

Nuachtlitir na Míosa
Mí: Aibreán 2024

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| | 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 Aibreáin | Féilire Scoile |
| | Lá níos giorra de bharr Cruinniú Foirne / Shorter day due to Staff Meeting | 23.04.2024 | 12:50: Naí Bheaga & Mhóra 1:00: R1 – R6 |
| Meabhrúcháin/ <i>Reminders</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Scoil dúnta ar feadh lá i mí Aibreáin & i mí an Mheithimh / One-day school closure in April and June Mar is eol daoibh, d'iarr an Roinn Oideachais orainn lá oiliúna iomlán a thógaint inniu ar Luan an 8ú Aibreán de bharr go bhfuil rang Uathachais oscailte againn i mbliana. Bíonn ar gach scoil a ósclaíonn rang uathachais an lá seo a dhéanamh. Táimid ag dúnadh chomh maith ar Chéadaoin an 5ú Meitheamh ar son Curaclam Matamaitice na Bunscoile nua a iniúchadh agus a phlé mar fhoireann. Beidh cuiditheoir linn ó Oide ar an lá. <i>As you are aware the Department has instructed the school to close today, Monday the 8th of April for the staff to partake in an Autism training day. All schools that open their first Autism class receive this day of training. We have also been instructed by the Department to close on Wednesday the 5th of June to discuss the New Primary Maths Curriculum with a facilitator from Oide.</i> | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cur i gcuimhne ó Allianz / A reminder fro Allianz Ar bhonn Árachais mhol Allianz dúinn insint daoibh nach bhfuil sé ceadaithe do pháistí a bheith ar láthair na scoile roimh 8:40r.n. ar maidin mar níl feitheoireacht oifigiúil tosaithe go dtí 8:40r.n. <u>Tá sé de chead ag páistí ó R5+R6 amháin a bheith ar shuíomh na scoile san Astro ar son traenála @ 8:30r.n. mar tá múinteoir i bhfeighil orthu.</u> Níl sé de chead ag tuistí nó na busanna páistí a fhágaint ag na doirse roimh 8:40 i.n. mar nílid clúdaithe le hárachas. <i>Allianz, our insurers, have advised us to reiterate that supervision on school grounds does not commence until 8:40 a.m. <u>Children from 5th+6th classes only are permitted on the school grounds and the Astro at 8:30 a.m. for training purposes as a teacher supervises them.</u> Parents and bus drivers are not permitted to allow children to be on school grounds unsupervised until 8:40 a.m. as they are not covered by insurance.</i> | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Deacracht le hiocaíochtaí / Financial difficulties Ba chóir go mbeadh an t-airgead ar son na bpacáistí de ghníomhaíochtaí éagsúla scoile a íoctha anois. Mar is gnáth baintear úsáid as an gcóras íocaíochta ar Aladdin. Le bhur dtoil, má tá deacrachtaí agaibh ó thaobh billí scoile srl a íoc, tagaigí i dteangmháil le hÁine nó Róisín. Pléifear le gach cás go discréideach agus faoi rún. <i>Money for the various school packages of activities for the children should now be paid. As usual, Fiona has organised payment via Aladdin. Please make contact with Áine or Róisín if you are experiencing difficulties in paying school-related bills, please know that all matters will be dealt with discreetly and confidentially</i> | | |

Meabhrúcháin/

Reminders

- **Geata Carrclós na dTuistí / Parents carpark gate**

Mar is eol daoibh, tugadh cead pleanála isteach amháin don scoil agus dá bharr tá córas aon bhealach i bhfeidhm. Le bhur dtoil, tagaigi isteach an geata ar bharr chun páirceáil agus fág tríd an bpríomhgeata. Is oth liom a rá nach bhfuil tuistí ag leanúint na rialach seo in ainneoin na bhfógraí curtha suas. Ar bhonn buairteanna sláinte agus sábháilteachta beidh ar an mBord Bainistíochta tabhairt faoi chóras eile a chur i bhfeidhm.

*As you are aware, the school was granted planning permission several years ago for entrance purposes only. Therefore we have a one-way system for the parents' car park. Please come in by the top gate if parking and leave via the main gate. We kindly ask you **NOT TO EXIT THE TOP GATE**. Unfortunately, many parents are not abiding by this system despite the signs. Therefore, due to health and safety grounds the BOM will have to explore other options going forward.*

- **Maoir Thráchtá R6 / 6th class Traffic Wardens**

Má tá fonn ort do pháiste a shiúl chuig doras na scoile, le do thoil déan páirceáil i gcarrchlós na dtuistí. Tá Maoir Thráchtá ó R6 ar fáil arís chun cabhrú le páistí níos óige siúl ón áit scaoil amach chuig na doirse cuí.

Please park in the parents' car park or outside the school grounds if you need to walk your child to the door. 6th class Traffic Wardens are available to help young children walk from the Drop and Go area to the doors.

- **Párcáil mórthimpeall na scoile / Parking around the school environs.**

Impim oraibh smaoineamh ar ár gcomharsain ar fad mórthimpeall na scoile agus gach iarracht a dhéanamh carrchlós na dtuistí a úsáid agus gan cur iseacht ar bhealaí amach agus isteach an campa lucht taistil nó aon eastáit mórthimpeall orainn. Tá sé tábhachtach nach mbeidh aon bhac ar na bealaí éigeandála seo. Bheimís fíor bhuíoch as bhur gcomhoibriú.

I kindly ask you to be mindful of all our neighbours and to use the parents' car park and the drop-off points as much as possible. Please refrain from parking close to the camp and to the entrance and exit points to the camp and the surrounding estates during drop-off and pick-up times. It is most important that these entrance and exit points remain free at all times to ensure emergency vehicles have access. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

- **Folláin an Pháiste / Pupils' Wellbeing**

Láimhseáil le Cúram – Bíonn laethanta deacra againn ar fad mar aon le páistí. Má bhíonn droch oíche, maidin nó deireadh seachtaine ag do pháiste iarrfaimid ort 'Handle with Care' a sheoladh ar SEESAW nó 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 and that includes our children. If your child has a difficult night, morning or weekend, please send the message 'Handle with Care' to their class teacher via SEESAW or email and no other questions will be asked.

- **Mí Fheasachta ar Uathachas / Autism Awareness Month**

Mar scoil aithnítear éagsúlacht intinne. Déantar uathachas a mharcáil is a cheiliúradh le linn mí Aibreáin. Tá fonn mhór orainn an pobal scoile a chur ar an eolas faoi na láidreachtaí is na dúshláin a bhaineann le bheith ar an speictream. Tá sé níos tábhachtaí ná riamh dúinn i mbliana toisc go bhfuil ár gcéad seomra uathachais oscailte againn. Ba mhaith linn an deis seo a thógaint chun ár mbuíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le Múinteoir Nicole agus na Cúntóirí, Ger, Jonna agus Ber atá tar éis oibriú ar a míle dícheall is as láimh a chéile ar son na bpáistí sa seomra ó thús na bliana.

Tá sé tábhachtach a rá chomh maith go bhfuil páistí eile sa scoil le huathachas nó ag fanacht ar mheasúnú uathachais nach bhfuil baint acu leis an seomra. In ainneoin sin, bíonn tuiscint, am agus tacaíocht sa bhreis uathu le cinntiú go n-éiríonn leo an taitneamh is tairbhe ceart a bhaint as an scoil.

Tá an seans ann go bhfaca cuid agaibh an clár teilifíse Inside Our Autistic Minds le Chris Packham ar BBC le déanaí. Muna bhfaca tá go leor físeanna faoi ar Youtube. Molaimid go n-éisteadh daoine leis an agallamh seo ó Miriam Meets ar Raidió 1 ón Domhnach, an 16ú Aibreán, 2023 má fhaigheann sibh an deis. Beimid i dteangmháil roimh dheireadh na míosa faoin ár Lá Ceiliúrtha Uathachais.

As a school, we are very aware of neurodiversity. April is Autism Awareness Month and we are very keen to highlight the strengths and challenges associated with autism among the school community. Awareness is more important than ever this year as we have opened our first autism class. As the oft-quoted saying about autistic people goes, "We are freshwater **fish in saltwater**. Put us in fresh water and we function just fine. Put us **in saltwater** and we struggle to survive." Nicole's autism class has truly been that freshwater environment for some of our students and has made a real difference to them and their families. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Múinteoir Nicole and our Cúntóirí Ranga, Ger, Jonna and Ber for their hard work and dedication to the class and the children.

It is also worth noting that we have other students in the mainstream classes of the school who are autistic or who are awaiting assessment for autism for whom the class is not necessary but who need extra understanding, accommodations, time and support to reach their potential.

Some of you may have seen the excellent series, Inside Our Autistic Minds, with the autistic presenter, Chris Packham on BBC recently. If you missed it, snippets of the show can be seen on YouTube. Alternatively, this interview which featured on Miriam Meets on RTE Radio 1 on Sunday, April 16th, 2023 might be of interest to many of you - <https://www.rte.ie/radio/radio1/clips/22238655/>

We will be in touch before the end of the month with details of our Autism Celebration Day.

Finally, we think that this award-winning poem, written by 12-year-old Ava Gallagher is well worth a read. As the saying goes, once you've met one autistic person, you've met one autistic person as each autistic person experiences the world differently. However, this poem does give an insight into what life can be like for people on the spectrum. We plan to share it with our students.

Autism and Me

If you don't mind I'd like to explain
A little thing called autism and how it affects my brain
It can make me anxious, angry and afraid
But this stays in my head, on my face it's not displayed
I may seem heartless and question your meanings
But it takes me a little longer to process the feelings
A girl sitting quietly is all you see
But inside my mind I am far from free
My thoughts collide, my senses take over
I become overwhelmed by the smallest sound
Clicking pens, ticking clocks
That boy's chair and the way it rocks
All different smells attacking me
The perfumes, the coffee, the teacher's tea
I try to be social, I try to fit in
I come across rude, I can never win
I am very literal and straight to the point
If you want the truth I won't disappoint
When my brain is overloaded I sometimes lash out
My control fades, I scream and shout
I get confused and it all spills out
Intense emotions all trapped inside
Finally have nowhere to hide

Please understand I am not to blame
I've just got an atypical brain
But it's not all doom and gloom
I'm often the sportiest girl in the room
I'm quirky, unique, kind and caring
I'm loyal, protective and always sharing
I'm obsessed with frogs and all things green
I'm the youngest trendsetter you've ever seen.
I am Ava, I am me,
Please see through my label of ASD.

- **Banaltra ón Roinn Sláinte anseo / HSE Nurse present in school**

Beidh an banaltra ón Roinn Sláinte sa scoil chun measúnú a dhéanamh ar éisteacht agus radharc na bpáistí i Naionáin Bheaga ar Aoine an 12ú, Luan an 15ú agus Máirt an 16ú Aibreán.

The HSE nurse will be in school to assess the hearing and sight of the junior infant children on Friday the 12th, Monday the 15th and Tuesday the 16th of April.

- **Craobh Sacair an Chontae Cailíní agus Buachaillí / Primary 5's Girls & Boys' County Finals**

Comhghairdeas leis na cailíní & na buachaillí i Rang a Cúig agus Sé atá tar éis Craobh an Chontae a bhaint amach i gcatagóir C (scoileanna móra). Beidh na cluichí á n-imirt acu i bPáirc Musgrave @10:30 ar Chéadaoin, an 17ú Aibreán (cailíní) agus ar Chéadaoin, an 24ú Aibreán (buachaillí). Tá na páistí ar fad ó R5 & R6 ag dul chun tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh. Tá fáilte is fiche roimh thuismitheoirí agus lucht tacaíochta chomh maith. Tá cead isteach chuig an staid saor in aisce. Guímid gach rath orthu ar an dá lá.

Congratulations to the girls and boys in 5th & 6th class who have reached the Primary 5s County Soccer Finals Days in both boys and girls competitions in Category C (large schools). Both games will take place in Musgrave Park @ 10:30 am on Wednesday the 17th (girls) and Wednesday the 24th (boys). All children from 5th & 6th class will be present to cheer them on. Parents and supporters are welcome and entry to the stadium is free of charge. We wish both teams well on both day.

- **Comórtas Óráide R6 / 6th Class oration**

Tuigtear gur dushlán ollmhór é labhairt ós ard go poiblí do ana chuid daoine. Tá comórtas Óráide bliantiúil R6 ar Aoine, an 19ú Aibreán. Bunaíodh an comórtas seo chun mothú faitíos i bpáistí a laghdú agus a gcuid muinín i leith comhrá / óráid poiblí a ardú. Labhróidh gach páiste ar ábhar dá rogha ar feadh 3 nóiméad. Tá an-obair curtha isteach ag na páistí agus guímid gach rath orthu. Ár mbuíochas le múinteoirí R6 Katie, Lúsaí & Antoinette agus an múinteoir drámaíochta, Shevaun, a d'ullmhaigh iad don ócáid. Beimid ag fanúint le scéala ós na moltóirí.

Public speaking is considered to be one of the greatest challenges people face and the prospect of talking in front of a crowd strikes fear into the hearts of many. The annual 6th class public speaking competition which takes place this year on Friday the 19th of April was established to eliminate this fear and to give our GSMNC students the confidence to know that they can present in front of a crowd. Each child will deliver a speech of approx 3 minutes on a topic of their choice. The students have worked hard since the start of the year and we wish them all well. Many thanks to Katie, Lúsaí and Antoinette as well as Shevaun, our wonderful drama teacher, for helping them to prepare for the occasion. We await the judges' decisions with anticipation.

- **Cóineartú / Confirmation**

Guímid gach rath ar na páistí i Rang a Sé atá ag dul faoi lámh an Easpaig @1:00 ar Chéadaoin an 1ú Bealtaine i Seipéal an Holy Rosary i Mainistir na Corann. Míle

buíochas leis na múinteoirí ranga, Katie, Lúsaí & Antoinette atá á n-ullmhú don ócáid. Buíochas mór chomh maith leis na páistí agus múinteoirí bainteach le Cór na Scoile as ucht an cleachtadh go léir a bheidh idir láimh acu idir é seo an an 1ú Bealtaine.

We wish all the children in 6th class who are receiving their Confirmation on Wednesday the 1st of May the very best of luck in their preparations. The service will take place @ 1:00 pm in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary. Many thanks to múinteoirí ranga Katie, Lúsaí & Antoinette who are preparing them for the occasion. Many thanks also to the children and teachers associated with the School Choir who will be practising regularly from now until the 1st of May.

- **Seachtain / Coicís na Gaeilge**

Bhí an-am againn le linn Coicís na Gaeilge. Bhain na páistí sár-taitneamh as John Spillane ag seinm ceoil. Bhí céilithe iontacha againn agus bhain na bunranganna an sult as na hardranganna ag múineadh cluichí clóis dóibh. Bhí mórshuíl iontach timpeall na scoile ar lá na héide glasa agus bhain gach éinne taitneamh as an Dreoilín a rinne le chéile. D'fhreastal uimhreacha móra ar an oíche Biongó agus Tráth na gCeist scoile chomh maith agus bhí an-sult acu. Bhain na páistí sár-taitneamh as ainmneacha aon mhúinteoir a labhair oiread is focal Béarla a scríobh ar an gclárán ar an Lá Béarla ar bith. Míle buíochas le múinteoir Katie agus an Coiste Gaeilge a d'eagraigh na gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla don choicís.

We had a great fortnight during Coicís na Gaeilge. The children very much enjoyed John Spillane playing music and singing. We had three very enjoyable céilithe and the junior classes loved learning to play yard games in Irish with the help of the senior classes. The green clothing parade was very much enjoyed as was the entire school dancing the Dreoilín. Great numbers showed up at the School Bingo and Quiz nights. Finally, the children delighted in writing teachers' names on the whiteboard outside the staffroom on the Béarla Ban day for those who uttered a single word of English. May thanks to múinteoir Katie and the Coiste Gaeilge for organising the various activities for Coicís na Gaeilge.

- **Foireann Bunscoile Chorcaí / Cork Primary Games**

Comhghairdeachais le Criostóir Ó Cochláin i Rang 6 Lúsaí a bhí roghnaithe chun imirt le foireann Bunsoile Chorcaí. Is mór an onóir é seo.

We congratulate Criostóir Ó Cochláin in R6 Lúsaí who was chosen to play with Cork Primary Games. It is a great achievement to be selected.

- **Spelling Bee / Spelling Bee**

Comhghairdeagas le Mícheál Mac Mánaís i Rang 6 Antoinette a bhain éacht ollmhór amach ag teacht sa dara háit i gCraobh Spelling Bee an Chondae ar an 20ú Márta!

We congratulate Mícheál Mac Mánaís in R6 Antoinette on his excellent achievement of coming in second place in the County Spelling Bee Final on the 20th of March. He survived twelve bruising rounds only to be stumped by the word filipendulous which apparently means hanging by a string!

- **Treodóireacht Scoileanna Chorcaí / Cork School Orienteering Championships**

Comhghairdeachais le Ewan Ó Muireadaigh i Rang 6 Katie a tháinig sa tríú háit le linn Craobh Treodóireachta Scoileanna Chorcaí. Is mór an gaisce é seo.

We congratulate Ewan Ó Muireadhaigh in R6 Katie who came 3rd in the Cork School Orienteering Championship. It is a great achievement.

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

Tá Cúrsa Sábháilteachta Idirlíne do thuismitheoirí ceannaithe ag an scoil. Is féidir an cúrsa seo a dhéanamh i d'am féin ó anois go deireadh na scoilbliana seo. Tógann sé thart ar uair a chloig agus beidh teastas ar fáil ag an deireadh. Má tá suim agat, lean

na treoracha sa PDF atá ar fáil ar an nasc thíos. **Ní bheidh aon chostas oraibh** nuair a chuireann sibh isteach an eochair seo a leanas - ParentsCS-20107G

*The school has purchased an Online Safety Course for Parents. The course can be accessed at any time from now until the end of the school year and takes approximately an hour to complete. A certificate will be supplied upon completion. If you are interested, please follow the instructions in the attached PDF at the link below. When applying you will not need to pay for the course, just enter the following enrolment key. **ParentsCS-20107G**.*
[Nóidanna Sábháilteachta ar Líne / Online Safety Tips](#)

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

Mar is eol daoibh, tá GSMNC ag tabhairt faoi Fhéinmheastóireacht Scoile (FMS) i leith folláine bhur bpáistí agus foirne na scoile. Tá graif na bhfreagraí agus na ráitis dhearfacha maidir leis an scoil agus ár gcuid cleachtais folláine i nGSMNC i dteannta leis an bplean agus na torthaí maidir le ráitis eile agus áiteanna le feabhsú le feiscint ag an nasc thíos.

As you are aware GSMNC's School Self Evaluation (SSE) process is based on the wellbeing of your child(ren) and the school staff. The results and the positive statements regarding our current well-being practices in GSMNC are available at the link below along with the plan and the results regarding other statements and areas for improvement.
[Féinmheastóireacht Scoile FMS / SSE](#)

An mhí seo táimid ag díriú isteach ar an luach DÍOGRAIS

- This month we are focusing on the value of DILIGENCE

Cairde le Chéile ag Foghlaim!

Áine agus foireann na scoile

- **Cruinniú Cairde sa halla ar an 22.04.2024 @ 7:30 /**

Cairde meeting held in the halla on the 22.04.2024 @ 7:30

- **Tráth na gCeist ar an 25ú Aibreán in Óstán Mainistir na Corann @8:00. Is ócáid bhailiúcháin airgid agus sóisialta í seo ar son pobal na scoile. €40 ar son bord de cheathrar. Doirse ag oscailt @7:00. Buíochas mór le múinteoir Ultan atá sásta a bheith mar mháistir Tráth na gCeist. Níl aon dabht ach go ndéanfaidh sé sár jab ar an oíche.**

A Table Quiz is being organised by Cairde as a fundraiser and social occasion on April the 25th in the Midleton Park @8:00. A table of four will cost €40. Doors open @7:00. Many thanks to múinteoir Ultan who is happy to be the Quiz Master on the night. No doubt he will do an excellent job entertaining us all. No pressure, Ultan!

Míle buíochas le Cairde mar / Many thanks to Cairde for the following

- **As ucht Lá Caife + Díolachán Cistí do thuistí á eagrú ar an 8ú Márta. B'ócáid bhailiúcháin airgid agus sóisialta í seo ar son tuistí na scoile agus bhailigh siad €870 ar son busanna.**

For hosting a Coffee morning and Cake sale on the 8th of March as a fundraiser and social occasion for parents. They raised €870 to contribute towards the cost of buses.

- **As €2,000 a íoc chuig an scoil chun cabhrú costas busanna d'ócáidí éagsúla a laghdú**
Providing €2,000 to help reduce the cost for buses for various school related occasions.

Nuacht Cairde /
News from Cairde

Bord Bainistíochta /
Board of
Management

- **Ba mhian leis an mBord Bainistíochta comhbhrón ó chroí a ghábhail le Niall Ó Néill, iar chathaoirleach an Bhoird Bainistíochta ar son bás a mháthair, Anne agus múinteoir Clár R5 ar bhás a seanmháthair agus clann uile Uí Néill. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.**

The Board would like to express its deepest sympathies to Niall Ó Néill, the former Chairperson of the Board, on the passing of his mother Anne and to múinteoir Clár in R5 on the passing of her grandmother and to the extended O'Neill family. May she rest in peace.

- **Ba mhian leis an mBord Bainistíochta comhbhrón ó chroí a ghábhail le Muintir Mac Siúrdiún ar bhás iar-dhalta na scoile, Riain. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.**

The Board would like to express its deepest sympathies to the Jordan family on the death of Ryan, their son and a past pupil of the school. May he rest in peace.

- **Ba mhian leis an mBord Bainistíochta comhbhrón ó chroí a ghábhail le múinteoir Sibéal agus clann uile de Paor agus Uí Chléircín ar bhás Norah a máthair. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.**

The Board would like to express its deepest sympathies to múinteoir Sibéal, on the death of her mother Norah, and the extended Power and Clarkin family. May she rest in peace.

- **Ba mhaith leis an mBord comhghairdeas a ghábhail le hEithne Lane tar éis di post páirt-aimseartha mar Rúnaí a bhaint amach sa scoil. Guímid gach rath uirthi ina ról nua.**

The Board of Management wishes to congratulate Eithne Lane in her recent appointment as a part-time secretary. We wish her all the very best in her new role.

- **Ba mhaith leis an mBord Bainistíochta comhghairdeachas a ghábhail le The School Food Company/ School Food 4 Primary as ucht an conradh chun an seirbhís lóin te SAOR IN AISCE a chur ar fáil do pháistí na scoile ar feadh 3 bliana ag tosnú ar an 7ú Bealtaine.**

The Board of Management wishes to congratulate The School Food Company/ School Food 4 Primary who won the 3-year contract to provide a FREE hot lunch service for the children of GSMNC. They hope to commence the service on the 7th of May.

Bord Bainistíochta /
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