Nuachtlitir Feabhra, 2022

FÁILTE/WELCOME

A chairde,

Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh go maith. Bhí mí éagsúil againn sa scoil Mí Eanáir leis na cásanna Covid ar fad a bhí againn. Tá súil agam go mbeidh deireadh leis go luath.

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. We've had an unusual month in January with the large number of Covid cases in the school. Hopefully we've seen an end to them and February will be better!

Aisling

MÍ AN tSONAIS/HAPPINESS MONTH

Gach Feabhra bíonn Mí an Ghrá againn sa scoil. I mbliana, bheartaíomar Mí an tSonais a bheith againn. I rith na míosa beidh rudaí spraíúla agus taitneamhach á reáchtáil againn. Mar shampla, gach Máirt beidh oíche shaor ó Obair Bhaile scríofa, ar an gCéadaoin beidh "Céadaoin Chraiceáilte" againn agus beidh cead ag na páistí píosa éadaí "craiceáilte" a chaitheamh ar scoil. Déanfaimid rud gníomhach mar scoil gach Déardaoin agus ar an Aoine, ní bheidh aon scrúdú ag Rang 1-4. Dúramar leis na páistí freisin nach bhfuil cead againn na focail Covid nó antigen a úsáid ach an oiread do Mhí an tSonais!!!

This February we are having a Happiness Month in school instead of our usual Month of Love. We will have fun events during the month for the children. Every Tuesday they will have no written homework, on Wednesdays they can wear something crazy to school, on Thursdays we will have a fun whole school event and on Fridays Rang 1-4 will have no tests. We've also told the children that we are banning the words Covid and antigen in the school!! We sincerely hope that we won't be using them as frequently this month anyway! We want to make this month as carefree as possible for the children, particularly since so many of them have had Covid or were close contacts. They deserve it.

ACHOMHARC ROS/SPECIAL EDUCATION ALLOCATION APPEAL

D'oibríomar an-dian le bhliain anuas le huaireanta breise múinteoireachta riachtanais speisialta a fháil don scoil. Mar a luaigh mé Mí an Nollag, bhí "Exceptional Review" againn leis an NCSE. Ta áthas orm a rá gur ardaíodh na huaireanta múinteoireachta sa scoil 50%. Fuaireamar an-tacaíocht agus treoir ó dhaoine éagsúla i rith an phróiséis seo ach go háirithe ón Aire, Josepha Madigan agus táimid fíor-bhuíoch di dá barr.

For the last two years, we have worked extremely hard to secure additional SET hours for the children in the school. As I mentioned in December, the NCSE came into the school to carry out an "Exceptional Review". This was a huge undertaking for the SET team but I'm absolutely delighted to say that we were successful in our review. Our allocation of special education teaching hours has been increased by 50%, which is fantastic. We received a lot of support and guidance from various professionals are very grateful to them all. In particular, we would like to thank Minister Josepha Madigan who was extremely helpful throughout.

EARRAÍ CAILLTE/LOST PROPERTY

Tá roinnt geansaí againn sa scoil gan aon ainm orthu. Tá siad ar chathaoir taobh istigh den phríomhdhoras. Má tá geansaí caillte ag do pháiste, is féidir teacht isteach agus breathnú orthu. Le bhur dtoil, scríobh ainm do pháiste ar na geansaithe.

We have a number of jumpers and tracksuit tops in the school with no names on them. If your child has lost his/her jumper you can come into the school and check the jumpers we have. They will be on a chair inside the main door. Once again, we ask you to PLEASE LABEL your child's clothing.

SINGING/AMHRÁNAÍOCHT

Tá áthas orm a fhógairt go mbeimid ag tosú ar ais ag canadh an mhí seo. Beidh na hamhráin céanna á dhéanamh ag na ranganna ar fad sa scoil ionas gur féidir linn iad a chanadh le chéile gach Aoine ag an tionól.

We are delighted to announce that singing is coming back to Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige! We hope that music will bring more happiness to us this month. All classes will be learning the same songs for the rest of the year so that we can all sing them during the assembly on Friday mornings.

RANGANNA IARSCOILE/AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES

Tá súil againn go dtosóidh na ranganna iarscoile arís i gceann cúpla seachtain. Cuirfidh na múinteoirí na páistí ar an eolas sula dtosaíonn siad.

We hope to recommence after school classes in the next couple of weeks. Teachers will let the children know when they are starting.

PÁIRCEÁIL/PARKING

Tháinig comhfhreagras ó thuismitheoir ag iarraidh nach bhfágfaí na carranna ag rith agus sibh ag fanacht taobh amuigh den scoil le bhur dtoil.

A parent has requested that, in line with our Green Schools policy that car engines are not left running when you are waiting outside the school please.

FÉINMHEASTÓIREACHT SCOILE/SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION

Tá uimhearthacht roghnaithe againn mar fhoireann don FMS. Beimid ag obair ar ár scileanna uimhearthachta agus muid ag díriú ar obair ghníomhach agus ar réiteach faidhbe.

We have chosen numeracy as our focus for SSE. We are working hard on our numeracy skills and are placing a special emphasis on the use of concrete materials and problem solving in the classroom.

CUMHDACH LEANAÍ/CHILD PROTECTION

Tá Ráiteas Cumhdach Leanaí ar fáil ar an gclár fógraíochta taobh istigh de dhoras na scoile. Tá sé ar fáil freisin ar an suíomh idirlín, www.gsnfuinseoige.ie. Is í Aisling an DIA agus Caitríona an leas DIA.

The Child Safeguarding Statement is available to read on the noticeboard inside the main door of the school. It is also available on our school website, <u>www.gsnafuinseoige.ie</u>. Aisling is the DLP and Caitríona the DDLP.

CRUINNITHE TUISTÍ/PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Beidh na cruinnithe tuistí Naíonáin Shóisearacha, Rang Kate agus Rang Shane ar siúl ar Zoom i rith na seachtaine dar tús, 14ú Feabhra. Cuirfidh Shane agus Kate sonraí abhaile go luath.

Junior Infant Parent Teacher meetings will be held on Zoom, week commencing 14th February. Kate and Shane will contact their classes with further details.

POLASAÍ OBAIR BHAILE/HOMEWORK POLICY

Chuireamar an polasaí Obair Bhaile abhaile an mhí seo caite. Chuireamar píosa nua ann inár iarramar ar Rang 1-4 an méid ama a thógann sé ar an bpáiste an obair bhaile a dhéanamh gach oíche a scríobh isteach sa dialann nuair atá an dialann á shíniú. Is eolas don mhúinteoir é seo ionas gur féidir linn cabhrú leo siúd atá ag caitheamh an iomarca ama ar an obair bhaile.

We sent the Homework Policy home to you last month. You may have noticed that we have asked parents in Rang 1-4 to fill in the amount of time the homework takes in the dialann when they are signing it every night. This information can help the teacher to help those who are spending too long on their homework.

CÓR SCOILE/SCHOOL CHOIR

Agus muid ar ais ag canadh beimid ag tosú ar chór scoile. Beidh Múinteoir Neasa i gceannas ar an gcór agus beidh na ranganna 2-4 ann. Cuirfidh se seo go mór le saol na scoile.

Now that our rooms are once again filled with lovely singing, we are going to take it a step further. Múinteoir Neasa is going to start a school choir. Children in Rang 2-4 will be in the choir. This will be a huge addition to the school and the children will benefit greatly from it.

BRISEADH MEÁN TÉARMA/MIDTERM BREAK

Beidh an scoil ag dúnadh ar an Aoine 18 Feabhra ag 1.10 agus 2.10 don bhriseadh meán téarma. Osclóimid arís ar an Luan 28 Feabhra ag 8.30rn.

The school will close at the normal finishing time of 1.10pm and 2.10pm for our midterm break on Friday, 18th February. We will reopen again on Monday, 28th February at 8.30am.

BAILIÚ AIRGID/FUNDRAISING

Táimid fíor-bhuíoch i gcónaí as an tacaíocht leanúnach a thugann tuismitheoirí agus pobal na scoile dúinn. Cuireann an tacaíocht seo go mór leis an scoil agus le hoideachas na bpáistí. Bhailíomar €2,020 leis na cártaí Nollag agus €6,417.35 les Clash na Ranganna. Míle buíochas. Beidh an Chrome Books againn sa scoil go luath.

We are always extremely grateful to our parent body and the wider school community for their ongoing support. This support enhances the children's education and has helped the school to be as successful as it is. We raised a fabulous $\[\in \] 2,020$ with the children's cártaí Nollag and the final tally for the clash na ranganna was an outstanding $\[\in \] 6,417.35$. We hope to have the delivery of the Chrome Books next week and the children can start using them then. Míle buíochas.





