



## NuachtLitir Mí Meitheamh 2024

### Nuacht Scoile

Bhí Mí an Mheitheamh lán de cheiliúradh agus d'imeachtaí faoin aer i nGaelscoil Donncha Rua. Idir Siúlóid Urraithe, Lá Spóirt agus turasanna scoile, bhíomar fíor gnóthach!



Bhí neart cúiseanna ceiliúradh againn, idir an pláta a bhuaichint i gComórtas Johnny Cregan, buaiteoirí sa chomórtas Scríobh Leabhar agus Bronnadh Céime Rang a 6. Bhí go leor ócáidí speisialta i nGaelscoil Donncha Rua.



Tá leathanach Instagram scoile againn faoi dheireadh. Beidh sé i bhfad níos éasca grianghraif de na himeachtaí scoile áirithe a roinnt agus a huaslódáil. Is é an plean thar shos an tsamhraidh ná an leathanach nua a nascadh le suíomh idirlín na scoile. Coinneofar an leathanach príobháideach i gcomhair na tuismitheoirí. Leanfaimid orainn ag roinnt nuacht agus grianghraif ar shuíomh



## June Newsletter

### School News

The final month of this term was packed full of outdoor activities and celebrations here in Gaelscoil Donncha Rua. From our Sponsored Walk to Seomra Spraoi's Sports day, the infant's day out to Ennis Gymnastics club, swimming in Killaloe Aqua Park and exploring King John's Castle, it has been all go, go go!



We had plenty of reasons to celebrate between winning the plate in The Johnny Cregan Hurling Tournament, having six winners in the Scríobh Leabhar contest, helping to set an All-Ireland Chess record and our 6<sup>th</sup> Class end of year graduation, it has been quite an eventful month!



We have finally got our school Instagram page up and running which will make sharing photos of all these school events a lot easier to upload. The plan over the summer break is to link the new page with the school website. The page will be kept private and only parents that request to follow will be allowed to view the content. We will continue to share news and photos on our school website [www.gdr.ie](http://www.gdr.ie) and Coiste na

idirlín na scoile [www.gdr.ie](http://www.gdr.ie) agus leathanach Facebook Coiste na dTuismitheoirí / Parent's Association. Scan an cód QR thíos!



Táimid i mbun E-íocaíochtaí Aladdin a chur ar bun chun aistriú airgid a dhéanamh i bhfad níos éasca do thuismitheoirí. Cabhróidh sé seo agus tú ag íoc as snámh, turais scoile agus táillí scoile i mí Mheán Fómhair.

Is é an táille scoile don scoilbhliain 2024/25 ná €50 an páiste nó €100 an teaghlach agus clúdóidh sé árachas dalta, fótachóipeáil agus Ealaíne & Ceardaíochta don scoilbhliain iomlán. Clúdóidh an scoil costais na leabhair léitheoireacht na leabhar saothair, na gcóipeabhar agus na dialanna scoile go léir. Ní bheidh ort ach cás peann luaidhe le pinn luaidhe, scriosáin srl. a cheannach.

Leanfaidh *The Lunch Bag* ar aghaidh leis na mbéilí the don scoilbhliain amach romhainn do gach páiste i nGDR. Tá iarratas déanta againn i gcomhair Dearnán Bheaga (naíonra Clodagh) chun an scéim lón saor in aisce a fháil dóibh freisin.

#### **Club Obair Bhaile**

Tá an dá chlub obair bhaile beagnach lán, más mian leat áit a bhookáil do mhí Mheán Fómhair, cuir in iúl don scoil le do thoil, seol téacs chuig 087-7831831, go raibh maith agat.

#### **Spórt**

Bhíomar am-sásta lenár mbua in aghaidh St.Tola's Dé Céadaoin seo caite i gluiche ceannais Chomórtas Johnny Cregan. Maith sibh na buachaillí agus na cailíní go léir a d'imir thar

dTuismitheoirí / Parent's Association Facebook page. Please scan the QR code below to get started.

We are in the process of getting Aladdin E-payments set up to make money transfers a lot easier for parents to keep track of. This will help when paying for swimming, school trips and school fees come September.

Once Aladdin E-payments is up and running you will be notified through the Aladdin Connect app, we are hoping this will be done before the end of August.

The school fee for the coming school year is €50 per child or €100 per family and will cover 24-hour pupil accident insurance, photocopying and Art & Craft supplies for the whole school year.

The school will cover the costs of all Readers, workbooks, copy books and school journals. You will only have to supply a pencil case with pencils, erasers etc.

The Lunch Bag will continue to supply hot lunches for the coming school year to every child in GDR. We have applied for funding so that Dearnán Bheaga (Clodagh's pre-school) will benefit from the free lunch scheme too.

#### **Homework Club**

Both Homework clubs are filling up quickly so if you wish to book a slot for the coming September, please let the school know by sending a quick text to 087-7831831, thank you.

#### **Sport**

We were absolutely thrilled with our win against St.Tola's N.S last Wednesday in the final of The Johnny Cregan Hurling Tournament. Well done to all the boys and girls that played over the two

an dá lá. Léirigh sibh spiorad foirne iontach, agus táimid an-bhródúil asaibh ar fad.



### Lá Spóirt

Bhí lá spóirt iontach againn Dé Luain i nGDR. Bhí an ghrian ag taitneamh an tráthnóna ar fad dúinn agus chríochnaigh muid le cuairt ón bhfear uachtar reoite. Maith sibh gach éinne a ghlac páirt ar an lá!  
Bhí lá Spóirt deas ag Seomra Sparoi an tseachtain seo caite freisin, bhí sé go hálainn iad a fheiceáil ag ghlacadh páirt. Maith sibh!



Bhí ócáid lán le mothúcháin againn ag Bronnadh Rang a 6 an Déardaoin seo caite. Ghlac gach rang páirt ag seinm an fheadóg stáin agus ag canadh. Míle buíochas do na tuismitheoirí ar fad a tháinig ar an lá chun an ócáid speisialta seo a cheiliúradh. Lua speisialta do Mikey Wall as ucht cabhrú leis an bhfuaim agus as an ghiotár a sheinm ar an lá. Míle buíochas freisin le Múinteoirí Áine Clár, Áine Máire agus Tricia as na páistí a ullmhú do na léirithe éagsúla. Guím gach rath ar Rang a 6 leis an aistriú mór go dtí an mheánscoil i mí Mheán Fómhair.

**Bronnadh duiseanna- Scríobh Leabhar**

days of matches. You all showed immense team spirit, and we are very proud of each and every one of you.



**Foireann iomáint Rg. 4-6**

### Sports Day

Sports day was a fantastic success on Monday in GDR. The sun shone all afternoon for our races, and we finished off with a surprise visit from the ice-cream man. Well done to everybody that took part on the day!

Seomra Sparoi had their Sports Day the previous week, it was so lovely to see them all taking part on the day.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

The Graduation ceremony for Rang a 6 was an emotional affair last Thursday. Every class took part in playing the tin-whistle and singing. Thank you to all the parents that joined us on the day to celebrate this special event. A special mention to Mikey Wall for helping with the sound and for playing the guitar on the day. Thank you also to Múinteoirí Áine Clár, Máire, Tricia & Áine (seomra sonas) for preparing the children for the various performances.

Bhí an-áthas orainn fáilte a chur roimh Martin Maloney (Stiúrthóir Ionad Oideachas an Chláir) go dtí an scoil an tseachtain seo caite chun teastas agus duaiseanna a bhronnadh ar na daltaí go léir ó rang a 1-6. Bhí seisear buaiteoirí san iomlán ar an lá a fuair duais agus foilseofar a leabhar ar shuíomh idirlín Fhóras na Gael. Maith sibh go léir a bhí páirteach.



Wishing Rang a 6 the very best with the big move to secondary school in September.

### Scríobh Leabhar Presentation

We were delighted to welcome Martin Maloney (Director of The Clare Education) to our school last week to present all the students from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class with a certificate and prize for their brilliant Write-a-Book entries. There were six overall winners on the day that received an award and will also have their book published on The Fóras na Gael website. Well done to all involved.



### Nuacht Coiste na dTuismitheoirí

Míle buíochas do na daltaí agus tuismitheoirí ar fad a chabhraigh leis an **CASH FOR CLOBBER** an tseachtain seo caite. Bhailíomar €260 san iomlán.

**Siúlóid/rith agus Picnic Urraithe:** Bailíodh €1,795 san iomlán!

Táimid fíor bhuíoch do gach éinne a bhailigh urraíocht agus a ghlac páirt sa spraoi don lá.

### News from The Parents Council:

Thank you to all the students and parents that helped with the **CASH FOR CLOBBER** last week. We raised €260 in total.

**Sponsored Walk/run & Picnic:** Total amount raised was €1,795!

We are very grateful to everyone that collected sponsorships and joined in on the fun for the day.

**Agree to Agree Project**

### Tionscadal Aontú a Aontú

Seolfar an comhaontú deonach fón cliste abhaile inniu. Táimid ag spreagadh tuismitheoirí bheith páirteach agus tacú leis an tionscnamh. Seolfar na conarthaí deonacha abhaile i mí Mheán Fómhair le síniú.

### \*Laethanta Saoire\*

Dúnfaidh an scoil le haghaidh Laethanta Saoire an tSamhraidh ar an Mháirt an 25ú Meitheamh ag a 12 a chlog .

The voluntary smart phone agreement will be sent home today, please take the time to have a read of it. We are encouraging as many parents as possible to get on board and support the initiative. The voluntary contracts will be sent home in September to be signed and returned to school.

### \*School Closures\*

Reminder that the school will close on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June at 12 o'clock for the summer holidays.

### Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine (Mí an Mehithimh/June)



### Gradam Cineáltais/ Kindness Award



Buachaillí Naíonáin bheaga/ Senior infant boys



**Rang a 3/3<sup>rd</sup> class**



**Maith sibh go léir/Well done to all!**



**Rang a 4/4<sup>th</sup> class  
Comhghairdeas/Congratulations!**

**Cleite i mo Hata**



**Layla (rg. a 5): Bonn Órga/Gold medal Jiu Jitsu Irish Open Competition**



**Iarlaith agus Ethan (rg.a 5): Iomáint/Hurling County Final winners with Newmarket-on-Fergus U13's**



**Izabela, Kayla agus Amara (rg. A 5): Damhsa/ Hip Hop dance awards**



**Clodagh (rg. A 1) Clare Castle Regatta awards**



**Buaiteoirí 'Scríobh Leabhar 2024'  
Winners of 'The Write a Book 2024'**

**Alexandru (rg.a 6), Izabela (rg.a 5), Ailish (rg.a 5)  
Julie (rg.a 3), Shola (rg.a 2) agus Rósa (rg.a 1)**



**Winners of the Plate in Johnny Cregan Hurling Tournament  
Foireann Iomáiníochta (rg.4-6)**



**'Stop the Drop' Cuman na mBunscol Jersey winners: Sadhbh, Róisín & Amara (rg.a 5),  
Conor & Rian (rg.a 6).**



**Bronnadh Céime Rang a 6/6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation. Comhghairdeas/Congrats to Rhys, Alexandru, Conor, Oisín, Rian, Stephen, Lucy & Charlotte.**

**An Tinreamh is Fearr/Best Attendance for the school Year 2023/24**



**Rósa, Fiadh & Elliot (rg.a 1), Charlie (rg.a 2), Colm & Izabela (rg.a 5), Conor agus Lucy (rg.6),  
Cara (níonáin mhóra) agus Ruadh (Seomra Spraoi)  
Maith sibh! / Well done!**

### **Nóta Buíochas/Thank you Note**

*As we finish the school year here in Gaelscoil Donncha Rua I would like to wish Rang a 6 all the best in their transition to secondary school; **Alexandru, Stephen, Rian, Oisín, Conor, Rhys, Lucy agus Charlotte go n-éirí libh!** To all the children in Seomra Sonas, Seomra Spraoi, Naíonáin bheaga & mhóra, Rang a 1, 2, 3 4 agus a 5, bainigí sult agus taitneamh as na laethanta saoire, tá siad tuilte agaibh go léir/ Enjoy the well-deserved break over the holidays. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir as bhur gcomhoibriú i rith na bliana/ Thank you for all your co-operation throughout the school year!*

*A huge thank you to all our Múinteoirí, Deirdre, Patricia, Máire, Áine Clár, Áine, Geraldine, Méadhbh, Ann agus Emma and to our Special Needs Assistants; Desiree, Angela, Niamh, Fiona agus Donna. A special thank you also to Niamh (Rúnaí na scoile/school secretary), Sonia (Glanáí/cleaner) Amy-Kate (Bean Dinnéar/Dinner lady) and Tony (Tiománaí Bus/Bus driver). All your dedication and support have been wonderful throughout the school year. We have a great team here in Gaelscoil Donncha Rua that are committed to delivering the best education possible to our students. **Ní Neart go Cur le Chéile!***

*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 Dave Ó Túinléigh. **Míle buíochas daoibh go léir!***

*Thank you also to our Parent's Council- Peggy Lynch, Leona Drennan, Kellie Cullen and Jennifer Teeling-Lynch as well as all those that contributed to all the fundraisers throughout the year. 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!***

*Finally, our most heart-felt thank you must go to you all-the parents, without your organising, preparing, and supporting your children, to be in school, on time, organised, happy and healthy every day, our jobs would be a lot harder. Your continued help, support and co-operation is very much appreciated, and you all deserve a well-earned break, let's hope the warm, fine weather continues well into September!*

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

*Le dea-ghuí,*

*Aisling Ní Áirtnéada*

*Príomhoide*