

Nuacht Litir Meitheamh 2022



Nóta Buíochas/ A Note of thanks

A chairde,

Beatha agus sláinte agus muid ag druidim le laethanta saoire an tsamhraidh. Bliain fíor gnóthach curtha síos againn go léir agus sílim go bhfuil múinteoirí, cúntóirí, páistí agus tuistí réidh le sos deas faoi dheireadh!

*As we finish the school year here in Gaelscoil Donncha Rua we would like to wish Rang a 6 all the best in their transition to secondary school. **Anthony, Joey, Tyler, Crea, Holly agus Zatica, go n-éirí libh!** The past week has seen us celebrate their last few days with many memorable events including the Graduation for rang a 6, End of year Concert, our big win at the hurling match and Sports Day. We thank all the boys and girls and their parents/families for their contribution and efforts in making these occasions very special for all involved. **Míle buíochas ó chroí!***

September will bring a very welcomed increase in staff as I (Príomhoide Aisling), have been granted administrative principal status. This means that I will have more time to manage the day to day running of the school as well as lead the teaching and learning in our school more efficiently. As a result, a new teacher will be appointed to the infant classes, interviews will be held over the summer months. In April the Department granted us additional learning support hours therefore we will welcome an additional S.E.T who will be shared with St.Aidan's N.S, the teacher will be appointed over the holidays and we look forward to having the addition to our Special Education Team.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to offer Múinteoir Máire a permanent post for the coming year also. Máire has worked as our S.E.T in the mainstream classes and has made fantastic progress working with all class groups both in and out of the classroom. Fáilte chuig foireann Gaelscoil Donncha Rua!

A huge thank you to all our teachers and staff; Múinteoirí- Deirdre, Patricia, Geraldine, Áine, Máire, Ann, Gráinne agus Emily. Cúntóirí-Desiree, Angela, Niamh, Fiona agus Donna. A special thank you also to Niamh (Rúnaí na scoile/school secretary) who helps in so many ways and to Sonia our caretaker and Maurice our bus driver, míle buíochas.

*All your dedication and support have been wonderful throughout the school year. We have a great team here in Gaelscoil Donncha Rua that is committed to delivering the best education possible to our students. **Ní Neart go Cur le Chéile!***

This year the teachers assigned to each class are as follows:

Múinteoir nua (new teacher): Rang na naíonáin

Múinteoir Patricia: Rang a 1,2 agus a 3

Múinteoir Áine: Rang a 4, 5 agus a 6

Múinteoirí Geraldine & Elaine (job share): Seomra Sonas (ASD class)

Múinteoir Deirdre: *Seomra Spraoi (Early Intervention pre-school)*

Múinteoir Máire: *Oideachais Speisialta (Special Education Teacher S.E.T)*

Múinteoirí Ann agus Múinteoir nua (roinnte le O'Callaghan Mills & St.Aidan's N.S): *Oideachas Speisialta (part-time S.E.T)*

Múinteoir Siobhán : *Home School Community Liason Co-ordinator (HSCL)*

As you can see our staff will be expanding in the coming school year with the addition of four new teachers which is a wonderful development for the school.

*As you are all aware our school was granted **DEIS Urban band 2** status in May of this year, as a result we will qualify for many extra supports and resources including the following;*

- *Appointment of a new **Home School Community Liaison Co-ordinator (HSCL)**. The new teacher- Múinteoir Siobhán will be shared with St.Senan's N.S and will be a great support to our parents and students.*
- *Inclusion in the **Maths Recovery Training programme** for the coming year-Múinteoir Máire has registered for this training and will report back to the teachers so the programme can be implemented in all classes.*
- *It is very likely **that school lunches will be provided free of charge** for all our students, we are just awaiting confirmation of funding for the new school term.*

We have great news to report on our new permanent school building- The project has finally gone out on to e-tender this week and we should have a building company assigned to the project in the coming months. We wish to thank Healy Partner Architects who have worked relentlessly this school year with all of the Design Team to get the planning application for our new school building approved by Clare County Council. It was delayed slightly however the Team persevered until they got the planning application over the line. Ag súil go mór le foirgneamh scoile álainn nua den scoth!

*As Principal and Secretary to the Board of Management I would like to sincerely thank all members of the Board for their contribution and support throughout the school year-Antóin Mac Mathúna, Sandra Uí Amhragáin, Rita Uí Coistealla, Deirdre Ní Ghuaire, Gearóidín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh, Muireann Uí Chearbhaill agus Noel ó Piarasaigh. It was back to business as normal with our Board of Management meetings in the New year and we were delighted to meet for face-to-face meetings once again. As always, your advice and assistance were greatly appreciated. **Míle buíochas daoibh go léir!***

*Thank you also to our Parent's Council led by Peggy Lynch, Jennifer Teeling-Lynch, Leona Drennan as well as all involved in the Parent's Association. Your input and support are valued as always and the funds raised with the help of Coiste na dTuismitheoirí/Parents' Association are extremely important to the school. **Go raibh míle maith agaibh!***

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break full of rest, relaxation and sunshine (hopefully!)

Bainigí taitneamh agus tairbhe as na laethanta saoire. Tabhair aire agus tá súil agam go mbeidh an aimsir go hálainn, geal dúinn go léir!

Le dea-ghuí,

Aisling