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BRICFEASTA MÓR

BIG BREAKFAST

Beidh Bricfeasta Mór ar siúl san Old Thatch Inn Dé Sathairn 29 Aibreán. Tá Teaghlaigh agus Cairde le Chéile ag obair go crua leis an Bricfeasta Mór a reachtáil. Tá sé de rún acu airgead a bhailiú ar son na scoile. Tá súil againn go mbeidh tú ábalta bheith linn ar an lá agus bheith ag cuidiú le hairgead a bhailiú don scoil.



Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) are working very hard to organise our annual BIG BREAKFAST which will take place in The Old Thatch Inn on Saturday 29 April from 9am until 12 noon. All proceeds will go towards Gaelscoil/Naí-Aonad an tSeanchaí. We hope you and your family will be able to attend. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

SCOIL DRUIDTE

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Beidh an scoil druidte Dé Luain 1. Osclaíodh an scoil arís Dé Máirt 2 Bealtaiane. Beidh an scoil druidte Dé hAoine 26, Dé Luain 29 agus Dé Máirt 30 Bealtaine. Osclaíodh an scoil arís Dé Céadaoin 31 Bealtaine.

School will be closed on Monday 1 May and reopen on Tuesday 2 May.

School will also be closed on Friday 26, Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 May. School will reopen on Wednesday 31 May.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Seachtain Siúil Chun na Scoile **a bheas ann**15-19 Bealtaine agus iarrtar ar pháistí
siúil chun na scoile nó cuid den turas a
dhéanamh ar na cosa.

Putting our best foot forward!

Walk to School Week takes place from 15-19 May. Pupils are encouraged to walk to school or make part of their walk to journey by foot.

MEASÚNÚ

ASSESSMENT

Beidh measúnú ar siúl sa scoil do pháistí Rang 3, Rang 4, Rang 5, Rang 6 agus Rang 7. Tá se rí-thábhachtach go mbeidh do pháiste ar scoil ar na dátaí seo a leanas; Dé Luain 8 Bealtaine, Dé Luain 15 Bealtaine agus Dé Máirt 16 Bealtaine.

Assessment will be carried out for pupils in Rang 3, Rang 4, Rang 5, Rang 6 and Rang 7. It is important your child/ren are present on the following dates; Monday 8 May, Monday 15 May and Tuesday 16 May.

Alternative assessment arrangements <u>cannot</u> be offered if your child is absent on the above dates.

AG COTHÚ

SUPPORTING TRANSITION

Iarrtar ort páistí Rang 2 a thabhairt caol díreach chuig an chlós ar maidin, leis na malaí scoile, le cuidiú leis an aistriú ó Rang 2 go Rang 3.

Rang 2 pupils should go directly to the playground in the morning, with their schoolbags, to help with their transition from Rang 2 to Rang 3.

CRANNCHUR NA CASCA

EASTER RAFFLE

Bhí lá iontach againn agus Crannchur na Casca ar siúl Dé Céadaoin 12 Aibreán. Go raibh míle maith agat as do chuid tacaíochta.

Our annual Easter Raffle took place on Wednesday 12 April. We greatly appreciated your generosity by both donating Easter eggs and buying tickets. A fantastic £451 was raised for school funds.

ÉIDE SCOILE

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Tá cuid páistí go fóill ag caitheamh éide spóirt ar laethanta nuair nach bhfuil spórt ar siúl. Tá an-tábhacht bainte le h-éide scoile agus cuireann sé go mór le h-éiteas na scoile. Iarraim oraibh cuidiú linn leis an ábhar seo.

There are still a small number of pupils wearing sports gear on non PE/sporting days.

School uniform creates a positive ethos of learning and working together within our school. Uniformity means pupils look and feel the same as their peers. Pupils understand what is expected of them therefore I ask once again for your support on this important matter.

Additionally, there are a huge number of unclaimed jumpers and cardigans in school.

Please call in, at 2pm or 3pm on Tuesday 2 May or Thursday 4 May, to claim or give them a new home.



AN CHÉAD CHOMAOINEACH NAOFA

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Beidh an Chéad Chomaoineach ann Dé Sathairn 6 Bealtaine ar 12:00 agus ba mhaith linn cuireadh a thabhairt do na páistí agus a dteaghlaigh teacht ar ais chun na scoile fá choinne solaistí ina dhiaidh. Bheadh muid an-bhuíoch as cuidiú ar bith uaibh go hairithe tuismitheoirí Rang 3 a bheadh an rud ceanna deanta dóibh ar an bhliain seo chuigainn. Fág d'ainm san oifig le do thoil ma tá tú toilteanach cuidiú.



First Holy Communion will take place in Holy Trinity Church, Cookstown on Saturday 6 May at 12:00. We would like to invite **all First Communicants** and their families back to school for refreshments afterwards. We require assistance serving refreshments as many members of the PTA will themselves be attending First Holy Communion that day. All help is welcomed but particularly parents of Rang 3 children who would have the favour returned next year. Please leave your name in the office if you are willing to help.

There will be a photographer in school on Saturday 6 May. Please see email attachment for pricelist. Monies should be paid to the photographer on the day.

We wish you and your families a most enjoyable day and look forward to seeing you in school for refreshments.



IOMÁINT/CAMOGAÍOCHT HURLING/CAMOGIE

Tá muid iontach sásta go mbeidh traenálaí CLG linn gach Aoine le iomáint agus camogaíocht a chur ar fáil do pháistí Rang 4, Rang 5, Rang 6 agus Rang 7.

We are delighted that Rang 4, Rang 5, Rang 6 and Rang 7 pupils will enjoy hurling/camogie every Friday. Lessons will be led by a GAA coach and will take place at Sky Blues Football Club, Greenvale Park, Magherafelt (beside Leisure Centre).

All Rang 4, Rang 5, Rang 6 and Rang 7 pupils should be collected every Friday at 2.50pm sharp at Sky Blues Football Club.

EMPOWER - LEARNER BUDDY HUB

Tosóidh Empower arís De Céadaoin 3 Bealtaine agus críochnóidh sé De Céadaoin 31 Bealtaine.

Empower will recommence on Wednesday 3 May and end on Wednesday 31 May.

Please note time allocation as per previous email.



DÁTAÍ DIALAINNE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nursery Induction: Wednesday 7 June

Rang 1 Induction: Wednesday 7 June*

*Current Rang 1 do not attend school on

Wednesday 7 June*

Sports Day: Friday 9 June (Weather permitting)

Nursery Graduation: Thursday 22 June

Summer BBQ: Thursday 22 June

Farewell Rang 7: Friday 23 June

MAIDIN CAIFE

COFFEE MORNING

Bhí Teaghlaigh agus Cairde le Chéile i mbun obair iontach agus iad ag eagrú Maidin Caife. Bhí rogha iontach ann agus solaistí den chead scoth! Tá muid an-bhuíoch díbh as an iarracht agus an obair a cuirtear isteach. Maith sibh!



Our PTA organised a very successful Coffee Morning and Cake Sale which was held on Wednesday 12 April. The treats were divine and selection of

home baking was absolutely fantastic! A sincere thank you to everyone involved in organising, baking, attending and purchasing. We hope to be able to make this an annual event. A fantastic £340 was raised for school funds.

CLUICHÍ GAA

GAA GAMES

Bhain Rang 6 agus Rang 7 sult as an Féile Peile a bhí ar siúl ar an Abhainn Bheag Dé Mairt 25 Aibreán. Bainfidh siad sult as páirt a ghlacadh sa bhliots atá á reachtaíl ag Gaelcholáiste Dhoire Dé hAoine 28 Aibreán.

Rang 6 and Rang 7 enjoyed the All County Football Festival which took place at Owenbeg on Tuesday 25 April. Rang 6 and Rang 7 will also relish the opportunity to participate in an Irish Medium blitz organised by Gaelcholáiste Dhoire. The event takes place in Owenbeg on Friday 28 April.

GAA Ulster Council are organising a football blitz for Primary 4 pupils which will take place on Thursday 11 May. This will be a great opportunity for our Rang 4 pupils.

TRÓCAIRE

Bhí spóirt agus spraoi againn ar scoil le gruaig agus stocaí craiceáilte Dé Máirt 11 Aibreán. Tá ardmholadh tuillte ag na páistí as an airgead a bhailigh siad do Thrócaire. D'éirigh leo £140 san iomlán a bhailiú agus tiocfaidh ionadaí Thrócaire ar cuairt le hinsint do na paistí faoin dóigh a mbeidh an t-airgead sin caite.

Pupils enjoyed a Crazy Hair and Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 11 April in aid of Trócaire. Well done to our pupils for raising £140 for Trócaire this year. A Trócaire representative will visit our school to allow pupils to present our cheque and they will inform



pupils of how the money will be spent.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Tá Cairde agus Teaghlaigh le Chéile cláraithe le Cash for Clobber. Bheadh muid an bhuíoch díbh ach éadaí ar bith nach bhfuil de dhíth a chur isteach agus málaí a fhagáil ag garáiste na scoile.

Our PTA, Teaghlaigh agus Cairde le Chéile, are registered with **Cash for Clobber**. Any unwanted clothes will be gratefully accepted. Filled bags should be left at the garage (beside the playground where pupils play in the morning). Bags will be collected on Thursday 11 May.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Clothing Recycling. The easy way to generate cash for your School.



we weigh. we pay.

AG CUIDIÚ LINN PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Thank you kindly to those parents who completed Access NI applications. Details are as follow if you still wish to apply. We greatly appreciate your continued support and assistance.

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Go to www.nidirect.gov.uk/accessni
- 2. Register your account by creating a user ID and password (keep these details safe as you will need them to track the progress of your case).
- 3. Once you have successfully logged in, you will see the main menu page on screen 'Apply for Disclosure Certificates'.
- 4. Choose the Enhanced option.
- 5. Enter the Pin Number below at Step 1 of the form completion.

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- 6. Complete the remainder of the form and click on SUBMIT to finish the online process.
- 7. You must note the 10 digit Access NI reference number.

PUTTING THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD

Beidh cuid tuistí ag glacadh páirt sa mharatón ar son Teaghlaigh agus Cairde le Chéile. **Tá siad** ag traenáil agus ag obair go crua le hairgead a bhailiú le ríomhairí a cheannacht don scoil.

A few very athletic parents will be partaking in the Belfast marathon relay on behalf of our PTA. They are currently fundraising and would appreciate your support. Money raised will go towards laptops for the school.

The PTA have set up a *gofundme* page on their Facebook page, *Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí*, *Family and Friends Together*.

A sponsor sheet is also available in the school foyer if anyone would like to offer sponsorship. The ladies thank you in advance and we wish them well on Monday.

NA MEÁIN SHÓISIALTA

SOCIAL MEDIA



We ask that all parents monitor their children's use of Social Media. It is parental responsibility to keep your own child/ren safe online. While the sending of unkind messages is not happening in school, as pupils are not permitted to have phones in school, it does influence friendships and the self-esteem of pupils in the classroom.

We will continue to raise pupil awareness and promote safety online through assemblies, PDMU lessons and anti-bullying sessions and events.

