



Gaelscoil Donncha Rua

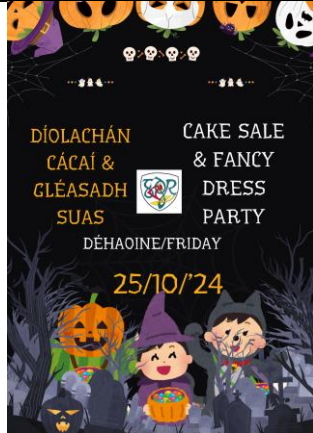
Ceiliúradh 40 bliain

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Bhí lá scanrúil againn Dé hAoine ar scoil. D'óstáil daltaí GDR féasta gléasta suas 'Trick or Treat' agus díolachán cácaí chun tacú le Méabh a fhreastalaíonn ar Naoínra Dearcán Bheaga. Ba í Méabh páiste póstaer don tiomsaitheoir airgid i mbliana, agus bhí an-áthas orainn €340 a bailíodh a bhronnadh ar chúis chomh fiúntach; Bob nó Bia do Leanaí atá tinn.

We had a spooky last day of half term on Friday in school. The students of GDR hosted a Trick or Treat dress up party and cake sale to support Méabh who attends múinteoir Clodagh's Naoínra, Dearcán Bheaga. Méabh was the poster child for this year's fundraiser, and we were delighted to be able to donate the €340 raised to such a worthy cause; *Trick or Treat for Sick Children.*



Go raibh míle maith agaibh a thuismitheoirí agus páistí a bhí gnóthach ag bácáil!



Maith sibh gach duine a ghléas suas don lá. Bhí spóirt agus spraoi tríd na scoile l don lá.



Buachaillí Seomra Spraoi gléasta suas don lá....bhí Frankenstein, Ghost busters, Batman agus tutar!



Please scan the QR code if you wish to donate.



Thank you to all the students and parents that baked such yummy buns for the sale.



Well done to all the boys and girls for the fantastic costumes!

Seachtain Mata

Bhí an-spórt againn ar scoil i rith Seachtain Mata. Rinne na hardranganna cluichí Mata agus bhí siad ag imirt na gcluichí leis na naíonáin sa rang. Bhí comórtais mata ag an scoil ar fad agus bhuaigh na buaiteoirí duais deas, Maith sibh go léir!



Bratach gníomhaí

Tá tús curtha againn leis an bpróiseas chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar ár mBratach Scoile Gníomhaí. Tá roinnt imeachtaí ar fhéilire na scoile Gníomhaí nach mór dúinn a bheith páirteach chun an bhratach a fháil. Ghlacamar páirt cheana féin sa *Relays Take Over* ar an 27ú Meán Fómhair. Tháinig an Coiste suas le mana An Scoil Ghníomhach (23ú/10) leis an scoil ar fad ag glacadh páirte agus is é an chéad imeacht eile ná an Dúshlán Sosanna Gníomhacha a chaithfear a chríochnú idir 18ú Samhain agus 13ú Nollaig. Táimid ag tnúth leis an gcéad dúshlán eile.



Bhí mí an-ghnóthach ag rang 4 – 6 ó thaobh spóirt de: ghlac foirne peile na mbuachaillí agus na gcaillíní páirt i blitz Cuman na mBunscol i gCLG Ruan, Gurteen agus Wolfe Tones. Ghlac siad páirt freisin i blitz club Rugbaí Naomh Seanán an tseachtain seo caite

Maths Week (12th-20th October)

We had great fun during Maths Week with extra math's activities going on in all classes. The older classes designed and created math board games for the younger classes. Students from 4th-6th class went into the infant's classroom to play the games with them. We also ran a whole school Math's competition, and the winner won Halloween window stickers. Well done to all the students involved!



Active School flag

We have started the process of applying for our Active School Flag. There are a number of events on the Active school calendar that we must take part in order to receive the flag. We already took part in the *Relays Take Over* on the 27th of September. The committee came up with *An Active School slogan* (October the 23rd) with the whole school taking part and the next event is the *Active Breaks Challenge that must be completed between Nov 18th and Dec 13th*. We are looking forward to the next challenge.

Sport

4th –6th class have had a very busy month sport wise: both the boys and girl's football teams have participated in Cuman na mBunscol blitz in Ruan, Gurteen and Wolfe Tones GAA. They also took part in St.Senan's Rugby club blitz last week down at the local club. The coach from St.Senan's is going to be taking infants, 1st-3rd and 4th-6th class for touch rugby training starting after the mid-term break.

síos ag an gclub áitiúil. Beidh an cóitseálaí ó SRFC ag déanamh ceachtanna rugbaí le gach rang tar éis na saoire lár téarma.



Bhí blitz peil ag rang 3-4 an tseachtain seo caite freisin.

An Scoil Nua

Is iontach an dul chun cinn atá déanta go dtí seo ar shuíomh na scoile nua a fheiceáil. Tá an tionscadal faoi lánseol ag Coolsivne agus na hoifigí i bhfeidhm agus an limistéar réidh le tosú an tseachtain seo chugainn.



Dátaí tábhachtacha atá le teacht:

- **Dé Máirt 5ú/11:** Ceardlann RSE (rg.5 & a 6)
- **Cruinnithe Tuismitheoirí/Múinteoirí :12ú & 13ú Samhain** ó 2:15-5:45pm (oscailte ar Aladdin Connect).
- **Lá pleanála curaclaim:**

Déardaoin an 21ú/11 – scoil dúnta do lá pleanála Curaclaim na Matamaitice.



Building project

The progress made to date on the new school site is brilliant to see. Coolsivne construction have the project well underway with offices in place and the area ready for piling to begin this week.



Important upcoming dates:

- **Tuesday 5th of November:** RSE workshop (rg. 5 & a 6)
- **Parent- Teacher meetings:12th & 13th of November** from 2:15- 5:45pm (booking slots open on Aladdin Connect).
- **Curriculum planning day: Thursday the 21st of November** – school closed for Math's Curriculum planning day.

Ceiliúradh 40 Bliain /40th Anniversary Celebration



Gaelscoil Donncha Rua celebrated their 40 Year Anniversary with a Jubilee mass in St. John and Paul's church on the 17th of October. The mass was read by Bishop Finton Monaghan and Fr. Mícheal Gerraghty was also present. The school choir was joined by múinteoirí Geraldine on flute agus Francis on concertina, Hilary Orpen sang the psalm beautifully. The children did a wonderful job of singing and playing their tin-whistles. It was lovely to have so many past pupils, families and friends of GDR present for the special mass. ***Míle buíochas as bheith páirteach chun an ócáid speisialta a ceiliúradh linn.***

Afterwards the celebrations continued in Wolfe Tones, club na Sionna. There was a huge crowd present to listen to the children sing both traditional and modern songs all 'as Gaeilge'. The children performed a lively hip-hop dance to finish off their entertaining show. Thank you to Aidan for allowing us to host the event in the bar and to Elaine Donnellan for catering the food, tea and coffee.

Míle buíochas le Múinteoirí Máire, Tricia agus Méadhbh a bhí ag cleachtadh leis na páistí chun na hámhráin a fhoghlaim agus le Mikey Wall as ucht an giotár a sheinm leo. Go raibh maith agaibh, Laura Geary as na damhsaí a chomhghrafáil agus le Múinteoirí Geraldine agus Francis a chabhraigh leis an gceol ar an oíche freisin.

We were entertained for the rest of the night by well-known musicians such as Blackie O'Connell, Francis and Eimear Cunningham, Noel and Geraldine Mc Namara, Eithne Ní Dhonalla, Sheila Rynn and Blaise Phelan, along with past pupils Dáithí Ó Cuilinn-Ó Miacháin agus Rhys Ó Suilleabháin. Iarlaith Ó Túinléigh and Róisín Ní Chuilinn- Ní Mhiacháin (daltaí rang a 6) also played on the night, it was wonderful to share the evening with past and present pupils as well as families and friends of GDR.

There was a special presentation for Muireann Uí Chearbhaill (Iar-Phríomhoide), Antóin Mac Mathúna (Cathaoirleach) agus Seán Ó Nuanáin (Bunaitheoir na scoile) for their 40 years of commitment to Gaelscoil Donncha Rua.

The evening was made extra special with the slide show that our secretary, Niamh put together and with the fabulous decorations, display boards and raffle that were organised by Coiste na dTuismitheoirí (The Parents' Association). Kellie Cullen, Leona Drennan, Peggy Lynch,

Michelle Phelan, Tricia Mc Kenna and Lisa O'Sullivan and all the other parents that helped on the night, míle, míle buíochas!

Gaelscoil Donncha Rua are blessed to have such dedicated staff, supportive parents and helpful school community. As Príomhoide of the school it is an honour and a privilege to work with you all and especially to work with your children that attend GDR.

*Míle buíochas ó chroí,
Is mise le dea-ghuí,
Aisling Ní Áirtnéada*

(A slide show of all the photos from the night that were taken by Joe Buckley will be available to view on our school website www.gdr.ie)

Bainigí taitneamh as Oíche Shamhna agus briseadh an lár-théarma!



Enjoy the Halloween celebrations and the mid-term break!

Beidh an scoil oscailte arís ar an 4ú/11/2024

School will re-open on the 4th of November

