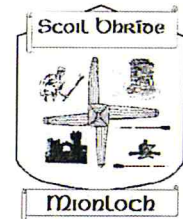


Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde



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Mí na Nollag, 2018

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A Thuismitheoirí,

Saoire na Nollag / Christmas Holidays

Beidh an scoil ag dúnadh i gcomhair saoire na Nollag Aoine, an 21ú Nollaig, ag a 12:30 p.m. Scoil Bhríde will close on Friday the 21st of December at 12.30 p.m. for the Christmas break. The bus service has been arranged to collect children that day at 12.00pm. As in previous years, we ask that personal technical devices are not taken to school on our last day. Children are allowed to bring two treats to school for their lunch on that day. We will re-open on Tuesday the 7th of January 2017.

Bainisteoir Scoile / School Manager

Fáilte chuig Brendan Forde ár bainisteoir scoile. Tá Brendan chun a bheith ag obair linn anois sa scoil bhliain nua. Scoil Bhríde welcomes the appointment of Brendan Forde as school manager. Brendan has visited our classrooms and attended our school mass recently. We look forward to working with Brendan in the new school year.

Aonach na Nollag / Christmas Fair

Bhí Aonach na Nollag san Áras. Bhí cuma álainn ar an Áras ar an lá. The Christmas Fair took place in the Áras on Sunday the 9th December. The Áras looked wonderful and a real Christmas atmosphere was in the air. Míle Buíochas to our staff, parents, helpers and past pupils for all the work that went into preparing and organising the Christmas Fair. Míle buíochas to you all for supporting the event.

Raffle Mór/ Trolley Raffle

Maith sibh ar fad don tacaíocht a thug sibh do Galway Sick kids. Thanking you all for your support and for buying a raffle ticket. Scoil Bhríde will be forwarding the proceeds to Galway Sick Children Fund.

Polasaí Riarachán Leighis/ Administration of Medicines Policy

Dé réir ár bPolasaí Riarachán Leighis caithtear foirmeacha againn gach bliain scoile.

Administration of Medicines requests and the associated paperwork need to be re-submitted every school year. If you have not submitted the relevant paperwork please do so at your earliest convenience in the case of serious medical conditions we would invite parents to address the staff at one of our staff meetings. A hard copy of the policy and forms are available in the office. The policy and forms can be downloaded from the school website.

Liathróid Láimhe/ Handball

Maith sibh ar fad a pháistí is le Niamh agus Donncha. Well done to our Olympic Handball players who did so well in their matches in Knocknacarra recently. Our girls team qualified for the county finals. Their hard work paid off when they came second in the finals. We are very proud of them and the sportmanship they displayed on the day. We know that they played their hearts out.

Maith sibh a challiní! The buachaillí too played their hearts out in the same afternoon meeting some stiff competition they made it as far as the semi-finals. Their practice at lunch time was well work the effort.

Aifreann na Nollag

Maith sibh ar fad as a bheith linn ag an Aifreann na Nollag. Well done to everyone for making it to our Christmas mass and well done to our teachers and children. It was really a lovely occasion. Our mass centred on the theme of Global Citizenship our green flag theme. The Green Schools committee did a great job organising the readings and gifts. Our prayers and reading reflected the themes of community and everyone sharing this wonderful world that we live in. Our wonderful choir worked hard for the past few weeks with Múinteoirí Siobhán, Caitríona and Treasa. A Big 'maith sibh' to our Bóin Dé groups who will hold their Dráma Nollag today. Mile buíochas to our teachers, Darragh and Niamh, and the children.

Daidí na Nollag

Míle buíochas Mór go Daidí na Nollag a bhí anseo linn sa scoil. A big thank you to Santa who was here with us on Wednesday. He was very busy but made time to visit our Naíonáin Bheaga, Naíonáin Mhóra, Rang 1 and Bóin Dé. It was very exciting. Santa had to return to his work but not before having a quick peak into our Rang 2 - Rang 6. He was delighted to see everyone has been working hard. Santa asked that all children should be in bed by 8pm Christmas night and to make sure we are all kind to each other over Christmas.

Clarú/ Registration

Tá sé fíor-thábhachtach má tá sé i gceist agat nó ag aon duine den chlann, do leanbh a chuir chuig Bóin Dé nó Scoil Bhríde clarú linn chomh luath agus is féidir. It is very important to register you child if you or a family member wish to send their child to Bóin Dé or Scoil Bhríde this coming September. Registration forms are available in the front office. We would be very grateful if you would inform any family living near you, who has an interest in sending their child to Scoil Bhríde next year, to contact the school.

Muicín Taisce/ Piggybank

Tá Muicín Taisce tosnaithe ag na múinteoirí agus páistí i Scoil Bhríde, Muicín Taisce an cuspóir atá leis seo ná má bhíonn aon sóinseáil bheag ag na páistí sa mbaile é a chuir sa Muicín Taisce agus rachaidh sé chuig aon turas scoile a bhíonn acu nó aon ócáid eile a bhíonn eagraithe acu/againn ar scoil dóibh. All classrooms have begun a Piggy bank system, any loose change that the children have at home can be saved in the school's Piggy Bank. The objective of the Piggy Bank is to encourage the children to save towards their school tours and or any other events/ trips that may take place between January and June, (thus taking the pressure off parents). Please avail of the system and encourage your child to save towards these events.

Damsha/ Irish dancing

New term for Irish dancing classes commences in Áras on Friday, 9th January. Please contact Anne for more information (087) 6900129.

Snámh/ Swimming

Beidh páistí Ranganna 4, 5 & 6 ag glacadh páirt i snámh. Tosóidh na ranganna i Leisureland ar an 9ú Eanáir 2018. The swimming classes for children in Rang 4, 5 and 6 will commence on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Garda Vetting

Má tá sé i gceist agat páirt a glacadh in aon rud le rang do pháiste agus é/í ar scoil tá sé fíor-thábhachtach Garda Vetting a bheth déanta agat. A reminder to parents that it is vital to be Garda vetted in order to take part in any activity involving your child's class. To avoid disappointment we advise parents interested/available to join a class teacher during a school/class event that they pick up a Garda Vetting form in the front office and return it to the school. Parents must be vetted in order to take part in all school outings.

Buíochas ó Choiste na dTuistí/ Thanks from the Parents Association

Ba mhaith le Coiste na dTuistí buíochas a ghabháil leis na tuismitheoirí go léir a chabhraigh leo ina ngníomhaíochtaí tiomsaithe airgid i mbliana. Coiste na dTuistí Chairperson Karena Flanagan would like to thank all the parents who have helped with and supported our fundraising activities this

year. Your generosity has helped to raise much needed funds to support different activities for the children in Scoil Bhríde.

Nuashonrú Ceol le Chéile/ Ceol le Chéile Update

Go raibh maith agaibh le baill bhunaithe choiste Ceol le Chéile agus leis na ceoltóirí agus na múinteoirí ranga, a bhfuil a n-iarrachtaí comhcheangailte le rath an tionscadail go dtí seo. Tá cuid mhaith dár mbaill coiste tar éis a gcuid ama agus fuinnimh a chur ar fáil don tionscadal le ceithre bliana anuas agus tá sé in am cuireadh a thabhairt do thuismitheoirí nua cuidiú linn le Ceol le Chéile a chinntiú sa scoil. Má tá paisean agat don cheol (fiú mura bhfuil tú féin mar cheoltóir), agus ba mhaith leat a fheiceáil go leanann Ceol le Chéile i Scoil Bhríde, ba mhaith liom cuireadh a thabhairt duit a bheith ina bhall gníomhach den choiste agus teacht ar ár gcéad chruinniú coiste ar an 16 Eanáir ag 8in sa scoil. Má tá suim agat tacú leis an gcoiste ach nach bhfuil tú in ann freastal ar an dáta sin, glaoigh ar an scoil agus cuir in iúl dom agus cuirfimid san áireamh tú i ngnó an choiste. M.Siobhán

Sincere thank you to the founding members of the Ceol le Chéile committee and to the music and class teachers, whose combined efforts have made the project the success that it is today. Many of our committee members have devoted their time and energy to the project over the past four years and it's time to invite new parents to help us secure the future of Ceol le Chéile in the school. If you have a passion for music (even if you are not musical yourself), and you would like to see Ceol le Chéile continue in Scoil Bhríde I would invite you to become an active committee member and come to our first committee meeting on January 16th at 8pm in the school. If you are interested in supporting the committee but are not available to attend on that date please call the school and let me know and we will include you in the committee business. M.Siobhán

Brat Gníomhach/Active Schools Flag

Tá na rangannaí ag déanamh obair bhaile gníomhach faoi láthair. Seo an seachtain dearnach de na rangannaí gníomhach. For the past four weeks all of the classes have been getting active by taking 5 minute breaks each day to stretch, dance, do some yoga and shake awake their brain muscles! Naíonáin Mhóra won a homework pass for the entire class, they did 56 activities that week! The committee also organised the Súilóid na Nollaig - where every class with the staff dressed up in their Christmas gear for a súilóid around Menlo as part of the Active Flag activities. The Active Schools committee are Kate R6, James G R5, Lauren R3, Harry C R2, Dylan B R1, Zara NM. Múinteoir Deirdre and Múinteoir Cian are helping the committee in their work.

Green Schools

Beidh go leor ar súil ag an coiste Brat Glas i 2019. The Green Schools Committee have been doing great work so far this year the committee Matthew R6, Zoe R5, Ava, R3, Ruby May R2, Rebecca R1, Colm NM. They did a terrific job representing the flag at the school mass where they represented the school community by organising the prayers/readings and the gifts. Our gifts represented the care we must give the earth and the wonderful diverse community we have in Scoil Bhríde. The committee would like to thank all of the pupils who read the multilingual prayers on the day. We have great plans for next year to make our school an important part in taking care of the planet and our community.

Múinteoir Deirdre and Múinteoir Orla are helping the green school committee in their work.

MindUp

Gach lá tá gach rang is glacadh páirt sa clár MindUp. Is clár iontach é agus beidh níos mo treanáil ar fáil do na mhúinteoirí sa bhliain nua. This is an evidence based programme from the Hawn Foundation which is designed to foster emotional and social learning, by enhancing concentration in the classroom through 2 minute mind breaks. The MindUp programme teaches and encourages adults and children to learn about how their brain works and how to find a calm part of the day to focus successfully on their work.

Acmhainní Scoile / School Resources

Príomh Cuntas / Main Account

Príomh Cuntas / Main A/C	€10,965.09	
Deontas ón Roinn / Dept Grant	€9015	
Uncashed Cheques		€7000
Total	€12,980	

Síntús Ealaine / Voluntary Contributions School Year to Date 18/12/2018

	Number Paid	Amount Collected	Amount Projected	Outstanding
Total	71	€4575	€12,000	€7425

Snámh Tearma 1 / Swimming 1st Term

	Total Collected	Total Cost	Amount Outstanding
Snámh	€2740	€3120	€1380

Ceol le Chéile

Music Account	€1357.32	
Cóiste na dtuistí contribution	€1000	
Galway City Council Funding	€3000	
Tearma 1 Coastas /1 st term costs		€2250
Total / Iomlán	€3107.32	

Costas Leabhar Cíos

Book Rental Account	€5966.57	
Paired Reading Books (Cleite)		€2055
Total	€3911.57	

Ciste Éigeandála / Emergency Fund

Credit Union Account	€11,000
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Coiste Tuistí / Parents Association

June '17	€4229.68	
Fundraising 17-18	€4891.21	
Stage		€3943.44
Fundraising 2018 1 st Term	€500	
Total	€1000.59	


Brendan Forde, Bainisteoir Scoile/School Manager

Congratulations / Comhairdeas

Congratulations to Múinteoir Donncha who while in Rouge for a romantic dinner proposed to his wonderful girlfriend Rosario. She said yes and we are delighted to congratulate them on their new exciting journey.

Nollaig Shona agus ár mBuíochas Chugaibh

Tá an Nollaig buailte linn agus téarma a haon nach mór thart. Bhí téarma an-ghnóthach againn anseo i Scoil Bhríde agus ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil libh as ucht bhur dtacaíocht agus bhur gcomhoibriú i dtaobh gach rud a bhíonn ag tarlú sa scoil.

Christmas is almost here and we have come to the end of a very busy and active first term. We would like to thank you all for your continued support and co-operation and remind you all that we truly appreciate your time given to the school since September.

Le cúpla mí anuas, tá gaolta le páistí agus muintir na scoile imithe ar slí na firinne. Recently a number of families and staff in Scoil Bhríde have lost a loved one. It is a hard time of the year to suffer a loss. We'd like you to know that we are thinking of you and that you are in our prayers. Go ndéanna Dia grásta ar a gcuid anamacha ar fad.

Tá súil againn go mbeidh Nollaig suain sona agus sábháilte agaibh go léir. We wish everyone a happy, peaceful and most of all, a safe Christmas, and we will see you all in the New Year. Nollaig Shona daoibh ar fad.

Is mise le meas,

Máire De Brún, Príomhoide

*"Let go of yesterday,
Let today be a new beginning and be the best that you can,
and you'll get to where God wants you to be."
- Joel Osteen*



"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." -C.S. Lewis