

NuachtLitir GDR

Mí na Samhna 2023



Seachtain na hEolaíochta

Ghlac na ranganna go léir páirt i Seachtain na hEolaíochta an tseachtain seo caite ar scoil. Bhí an-spraoi ag gach duine leis na naíonáin ag déanamh turgnaimh éagsúla ag baint úsáide as meascán d'ábhair, rinne rg.1-3 iniúchadh ar chumas chorp an duine agus chuaigh rang 4- 6 ar siúlóid suas go dtí *An Pointe*.

Tá dhá cheardlann eagraithe againn don 5ú & 15ú Nollaig. An chéad cheann *Flossie and the Beach cleaners* a dhíríonn ar mhúineadh do pháistí faoi na saincheisteanna a bhaineann le truailliú plaisteach, athrú aeráide agus na tionchair ar ár saol muirí go háitiúil agus ar fud an domhain. Is é *An Taisce (SEAI)* a chuirfidh an dara ceardlann ar fáil agus beidh sé bunaithe ar Fuinneamh.

Tá griangrafanna le feiceáil ar suíomh na scoile www.gdr.ie.



Cuairt ó CLARE FM

Bhí áthas orainn fáilte a chur roimh Colum Mc Grath ó Clare FM go dtí Gaelscoil Donncha Rua an Déardaoin seo caite. Rinne sé thairfead leis na bpáistí ag canadh agus chuir a pháirtí Lauren agallamh ar 10 dár ndaltaí do seó maidine *The School Run* ar an raidió. Míle buíochas do na páistí ar fad a ghlac páirt, bhíomar an-bhródúil as gach éinne agaibh. Bhí siamsaíocht mhaith againn gach maidin ag 8:20!

Newsletter (November 2023)



Science Week

All classes took part in Science Week last week in school. Great fun was had by all with the infants carrying out different experiments using a mixture of materials, 1st-3rd explored the abilities of the human body and 4th- 6th class went exploring natural habitats in *The Point*. We have two workshops booked for the 5th & the 15th of December. The first one; *Flossie and the Beach Cleaners*, which focuses on teaching children about the issues of plastic pollution, climate change and the impacts on our marine life locally and across the world. The second workshop will be delivered by *An Taisce & SEAI* and is based on Energy.

Photos of Science week are on our school website www.gdr.ie, click on the NUACHT tab.



CLARE FM visit to GDR

We were delighted to welcome Colum Mc Grath from Clare FM to Gaelscoil Donncha Rua last Thursday. He recorded the children singing and his partner Lauren interviewed 10 of our students for *The School Run* morning slot on the radio. Thank you to all the children who took part, we were very proud of each one of you. We were well entertained every morning at 8:20am!



Seachtain Frith-bhulaíochta

Mar cheiliúradh ar Sheachtain Frithbhulaíochta sa scoil beimid ag foghlaim amhrán an-speisialta ‘Cairde Dílís’. Táimid chun é a chanadh ag an tionól ar an Aoine fad is a táimid ag ardú an bhrao ‘Cinéaltas’. Bronnadh an brat orainn mar aitheantas ar na hiarrachtaí leanúnacha atá á ndéanamh chun ár scoil a choinneáil saor ó bhulaíocht.

Laoch Tinrimh

Míle buíochas do na tuismitheoirí go léir atá ag déanamh an-iarracht chun a chinntiú go mbíonn a bpáistí in am don rang ar maidin. Tá feabhas iontach feicthe againn tríd na scoil. Chuir Múinteoir Siobhán (ár TBSP) suirbhé tuismitheora amach ag tús na míosa le líonadh isteach. Tá an nasc fós ar Aladdin más féidir libh go léir cúpla ceist thapa a fhreagairt cuirfidh sé aiseolas luachmhar ar fáil don scoil. Go raibh maith agat.

Spórt CLG

Ghlac na buachaillí agus na cailíní i rang 4, 5 agus 6 páirt i mblitz peil Ghaelach i Wolfe Tones ar an 8ú Samhain. Rinne siad go han-mhaith agus bhuaigh siad roinnt dá gcuid cluichí. Chuir Caimin in iúl dúinn go bhfuil comórtas Paddy Carrig curtha siar go dtí tar éis laethanta saoire na Nollag.

Cispheil

Chuir rang a 4,5 & 6 foireann cailíní agus buachaillí isteach do chomórtas Marion Keane a thosóidh i mí Feabhra. Tá siad tosaithe ag traenáil dó thall san Ionad Spórt gach Aoine le múinteoir Máire.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week our school will mark Anti-bullying week by raising the Cineáltas flag that was awarded to our school in recognition of the ongoing hard work and efforts towards keeping our school a bullying free zone. All classes will learn a very special song-Cairde Dílís (Loyal Friends) which we will sing together during assembly on Friday.



Attendance Hero

Thank you to all the parents that are making the extra effort to ensure that their children are on time for class in the morning. We have seen a marked improvement throughout the school. Múinteoir Siobhán (our HSCL) sent out a parent's survey at the beginning of the month to fill in. The link is still on Aladdin if you can all answer a few quick questions it will provide valuable feedback to the school. Thank you.

Sport GAA

The boys and girls in 4th, 5th and 6th class took part in a Gaelic football blitz in Wolfe Tones on the 8th of November. They did really well and won a number of their matches. Caimin has informed us that the the Paddy Carrig tournament has been deferred until after the Christmas break.

Basket Ball

4th,5th & 6th class have entered a girls' and boys' team in for the Marion Keane tournament which will start in February. They have started training for it over in the Leisure Centre every Friday with múinteoir Máire.

FAI

Tá iarratas déanta againn chun pháirt a ghlacadh i gclár bunscoile 5 leis an FAI do scoileanna 2024. Beidh buachaillí agus cailíní r. g. a 4-6 ag glacadh páirte i roinnt blitz sacair san athbhliain.

Lúthchleasaíocht

Maith sibh Isabelle Nic Phádraig (rang a 2) agus Colm ó hAmhragáin (rang a 5) as ucht na cluichí ceannais tras-tíre a bhaint amach i mBóthar na Laoi. Rinne an bheirt acu an-iarracht ar an lá agus táimid an-bhródúil astu.



Comhghairdeas le Sadie, Kayla agus Layla a fuair boinn an tseachtain seo caite freisin. Maith sibh go léir!

Nuacht Bord Bainistaíochta

Beidh cruinniú deiridh an téarma seo ag an mBord Bainistíochta Dé Luain an 27 Samhain. Tosóidh an téarma nua (2023-2027) go hoifigiúil ar an chéad lá de mí na Nollag.

Scoil Nua

Chuir an Fhoireann Dearaidh in iúl dúinn gur iarr an Roinn, mar chuid de phróiseas faofa Chéim 2B, roinnt cuimsiú suntasach sna doiciméid tairisceana. Bhí orthu bearta dícharbónaithe a ionchorprú sna seomraí ranga nua go léir. Chuir na hathruithe seo moill ar an tionscadal, áfach, tá an Fhoireann tar éis insint dúinn go bhfuil na pacáistí Tairisceana le bheith eisithe i mí na Nollag.

Eachtraí na Nollag

Táimid go léir ag foghlaim amhráin Nollag agus tá sé beartaithe againn dul síos go dtí an t-ionad Siopadóireachta ar an gCéadaoin an **20ú/12** chun carúil na Nollag a chanadh in aice le Dunnes. Beidh na páistí go léir ag bualadh le Daidí na Nollag san ionad Siopadóireachta, táimid ag súil go mór leis!



FAI

We have applied to take part in the 2024 FAI schools primary 5s programme which will see both boys and girls from 4th-6th taking part in a number of soccer blitzes in the new year.

Athletics

Well done to Isabelle Nic Phádraig (rang a 2) agus Colm ó hAmhragáin (rang a 5) for making it through to the finals of the cross-country races in Lee's Road. They both put in a huge effort on the day, we are very proud of them.



Congratulations to Sadie for winning a medal in gymnastics and to Layla & Kayla who both won medals for Jiu-jitsu and dancing.

Bord of Management News

The Board of Management will have their final meeting of this term on Monday the 27th of November. The new term (2023-2027) will officially begin on the 1st of December.

New school build

The Design Team have informed us that as part of the Stage 2B approval process the Department requested a number of significant inclusions to the tender documents. They were required to incorporate decarbonisation measures in all of the new classrooms. These changes have slowed the project down however The Team have reassured us that the Tender packages are on track to be issued in December.

Christmas Activities

We are learning and practising Christmas carols in preparation for the holiday season. We have organised a Christmas Carol session in Shannon Town Centre on Wednesday the **20th of December** outside Dunnes. We are hoping to visit Santa at the same time on that day. Parents are welcome to come.

Beidh Rang a 2-6 ag dul amach go dtí Carrigoran Nursing Home ar an **18ú/12** chun na hamhráin a canadh freisin.



Beidh lá na bPitseámaí ag gach rang ar an Aoine an **24ú/11**. Is féidir le na páistí éadaí codalta a chaitheamh ar scoil don lá. Bígí cinnte go bhfuil bróga cearta orthu!

Seó Nollaig

Bhí maidin álainn Dé hAoine seo caite ag na naíonáin agus rang a 1 i nGlór ag Polar Bear and Penguin.

Beidh rang a 2-6 & Seomra Sonas ag dul go dtí *Whistleblast's Winter Wonderland* i nGlór ar an 14ú Mí na Nollag, táimid ag súil go mór leis!



Súgradh & Siamsa

Beidh leabhair bliantúla na Nollag-Súgradh & Siamsa ar dhíol an tseachtain seo chugainn do gach rang ó Rang na naíonáin go rang a 6, ar chostas €4 an cheann.

Nuacht Coiste na dTuismitheoirí

Míle buíochas do na tuismitheoirí ar fad a thug tacaíocht don Bhailiúchán Cash for Clobber ar an 8ú Samhain, bhailfomar timpeall €260.

Beidh Féilire 2024 réidh le ceannach sna seachtainí atá romhainn ar €10. Mura bhfuil cóip réamhordaithe agat cheana féin déan é sin le do thoil, seol téacs chuig fón póca na scoile ag 087-7831831. Beidh grianghrafanna de ghníomhaíochtaí éagsúla na scoile ar an bhféilire chomh maith le grianghraf de gach rang, rud a bheidh ina chomóradh álainn ar feadh na mblianta atá le teacht. Míle buíochas do Niamh as an bhféilire a dhearadh agus do

2nd-to 6th class have been invited to sing for the elderly out in Carrigoran Nursing Home on **Monday the 18th of December**. We are looking forward to spreading some Christmas cheer.



All classes will have a Pyjama Day this Friday the 24th of November. Children can wear their pjs and donate €2 towards Sofia's fundraiser that the pre-school are collecting for (be sure to wear proper shoes!).

Christmas show

The infant classes and 1st class enjoyed their trip to Glór last week to see a lovely show performed by Draíocht-Polar Bear and Penguin. 2nd-6th class & Seomra Sonas will visit Glór on the 14th of December to see *Whistleblast's Winter Wonderland*. The Arts Council in conjunction with Glór subsidised the cost of both of these shows and transport to and from Ennis this year. We only had to pay for half price for the ticket as a result. A big thank you to Glór for extending the invitation to GDR.



Christmas annuals

Súgradh & Siamsa will be available to purchase from next week for all classes from infants to 6th class at a cost of €4 each (to be paid to class teacher).

Parents' Association News

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Cash for Clobber Collection on the 8th of November, we collected an estimated €260 worth of clothes.

The Calendar for 2024 will be ready to buy in the coming weeks for €10. If you have not already pre-ordered a copy please do so by texting the school mobile on 087-7831831. The calendar will have a variety of photos of various school activities as well as a photo of each class, which will be a lovely keepsake to have for years to come. Thank you to Niamh for designing the calendar and to Eoin Madden of Selprint for printing the final product.

Eoin Madden ó Selprint as an táirge deiridh a phriontáil.

Chun Seachtain na Frithbhulaíochta a chéiliúradh tá seisiún ar líne SAOR IN AISCE á reáchtáil ag Comhairle Náisiúnta na dTuismitheoirí chun go mbeidh tú in ann tacú le do leanaí le haon inní a bhaineann leis an mbulaíocht.

Tá an nasc ar Aladdin chun clárú do sheisiún 10rn nó 7:30in ar an 27ú, 28ú agus 29ú Samhain.

Tá grúpa Whats App ag Coiste na dTuismitheoirí atá oscailte do na tuismitheoirí, más mian leat a bheith curtha leis an ngrúpa seol teachtaireacht Whatsapp chuig fón póca na scoile 087-7831831, go raibh maith agaibh!

Cruinniú Tuismitheoirí ar an 23ú & an 24ú!

***Meabhrú go mbeidh an scoil dúnta ar an 6ú lá Mí na Nollag i gcomhair oiliúint foirne.**

To mark Anti-bullying Week *The National Parents' Council* are running FREE online sessions designed to enable you to support your children with any concerns regarding bullying. The link was sent out on Aladdin to register for 10am or 7:30pm sessions on the 27th, 28th and 29th of November.

The Parents' Association have a Whatsapp group that is open to the parent body, if you wish to be added to the group, please send a Whatsapp message to the school mobile phone on 087-7831831, thank you!

Parent-Teacher meetings this Thursday the 23rd & Friday 24th of November, early closure on Thursday to facilitate meetings.

***Reminder that the school will be closed on the 6th of December for staff training.**