

Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan

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Athbhliain fé mhaise daoibh go léir!

Tá súil agam go raibh Nollaig shuaimhneach shíochánach agaibh uilig. Táimid ag glacadh go bhfuil bhur bpáistí réidh chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn arís, agus caighdeán ard a bhaint as a gcuid oibre an téarma seo, mar is tréimhse an-tabhachtach sa scoilbhliain é. Bhí téarma thar a bheith tairbheach againn an téarma seo caite, agus táimid ag súil leis an scéal céanna arís anois!

Dialann:

Amárach	9/01/18	Traenáil Iománaíochta agus Camógaíochta ag aththosnú - see below for details.
Dé Luain	16/01/18	Gníomhaíochtaí Breise ar ais - After-School Activities return - please see attached pdf. file for details and changes of dates.
Oíche Luain	15/01/18	Last 4 places: Pilates and Aerobics for all Parents and Guardians - le tuistí Maura Uí Chléirigh & Fiona Uí Choirbín @ 7.30-8.15, €20 for 4 classes, going to buy extra sports equipment for the school. Please register by email for remaining places: oifig@gaelscoilau.ie
Dé Céadaoin	17/01/18	Swap Shop na n-éadaí i Halla Mór na scoile. Please send in any unwanted school uniforms, éadaí spóirt agus cótaí scoile, washed and with name tags removed, le bhur dtoil.
Oíche Chéadaoin	17/01/18	Oíche Oscailte Choláiste an Aonaigh - Nenagh College Open Evening
Déardaoin	18/01/18	Rang a 4 ag dul go Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál don Primary Science Fair 2018
Dé Máirt	30/01/18	Scoil Dúnta - Whole School Professional Development Day.
Déardaoin	8/02/18	Ceardlann Peace Proms sna Hub i gCill Chainnigh, do Rang a 4-6, ar ais ag an scoil @ 3.30
Déardaoin & Aoine	15&16/2/18	Briseadh Meán-téarma
Dé Sathairn	3/03/18	Peace Proms san Hub i gCill Chainnigh, leis an gceolchoirm @ a 2, is ar ais timpeall ar a 6!
Dé Luain	19/03/18	Scoil Dúnta - Lá 'le Pádraig
Dé hAoine	23/03/18	Scoil ag dúnadh @ 12.00, Laethanta Saoire na Cásca

Ná déanaigí dearmad: @Gaelscoilau is the school's Twitter address, and for Facebook, follow Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhumhan! Join all those parents already following, and enjoy!



Sport

Bogadh Bunúsach - Fundamental Movement: Maith sibh all those of you who have signed up for the Pilates/Aerobics classes starting next Monday night here at the Gaelscoil. These classes are one element of a whole school community emphasis on activity and exercise, which include our Gleacaíocht, Iománaíocht agus Camógaíocht, Gníomhaíochtaí sa chlós, Sosanna Spraoi, Lúchchleas ar an Luan, Super Troopers, Greadadh ar an gCéadaoin, Operation Transformation community activities. agus níos mó. Comhghairdeachas le hÓrla de Spáinn don snámh a rinne sí ar Lá Nollag a bhailigh €285. This, as well as, the money from the pilates classes will buy a class set of pedometers for the school.

Operation Transformation: A family walk/run will take place from Eire Og this coming Saturday @ 11am.

Super Troopers: We will be commencing the Super Trooper Activity Programme this week, and we are looking forward to your support in this. Each child in the school will receive an Activity Journal, as well as a Wall Chart.

Gleacaíocht - Gymnastics: Tá gleacaíocht aththosnaithe inniu, with Rody and Seán. This is a great opportunity for the children, using all the super equipment inár Halla Mór iontach. The children always enjoy the opportunity of progressing at their own level to undertake more challenging and courageous moves! Classes will take place during school time on Mondays for all classes in the school, and children must wear strong flexible runners, with their éadaí spóirt. Thanks to all those of you, parents, staff, and past-pupil, Lorna Ní Mhurchú, who took part in the annual Bag-Packing to fund our Gleacaíocht this year! 4 weeks of gymnastics after school for Rang 1-4 will also commence next Monday @ €20. (see attached).

Iománaíocht & Camógaíocht: Hurling and Camogie return tomorrow, Tuesday: Rang a 3 & 4, Wednesday: Rang a 1 & 2, Thursday for Rang a 5 & 6.

Ard-mholadh do gach duine a ghlac páirt roimh Nollaig, agus mo bhuíochas croíúil do Mhúinteoir Gemma, Eoin, Jack, Brian agus Zoey don traenáil.

In addition to their hurley and helmet, children should bring sufficient change of gear to allow for the inclement weather conditions, including boots, pull ups, socks and rain jacket. This training will lead to the inter-schools competitions in the spring for Rang a 3-6. Please remind your child to bring gear on the appropriate day!

Rince: ag aththosnú Déardaoin le Marie!

Eolaithe Óga

Comhghairdeachas le Múinteoir Gemma agus Rang a 4, whose project was selected for exhibition at the Primary Science Fair, in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, on Thursday week, January 18th. Faoi láthair tá siad ag ullmhú go dian dícheallach i dtreo an turais.

Following on from past years really successful experiences, it is a fabulous opportunity, for Rang a 4 to have qualified to exhibit the class Project at this renowned exhibition. The children will be divided into groups presenting their project to the public, and will also have the opportunity to visit all the other exhibits and presentations given as part of the day's entertainment. Is deis iontach do na páistí uilig é! Beidh tuismitheoirí le páistí i Rang a 4 ag teasáil chun cabhrú linn ar an lá, to help with taking groups to the various shows and exhibitions etc. If you are available, please send in your name to Múinteoir Gemma or to oifig@gaelscoilau.ie le bhur dtoil. Is lá álainn é!



Ceol

Banna Ceoil: Re-commencing next Monday, for Rang a 2 & a 3, please remind your child every Monday to bring whatever instrument is relevant. If your child is beginning to play Banna Ceoil tunes on a second instrument, please remind him/her that it is a good idea to bring this agus an fheadóg stáin, as many pupils play between the 2.

Peace Proms: As Rang a 4, 5 agus a 6 will be preparing for Peace Proms on March 3rd, these classes will not resume Banna Ceoil until after this date.

An Ghaeilge sa Gaelscoil

As part of our New Year's resolutions, we are really endeavouring to continue to raise the children's standard of spoken Irish in the classroom and the informal settings of the school. We want the children to be proud of their Gaeilge and their ability to speak it.

The importance of the value of a strong school community cannot be over-emphasised, and as one of the fundamental aims of our Gaelscoil is that the children have a great knowledge, awareness and appreciation of our language and overall culture, we regularly need to re-assess the children's efforts in this area, agus Pobal Scoile Gaelach a chothú.

Tá ag éirí go hiontach maith le Tumoideachas i Naíonáin Bheaga, agus ba mhaith liom sibhse, a thuismitheoirí, chomh maith le Múinteoir Aisling, agus na páistí a mholadh go hard. As you know, we frequently reward the children for their Gaeilge with stickers, stars, prizes, class votes and more! However, when children don't even try to speak 'as Gaeilge' outside of English class, in situations where they have the competency, we issue a Cárta Buí. This is sent home for your information and signature. Usually with your support a great improvement in the pupil's effort follows. However, occasionally repeated Cártaí Buí are issued. In general a mark will not be deducted from the pupil's leabhair nótaí iompar when sé/sí is issued a Cárta Buí, but if misbehaviour or a negative attitude accompanies the speaking in English it will be. So again,

we look for your support in the following ways to help and encourage your children to speak as Gaeilge:

- Speak 'as Gaeilge' as often as you can to your child, always using a few words Gaeilge as you leave and collect your child from school, at the very least
- Speak to your child about how you value the Irish language and why you chose a Gaelscoil for your child's education. Chat about the values of our Irish identity and culture. Instill in your child an appreciation of all things Irish and the fact that Irish is an official EU language.
- Be able to sing the National Anthem, Amhrán na bhFiann, with pride (cf. Dialann Scoile).

When you are on the school premises or at the gate, always speak as much Irish as you can. Your child can teach you!! (Books and websites a-plenty are also available – just google!). If you haven't the basics to meet and greet, and hold a simple conversation, please make this your

Éadaí Scoile

In accordance with our Cód Smachta, please send a nóta to school with your child if the incorrect uniform is being worn for any reason. We ask you to also please ensure that your child adheres carefully to the wearing of the school track suit on the relevant days only. The wearing of the school uniform, as in our Cód Smachta, is important, and it is in these primary years that children learn the importance of respect for same.

Brat Glas

Again, as part of our New year's Resolutions, can we all renew our efforts to take care of the environment, by ensuring to recycle and reuse as much as possible? We will be taking on the **Big Battery Hunt** from next week, so can you please gather up any you have? Gerardine will also accept any large plastic circular sweet boxes you may have!

Greadadh ar an gCéadaoin: Following on our most recent Brat Glas project, as part of your family's Super Trooper's activities, we are recommending that where suitable, families will walk/scooter or skate to school any day of the week. We are also hoping to commence a parents/guardians walking/running group each Wednesday from 8.50am. If you are interested in helping to lead this, please email oifig@gaelscoilau.ie.

Tinreamh

In the event of your child being absent from school, could I please remind you that it is essential that a letter explaining the absence is given to the Múinteoir Ranga on your child returning to school, even if you have informed the school by phone or in person. This is requested by the National Educational Welfare Board, and the school is obliged to retain these notes as formal documents.

Poncúlacht

As a new year's resolution, could those of you whose children don't arrive at school at 8.50 in time for the líne, prayer and social start to the day, please endeavour to do so. Arriving after this

time causes children to lose out on valuable phonics, spellings, tables, checking obair bhaile, news and social elements at the start of the school day. Punctuality is valuable training for life, and although we understand that it is very busy getting out of the house on time in the morning, we ask the relevant families to make a concerted effort, and commend those of you who always have your children at school on time.

Cur i gCuimhne:

Anois, ag tús na hathbhliana, please remember the morning checklist and prevent things being forgotten or the inconvenience to school staff, of dropping them in during the day:

- i) What have you on today, and have you what you need?
- ii) Was there anything your Múinteoir asked you to tell us, to find out about, or to bring to school?
- iii) Has your child got his/her Sos agus Lón?

Swap Shop

Beidh an chéad Swap Shop eile ar siúl ar an 17/1/2018. This should give you a chance to see what gaps are in your child's uniform wardrobe after the holidays. Coiste na dtuismitheoirí will be running it from 8.40-9.00, 1.20-1.40, and 2.20-2.40. Please come along and help yourselves for free, or advise your children as to what's needed! Go raibh maith agaibh, to those of you, who have already sent in supplies in such good condition! We welcome plenty more, so please do a clean out before January, le bhur dtoil!

Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht:

Mar is eol daoibh, our school hours are 8.50-1.30, for Naíonáin Bheaga & Mhóra, agus 8.50-2.30 for Rang a 1-6. We open the gates a few minutes before the official school opening time to allow easy flow of pupils into the playground. The Board of Management asks that you would please supervise your child up to this time. If you need to drop your child before this time, could you please arrange that your child is supervised by another parent, in case of inclement weather, a child not feeling well etc. Any Staff arriving prior to 8.50 do so to prepare for class. Children are not insured to be on the premises before this time.

As the school doors are kept locked during the school day, please ensure that if you are bringing your child to school after 9.00, that you bring your child into Rúnáí Orla gaining admission by using the bell. Go raibh maith agaibh.

Maidí Coise/ Crutches: As the use of crutches in itself can be dangerous, and necessitates extra supervision, if your child needs to use same, please send in a letter from a medical practitioner to us, recommending their use.

Grianghrafanna: In the interest of child protection, if you take any photographs of your child at school events which may have other children in them, please ensure that these are only kept for private use, and do not enter the world of social media.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh do bhur n-aird agus tacaíocht.

**Athbhliain fé mhaise daoibh arís, go raibh maith agaibh do bhur n-aird
agus gach rath oraibh do 2018!**

Is mise, le meas, *Aine Uí Eanáin.*

Gach céim, sin céim cheart