



Gaelscoil Éadan Doire



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Cruinnithe Tuismitheoirí / Múinteoirí:

Beidh cruinnithe tuismitheoirí / múinteoirí an Chéadaoin agus Déardaoin na seachtaine seo. Chuaigh na hamanna amach ar an Déardaoin.

Parent / Teacher Meetings:

Parent / teacher meetings take place this Wednesday and Thursday. Appointment times were sent home on Thursday.

Clárúcháin:

Táimid ag clárú don bhliain seo chugainn faoi láthair. Má tá sibliní le tosú an bhliain seo chugainn an ndéanfaidh sibh cinnte go bhfuil na hainmneacha ag an oifig. Scaipigí an scéal le bhur dtoil.

Enrolment:

We are currently enrolling for next year. If there are any siblings due to start please ensure the office has the names. Please pread the word about enrolment.

Drámaíocht / Drama

Múinteoir Brenda – Club Drámaíochta Sóisearach / Junior Drama Club

Club drámaíochta do Rang a 1 agus Rang 2 inniú ó 2.45i.n. - 3.45i.n..

Junior drama today from 2.45p.m. – 3.40 p.m.

Múinteoir Siobhán – Club Drámaíochta Sinsearach Rang 3 - 6

Club drámaíochta do Rang a 3 agus Rang 6 Déardaoin ó 2.40i.n. - 3.40i.n..

Drama Thursday for children in Rang 3 to Rang 6 from 2.45p.m. – 3.40 p.m.

Ceachtanna Snámha:

Rachaidh na páistí ó rang a 1 go rang a 6 go ceachtanna snámha ar feadh seacht seachtaine arís i mbliana. Tosóidh na ceachtanna ar an 23ú lá de mhí Eanáir agus cosnóidh siad €39.00. Is féidir an t-airgead seo a sheoladh isteach am ar bith ach is gá iad a íoc roimh na Nollag.

Swimming Lessons:

The children from 1st class to 6th class will attend seven weeks of swimming lessons again this year. These lessons will begin on the 23rd of January and will cost €39.00. This money can be sent in at any stage but must be paid before Christmas.

Seachtain Eolaíochta:

Rachaidh Rang 3/4 Múinteoir Róisín go dtí leabharlann Éadan Doire ar an Déardaoin 14ú. Bíodh cóta agus bróga siúil ar gach duine.

Science Week:

Rang 3 & 4 Múinteoir Róisín will attend Edenderry Library on Thursday for a talk as part of Science Week. Please ensure children have suitable coats and footwear for the walk.

The 2019/2020 Fundraising Challenge

The School and Parents Association have agreed a fundraising challenge for this academic year, last year we raised €5,505 and this year we have set a target of €6,000. We have lots of exciting activities and events planned for the year and would appreciate your full support!

What will we spend the €6k on? The 'Wishlist'

The school have prioritised 3 areas of expenditure on the 'Wishlist'. Completion of the projects will cost more than €6k and will take longer to complete than this academic year. The school will determine areas which should be focused on first, that will deliver the most 'bang for our buck' and Parents will be updated on progress monthly via the Nuachtlitir.

1. Frameless Notice Boards



An amount of damage has been caused to paintwork on school walls owing to the use of *Blu Tac* and *Sellotape* in the absence of suitable display areas. It is our wish that frameless noticeboard be erected for this purpose. This will end the destruction of the internal walls while also creating a more aesthetically pleasing and attractive school, full of bright and coloured display areas thus enhancing the children's visual learning experience and promoting a print rich

environment. These boards cost €110 per 8' X 4' sheet. They are particularly useful in that they can be easily cut to fit odd spaces. It is hoped that rooms/corridors will be completed over a period of time whenever funds are available to do so. It is also our intention to minimise the spend by fitting the boards ourselves, hopefully through the help of the Meitheal Oibre. From a practical point of view creating and changing displays will go from a one hour job work to one of 15 minutes and so will lead to publishing and celebrating children's work more frequently.

2. School Garden



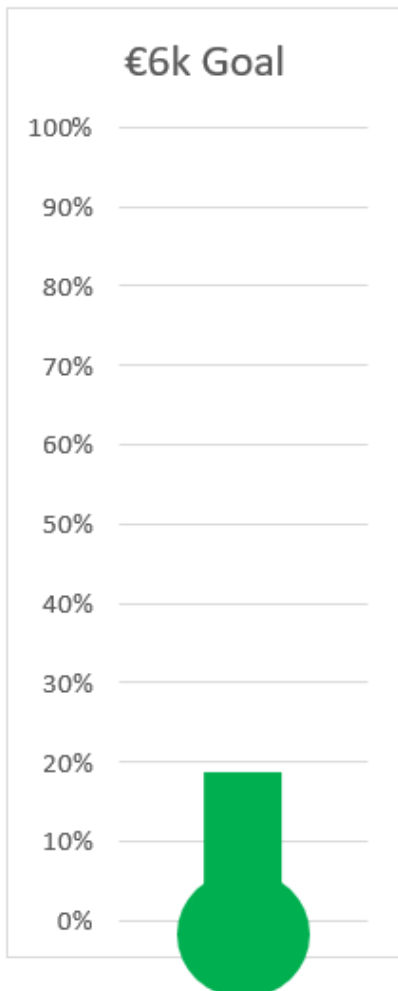
The case for school garden is an easy one to make. The teaching staff wish to bring the classroom outdoors and to bring the outdoors in. There is huge potential for the teaching of science and nature on our school grounds. Healthy living and eating, growing and harvesting,

looking after living things can only benefit the children and school community alike. Through the use of a diverse and working school garden the school wish to bring the children in touch more with their environment through native species of plants, trees and insects while also achieving green flags through their efforts of environmental awareness and action. Due to the positive response to the school Meitheal and commitments made by parents the costs incurring with the garden will only pertain to materials. Further volunteers will be required.

3. WiFi



WiFi is an essential requirement in the modern classroom as we strive to become a digital school of distinction. Not only is ICT now a vital part of the curriculum but also a vital component in the pedagogy of most curriculum subjects. Technological literacy for both teachers and students is critical in the education of today's children. A range of subjects and aspects of learning can be greatly enhanced by the use of technology the classroom, not only by the teacher but by the children themselves. WiFi is the first step on this journey in order that laptops can be used more practically and in time other devices which will enhance children's learning and problem solving skills. Thankfully we have an excellent strength of broadband to the school already and need only appoint 'hotspots' or 'boosters' where needed. Acquisition of the most suitable and affordable of these routers will account for all costs in this regard.



Where are we now?

A huge thank you to all the pupils, parents and teachers who attended the **Halloween Disco** in the school and a special thanks to Muinteoir Brenda who volunteered her DJ-ing skills! We are delighted to announce that it raised €892 for the school.

The clothes collection has raised a further €235, so we're already 19% of the way to meeting this year's €6,000 target!

Dates for the Diary!

- Student Bingo R1-R6 – Thursday 21'Nov
- Christmas Raffle – Dec'19
- Christmas Show – Dec'19
- Table Quiz – Jan'20

Volunteers & Ideas always wanted!

If you can spare some time to volunteer at one of the activities, help with the Garden or hanging frameless notice boards or have a fundraising idea, please contact