

## Nuachtlitir- Mí Dheireadh Fomhair 2022



### (October Newsletter)

Tá dhá mhí iontach curtha síos againn i nGaelscoil Donncha Rua agus táimid ag súil go mór le ceiliúradh Oíche Shamhna an tseachtain seo! We have almost completed two great months back at school and we are looking forward to all the fun activities that Halloween will bring this week!

#### **Gníomhaíochtaí ag teacht suas**

Tá gach rang ag déanamh pictiúirí álainn don Folen's Comórtas Ealaíon Oíche Shamhna. Go n-éirí leo!

**Tá Rang a 1-6** ag foghlaim an damhsa 'Thriller' le múinteoir Laura le cúpla seachtain anuas. Déanfaidh siad seó ar an **Aoine an 28ú le haghaidh na tuismitheoirí san Ionad Spóirt ag a 1:15**. Tá na naíonáin chun cúpla amhráin/dánta Oíche Shamhna a cur i láthair freisin.

**Tá cead ag gach duine gléasadh suas don lá.**



**Tá Rang a 4,5 & a 6** chun páirt a glacadh i gcomórtas 'Build a scarecrow' le Bunratty Folk Park (Shannon Heritage group). Tá siad ag iarraidh Fear-bréaga/Scarecrow ó gach scoil áitiúil a fháil. Tá siad chun iad a chur suas sa pháirc tíre le haghaidh Oíche Shamhna.



#### **Upcoming Halloween Activities**

All classes have entered some lovely Halloween pictures into the Folen's Halloween competition, entries will be sent off this week.

1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class have been learning a Halloween dance for the past few weeks with Múinteoir Laura. They are going to put on a short performance for all the parents on **Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> in the Leisure Centre at 1:15**. The infant classes will also do a couple of Halloween songs/poems on the day.

#### **All parents are invited to attend.**

We ask parents (of infant classes) to collect the children from the Leisure Centre hall on the day.

**All classes can come to school in fancy dress this Friday, the spookier the better!!!**

Bunratty Folk park are holding their annual competition for local schools in the area to design and build their own scarecrow which will go on display in the folk park throughout the mid-term break. **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** class are going to submit their own creation, we wish them the best of luck!

#### **Maths Week:**

Rg a 1-6 all went to the Comp last Friday as part of Maths Week. The students had set up Maths stations with fun maths activities for the children. They all had hot chocolate and a treat afterwards. Thanks to Peggy Lynch for organising the event, everyone really enjoyed it!

### **Seachtain Mhata:** 15ú/10-23ú

Bhí gach rang ag glacadh páirt i gcluichí agus eachtraí Mata ar scoil le haghaidh Seachtain Mhata. D'imigh Rg a 1-6 go dtí an Comp le haghaidh stáisiúin Mata, bhí an-maidin acu. Coiméad súil ar suíomh na scoile [www.gdr.ie](http://www.gdr.ie) chun grianghraf a fheiceáil.

### **Spórt**

Bhuaigh foireann peil gaelach na scoile corn ag an 'Paddy Carrig memorial tournament' an tseachtain seo caite. Comhghairdeas ó chroí leo ar an bua ionsparóideach, GDR Abú!

Bhí foireann na mbuachaillí ag blitz i Ruan freisin agus d'éirigh thar bharr leo ar an lá. Táimid fforbhródúil astu go léir.



**Foireann na mbuachaillí i Ruan**

### **Ceardlann Fichille**

Ghlac Rang 1-3 agus Seomra Sonas páirt i gceardlann fichille sa leabharlann le déanaí.

Bhain na páistí an-taitneamh as agus cheannaigh muid deich bhfearas nua fichille don scoil agus tá na ranganna ar fad ag baint sult as a bheith ag foghlaim conas an cluiche a imirt.



### **Nuacht Bord Bainistíochta- Plean DEIS**

Mar is eol daoibh fuair an scoil DEIS 2 statús an téarma seo caite agus de bharr sin táimid ag obair ar ár bplean DEIS faoi láthair.

Is rud iontach don scoil é agus táimid chun díriú ar cúpla rud an téarma seo

- Cúrsaí oiliúna múinteoirí
- Béilí te do gach páiste.
- Stráitéis tinrimh a cruthú chun feabhas a chur ar fhreastal scoile.
- Cúrsaí saor in aisce do thuismitheoirí



**Keep an eye on our school website [www.gdr.ie](http://www.gdr.ie) to see all the photos!**

### **Sport**

Well done to our school Gaelic football team, they qualified for the final against St.Tola's N.S and won a trophy at 'The Paddy Carrig Memorial Tournament' last week.

The boys team also took part in a football blitz in Ruan as part of Cumann na mBunscoil competition and did really well on the day.

We are very proud of all our boys and girls.



**Foireann Rg 4-6**

### **Chess Workshop**

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> class and Seomra Sonas took part in a chess workshop in the local library recently. The children enjoyed it so much that we purchased ten new chess sets for the school and all classes (1-6) are enjoying learning how to play.



### **Board of Management News-DEIS Plan**

As most of you already know our school received DEIS Band 2 urban status last school term and as a result we have benefited by receiving extra resources and support for our pupils and parents.

As part of our DEIS plan this term we have focused on the following:

- Additional training for our teachers
- Hot meals for all children
- Strategies to improve attendance

Tá cúrsa 'My Family and Me' eagraithe ag múinteoir Siobhán Nelson le haghaidh tuismitheoirí ag tosnú ar an 9ú Samhain go dtí an 7ú lá Mí na Nollaig.

Tá fáilte roimh teacht má tá suim agaibh ann!

Is iontach na deiseanna a thug an fhorbairt seo dár scoil agus tá sé mar aidhm againn an leas is fearr a bhaint as na hacmhainní breise ar fad atá ar fáil anois dár bhfoireann agus dár dtuismitheoirí chun a chinntiú go bhfaigheann ár ndaltaí an caighdeán is airde san oideachas.

**MY FAMILY & ME**  
5 WEEK FREE PROGRAMME  
NOV 9TH - DEC 7TH  
TIME 10 AM - 12PM

**VENUE**  
ST. SENAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL SHANNON

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**COURSE CONTENT**

- COOKERY
- GETTING ORGANISED
- SAVING MONEY
- MEAL PLANNING
- SUPPORTS IN MY COMMUNITY
- MINDING YOURSELF
- FUN AT HOME

**TÚSLA**  
LÉIBHEAN NA GCLÉIR  
LEATHNÓIMÉADÓIRÍ  
AGUS NA GCLÉIR

**PARENTING SUPPORT CHAMPIONS PROJECT**  
Kempston - Shannon - Shannon

### Ceolchoirm Bangers and Crash

Bhí Rhys, Iarlaith agus Layla ar fheabhas ag an Seó Music Generation.



### Dátaí tábhachtach:

**8ú/11:** Hope Shoe Box Christmas Appeal-fág boscaí leis an scoil inniu.

**8ú/11:** Rg 5 & 6 (Seomra Sonas freisin) Zoom tuismitheoirí (caint) RSE ag a 7 a chlog.

**21ú & 22ú/11:** Cruinniú Tuismitheoirí  
Dé Luain 1:30-4:30  
Dé Máirt 2:30-4:30

### ➤ Free parenting support programme

Múinteoir Máire is taking part in *The Maths Recovery* training, Múinteoirí Tricia and Geraldine have started *The Incredible Years* course and our Home School Liason co-ordinator -Siobhán is running a free parenting course for parent's of Gaelscoil Donncha Rua and St.Senan's N.S. together in partnership. Please contact Siobhán if you are interested in attending, all parents welcome to attend!

The opportunities that this development has brought to our school is fantastic and our aim is to make the very most of all the additional resources that are now available to our staff and parents to ensure our students receive the highest standard of education.

### Student Achievements this month

Layla de Bhál- won medal at Lee's rd. Cross Country Run.

Amera Mac Conbhuí- Kick boxing medal  
Charlotte Ní Sheanacháin-Kick boxing

### **Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine:**

**Rang Amy:** Rósa, Elliot, Anna, Maya, Peter Ellie agus Thomas

**Rang Tricia:** Sadie, Mollie, Tadhg ó T agus Léó.

**Rang Áine:** Iarlaith, Kayla, Ellie, Seán agus A.J  
**Music Generation Concert**

Rhys, Layla and Iarlaith performed in Glór last weekend with *Bangers and Crash Percussion Sextet* as part of the scholarship they received from Music Generation last year. They were amazing on the night and we were very proud to have them represent Gaelscoil Donncha Rua as part of the Kidz Ceol programme.

Maith sibh!

**Photos on [www.gdr.ie](http://www.gdr.ie)**

### Important dates:

**8<sup>th</sup>/11:** Hope Shoe Box Appeal-You can drop boxes to school today if you wish to donate to this very worthy cause.

**8<sup>th</sup>/11:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class (including ASD 5<sup>th</sup> class)  
Parents Zoom meeting at 7pm as an introduction to RSE talk.

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>/11:** Parent Teacher Meetings  
Monday from 1:30-4:30  
Tuesday from 2:30-4:40  
Parents will be assigned an appointment on Aladdin Connect.

### Nuacht Coiste na dTuismitheoirí

**Díolachán Cácaí:** Ar an Déardaoin an 27ú/10. Beidh ar tuistí na naíonáin cácaí a dhéanamh don lá agus beidh Rang a 6 ag cabhrú freisin. Fáilte roimh bualadh isteach tar éis a 1 a chlog!

### **Siúlóid Scanrúil/Spooky Halloween Walk 28/10**

Tabhair na cártaí ar ais ar an Déardaoin le bhur dtoil!

Go raibh maith agaibh as ucht bhur tacaíocht leis an CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION bhailaíomar 1,300kg ar an lá.

### Parents' Association News

**Cake Sale:** Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. The infant classes will host the cake sale this term and we appreciate all your support with supplying baked goods. 6<sup>th</sup> class will help with the bake sale on Thursday. Parents are welcome to call in to buy buns/cakes from 1pm on.

**'Halloween Spooky Walk' will take place on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** Please return sponsorship cards by Thursday. Go raibh maith agaibh.

Thank you all for the great support with our CASH FOR CLOBBER COLLECTION last Friday. We collected 1,300kg in weight on the day.

**School will finish at the usual finish time for all classes on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October for the mid-term break. We will reopen on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.**

**Wishing you all a very Happy & Safe Halloween!**

**OÍCHE SHAMHNA SONA D'AOIBH!**

