lenár n-iardhalta, Cáit Ní Fhinn atá tar éis scoláireacht a bhaint amach ó UCC de bharr na torthaí a fuair sí i scrúdú Ardteistiméireachta na bliana seo. Ta cúrsa Gaeilge, Gearmáinis agus Oideachas idir lámha ag Cáit agus í ag súil le bheith ina múinteoir meánscoile amach anseo. Anuas ar sin, tá scoláireacht eile bronnta ar Cháit a ligeann di a bheith ina cónaí saor in aisce in iostas lán Ghaeilge ar an gcampas. Bhí grá ar leith ag Cáit don Ghaeilge riamh agus i gcónaí. Chaith sí cúpla bliain i scoil chónaithe lán Ghaeilge (scoláireacht eile!) ar Inis Meáin agus í san idirbhliain agus tá sí féin agus an scoil le feiscint ar an gclár Idir Dhá Linn a bhí craolta ar TG4 le déanaí. Is féidir féachaint ar an gclár ar an nasc seo - https://www.tg4.ie/en/player/home/?pid=6343453959112&title=Inis%20Me%C3%A1in,%20Idir%20Dh%C3%A1%20Linn&series=Inis%20Me%C3%A1in,%20Idir%20Dh%C3%A1%20Linn&genre=Faisneis&pcode=669333

  Molaimid Cáit go hard na spéire. Ta súil againn go dtabharfaidh sí spreagadh do na daltaí atá fós linn agus go gcífidh siad na deiseanna go léir a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge.

- *Huge congratulations to our past pupil, Cait Ní Fhinn, who was recently awarded a scholarship by UCC for her results in this year's Leaving Certificate examination. Cáit is currently studying Irish, German and Education and plans to be a secondary school teacher. In addition to this scholarship, Cáit was awarded a 2nd scholarship which has allowed her to live in an all-Irish on-campus accommodation free of charge. Cáit has had a real grá and talent for Irish since her first day in the Gaelscoil and she credits her time in the school and the influence of her teachers with much of her success. Cáit spent several years in an all-Irish secondary school (another scholarship!) on Inis Meáin in transition year and her time there is featured on the programme Idir Dhá Linn which was broadcast on TG4 recently. You can see it on the link below.*

	https://www.tg4.ie/en/player/home/?pid=6343453959112&title=Inis%20Me%C3%A1in,%20Idir%20Dh%C3%A1%20Linn&series=Inis%20Me%C3%A1in,%20Idir%20Dh%C3%A1%20Linn&genre=Faisneis&pcode=669333 *We are hugely proud of Cáit's achievements and the doors Irish has opened for her. We hope her story will be an inspiration to the pupils who are still with us.* ***An mhí seo táimid ag díriú isteach ar an luach MACÁNTACHT*** *- This month we are focusing on the value of* ***HONESTY*** ***Cairde le Chéile ag Foghlaim!*** *Áine agus foireann na scoile*
Nuacht Cairde / **News from Cairde**	• **Cruinniú Cairde sa halla ar an 15.01.2024 @ 7:30 /** *Cairde meeting held in the halla on the* 15.01.2024 @ 7:30 **Míle buíochas le Cairde mar /** *Many thanks to Cairde for the following* • **As ucht bricfeasta a chur ar fáil d'fhoireann na scoile díreach roimh an Nollaig/** *For providing breakfast for the school staff just before the Christmas break.* • **Tae agus caife a chur ar fáil do Cheiliúradh na Nollag ar Aoine an 15ú lá agus as ucht Crannhcur na Nollag a eagrú /** *Providing teas and coffee for the Christmas Show on Friday the 15th and for organising the Christmas Raffle.*
Bord Bainistíochta / Board of Management	• **Ar mbuíochas arís leis na clainne agus na comhluchtaí ar fad a chur airgead agus duaiseanna ar fáil ar son Crannchur na Nollag.** *A huge thanks, once again, to all the families and companies who donated money and prizes for the Christmas raffle.* • **Ar mbuíochas le hInnealtóireacht Sibhialta Uí Riain a cheannaigh geansaithe scoile ar son foireann na gcailiní ar luach €820. Bhí na geansaithe deartha ag Rubaí i R6.** *A huge thanks to Ryan Civil Engineering who purchased jerseys for the school's ladies' football team at a cost of €820. Many thanks to Ruby in R6 who designed the jerseys.* • **Ar mbuíochas leis le hÁine Cronin ón gComhlucht Cronin Wall Properties a cheannaigh luach €220 do chamáin faoi dhíon nua don scoil.** *A huge thanks to Áine Cronin of Cronin Wall Properties who purchased new indoor hurleys for the school.* • **Deis Fostaíochta /** *Employment opportunity* **Rúnaí scoile páirtaimsirthe á lorg i nGSMNC ar feadh cúpla uair a chloig oibre in aghaidh na seachtaine. Máirt & Aoine ó 9:00 - 12:30 don chuid eile don scoilbhliain. Tosóidh siad amach ar leibhéal a haon do phá rúnaithe scoile ar liúntas €14.45 in aghaidh na huaire. Caithfidh caighdeán labhartha Gaeilge mhaith a bheith ag an duine i dteannta le pearsantact fáiltiúil agus solúbtha. Seol CV agus litir chuig** oifig@gsmnc.ie. *GSMNC is seeking a part time secretary to work for a number of hours per week from now until the end of June. Initially Tuesdays and Friday from 9:00 - 12:30. They will commence on level 1 of the school secretaries pay scale of €14.45 an hour. The applicants will require a good level of spoken Irish, a friendly and flexible personality. Duties include office administration, computer skills, filing, invoicing, answering telephone queries, updating records, drafting correspondence, photocopying etc. The suitable candidate will be an integral part of the school community and will help*

	manage the school office in a welcoming, professional and discrete manner. Please forward a CV and cover letter to oifig@gsmnc.ie. FAO Cathaoirleach GSMNC