

Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde



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A Thuismitheoirí,

Fáilte ar ais! Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Welcome back to everyone and we wish you all a very happy 2019.

Catholic Schools Week/Seachtain na Scoileanna Caitlieacha

Beidh an seachtain seo ar siúl ón 27/01/2019. Ar an 30/01/2019 beidh ceardlann crossóga Bhríde ar siúl i seomra rang 5 & 6 i rith an lae. Tá fáilte roimh tuistmitheoirí agus seantuismitheoirí teacht isteach cabhrú leis an gceardlann. Tae agus brioscaí ar fáil ar an lá. Má féidir luachair a tabhairt ar scoil freisin le bhur dtóil.

In what has become an annual event we will be running our annual St. Brigid's Cross workshop on Wednesday 30th of January as part of the annual Grandparents day during Catholic Schools Week. Parents and Grandparents are invited to come into school to take part in the workshop with Rang 5 & 6 who will be making crosses. Refreshments are available on the day. Please send rushes into school from the Monday onwards.

Ceardlann Crossóga Bhríde/St. Brigid's Cross Workshops

9:30 - 10:00	Rang 5 & 6
10:00 - 10:30	Naí Bheaga
10:30 - 11:00	Naí Mhóra
11:30 - 12:00	Rang 1
12:00 - 12:30	Rang 2
12:30 - 13:00	Rang 3
13:20 - 13:50	Rang 4

Coiste na dtuistí/Parent's Association Update

In light of various issues that contributed to a delay in electing a new Parent's Association Committee this year, Scoil Bhríde have been advised by the National Parent's Council (NPC) to further delay the AGM until after they, the NPC, have provided an Information Session to the parent body. The session is described as useful for schools who wish to set up a Parent Association and explores the role and function of the Parent Association in the school. It is open to the whole

school community and gives everyone a better understanding of what a Parent's Association is and does within the school. This Information Session is booked and will take place in the school Library on Monday 28th at 7.40pm. The NPC have confirmed that PA committee's terms do not need to run concurrently with the school calendar. The AGM (during which a new committee will be elected) will be held one week later, on Monday the 4th of February at 7pm, also in the Library. We look forward to building strong positive links with a newly energised and supportive committee.

Misrepresentation/Misinformation

It has come to the attention of the school that an email address has been created, alleging to be Menlo Parent's Association, menlopa2019@gmail.com. This email address is not representative of the current or future Parent's Association, and we would request the person who created same to immediately refrain from misrepresentation of this kind. We would remind Class Reps of their duty to only pass on verified information in school related WhatsApp groups, as discussed in our class information sessions in October. Passing on misinformation causes confusion and mistrust in messages that are really coming from the school, such as this. We appreciate your support and cooperation in this matter

Ranganna Gaeilge/Irish Classes

Ranganna Gaeilge do tuisthmitheoirí na scoile sa scoil gach Máirt ar feadh 8 seachtaine ag 7in le costas €50.

Irish classes for current and future parents of Scoil Bhríde in the School at 7pm each Tuesday, for 8 weeks, with Múinteoir Tonaí at a cost of €50.

Polasaí Riarachán Leighis/Administration of Medicines Policy

Dé réir ár bPolasaí Riarachán Leighis caithtear foirmeacha nua a thabhairt chugainn 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 a serious medical conditions we would invite parents to address the staff at one of our staff meetings. Please contact M. Siobhán to arrange this. A hard copy of the policy and forms are available in the office. The policy and forms can be also downloaded from the school website.

Teanga Neamhchuí/Inappropriate language

There has been a change in the use of language being used by the children, especially in the middle classes. They are using language linked to 'killing' on the schoolyard and in the classroom, most often in a context such as a group game, for example; '*let's kill Mary*' to mean '*let's get Mary out*', or '*I'm going to kill/stab you later*' to mean '*when we are playing Fortnite later, I'm going to get you out of the game*'. We are sure you'll understand our alarm at this and, in the interests of ensuring all children feel safe at school, we have asked the children to avoid using any language related to killing or physically assaulting another person, albeit in the context of a game, at school or at home. We look forward to your support in this matter. Please discuss it with your child as appropriate. *Interesting fact: if a child calls another child a 'noob' or a 'default skin' they are insulting them/putting them down.*

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 tosnaíthe 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.

Briseadh Lár Tearma/Midterm Break

Beidh seachtain saor ag na páistí don bhriseadh lár téarma ón 18ú/2/2019.

The mid-term break is nearly here. The school will be closed from 18th February reopening on the 25th.

Polsaí Bia/Healthy Food Policy

As per the Healthy Eating Policy all children should bring their lunch in a reusable lunch box, a drink of **water** in a reusable container/flask each day.

Crisps, chewing gum, fizzy drinks, juices, winders, biscuits, yogurt with sweet/chocolate toppings, chocolate spread, cereal bars, popcorn etc... are not allowed at school.

Allergies/Ailéirgí

Ní féidir linn roinnt bia a bheith gainn sa scoil mar tá páistí eagsúla a bhfuil ailléirgí acu. Le bhrú d'oil déan cinnte nach bhfuil na mbianna seo ag do pháiste ar scoil.

We have several children who have serious allergies in our school. We ask that families are vigilant when putting lunches together and avoid bring in the following foods.

Kiwis, peanuts, hazelnuts, sunflower seeds, mayonnaise, coleslaw

Is mise le meas,

Máire De Brún, Príomhoide