



# Gaelscoil Éadan Doire



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### Nóta ó Choiste na dTuismitheoirí

Tá coiste na dtuismitheoirí ag eagrú **Tráth na gCeist** i **Byrnes** ar an **Aoine** beag seo **6ú de Mhí Márta** chun airgead a bhailiú don scoil. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí tacú leis agus beidh fáilte roimh chairde freisin.

*The Parent's Association are organising a **table quiz** in **Byrnes** this **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** to raise funds for the school. Parents are asked to support this event and friends are very welcome to attend also.*

### Ceachtanna Snámha – R1 go R6

Níl aon cheachtanna snámha an tseachtain seo. Na dátaí atá fágtha ná Déardaoin 12ú Márta, Déardaoin 19ú Márta agus Déardaoin 26ú Márta.

### Swimming Lessons

*There will be no swimming this week. The remaining dates for swimming are Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.*

### Traenáil Peile:

Beidh traenáil na mbuachaillí ann ar an Luain ón 2.40i.n. go dtí 3.40i.n.

Beidh traenáil na gcailiní ann ar an Máirt ón 2.40i.n. go dtí a 3.40i.n.

Is gá go cosaint fiacla a bheith ag gach páistí chun páirt a ghlacadh sa traenáil. Ár mbuíochas le Múinteoir Adrienne, Múinteoir Caitriona agus Múinteoir Caoimhín.

### Football Training:

*The boys training on Mondays (today) from 2.40p.m. until 3.40p.m.*

*The girls training on Tuesday from 2.40p.m. until 3.40p.m.*

*All children must have a mouth guard to participate in training. We would like to thank Múinteoir Adrienne, Múinteoir Caitriona and Múinteoir Caoimhín for all their work. Training is open to children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class.*

### 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

Ní bheidh aon dramaíocht ar an Déardaoin seo.

*There will be no drama this Thursday.*

### **Féile Scoil Dramaíochta – Comórtas Dramaíochta:**

Beidh Club Dramaíochta Mhúinteoir Siobhán agus Múinteoir Brenda ag cur a nDrámaí i láthair ag an Ionad Ealaíne sa Mhuileann gCearr ar an gCéadaoin beag seo, 4ú lá Mí an Mhárta ar a 11.00r.n. Fágfaidh na páistí an scoil ar a 9.10r.n. agus beidh siad ar ais sa scoil roimh a 2.00i.n.

Iarrtar ar pháistí na feistis a chaitheamh ar scoil ar maidin agus a lón a bheith acu. Beidh deis ag na páistí féachaint ar dramaí ó scoileanna eile ar an lá chomh maith.

Guímid ar fad gach rath orthu agus ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le Múinteoirí Siobhán agus Brenda as ucht a cuid oibre ar fad.

Is féidir le tuismitheoirí dul isteach saor in aisce ach beidh an t-Ionad occailte ó a 9.30r.n. agus seans go mbeidh brú spáis as a 11.00r.n.

### **School Drama Festival – Drama Competition:**

*Múinteoir Siobhán's and Múinteoir Brenda's Drama Clubs will perform their drama at the Mullingar Arts Centre this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00a.m. at 11.30a.m. The children will leave the school at 9.10a.m. and will be back by 2.00p.m.*

*We are asking the children to wear their costumes coming to school on the day and to ensure they have their lunch with them. The children will have the opportunity to watch other dramas performed by other schools on the day.*

*We wish the children all the very best and would like to thank Múinteoir Siobhán and Múinteoir Brenda for all their hard work.*

*Parents can attend free of charge however the centre opens at 9.30am and there may not be any spaces left at 11.00am.*

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### **Seachtain na Gaeilge:**

Táimid gnóthach ag eagrú Seachtain na Gaeilge faoi láthair ar scoil. Beidh sé ar siúl ón Luan an 9ú lá de mhí an Mhárta go dtí an Aoine an 13 lá de mhí an Mhárta.

Cuireann an scoil clár-ama den scoth le chéile gach bliain do na páistí agus chun cabhrú linn leis an gclár-ama seo bailíonn an scoil €5 ó gach páiste chun cur le costas na n-imeachtaí le linn na seachtaine. Is féidir le tuismitheoirí an €5 a sheoladh isteach ó seo ar aghaidh.

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge :**

*We are currently busy organising Seachtain na Gaeilge in school. We will be celebrating from Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March until Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March.*

*The school always puts together a fantastic timetable of events for the children that week. The school always collects €5 from each child to help with the cost of the week's events. Parents can send this money in anytime from now.*

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### **Boscaí Trocaire:**

Rachaidh na boscaí trocaire abhaile le gach teaghlach an tseachtain seo caite. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí iad a fhágáil ar ais chuig a bpáráiste féin ag deireadh an charghais de bharr nach bhfuil aon seirbhís bailiúcháin curtha ar fáil don scoil.

### **Trócaire Boxes:**

*Trócaire boxes were sent home with every family last week. We again ask parents to drop the boxes off to their local parishes at the end of Lent this year as there is no collection service available to the school.*

### **Síntiús Deonach:**

Glacann an scoil go buíoch le síntiúis dheonacha ó thuismitheoirí na scoile. Molann an scoil €25 in aghaidh an téarma in aghaidh an pháiste don scoil nó €75 don bhliain in aghaidh an pháiste suas go €150 in aghaidh na bliana in aghaidh an teaghlaigh. Glacfaidh an scoil le rud ar bith dar ndóigh, bíodh sé níos lú nó níos mó ná sin.

Tá an deontas a fhaigheann scoileanna ón Roinn laghdaithe go mór le cúpla bliain anuas agus ní bhíonn morán fágtha i ndiaidh na mbillí ar fad a íoc. Úsáidfidh an scoil aon airgead a thagann isteach le n-íoc as acmhainní scoile do na páistí. Tá sé fíor-thábhachtach áfach go dtuigeann gach duine gur síntiús deonach í seo ach go bhfuil an scoil ag brath go mór orthu gach bliain.

**Voluntary Contribution:**

*The school gratefully accepts voluntary contributions from parents. As a guide the school suggests €25 a term per child or €75 per child per year and up to €150 per family per year. The school will of course accept any amount whether it's less or more than this. The grant that schools receive from the Department has been greatly reduced over the past couple of years which leaves very little after the bills have been paid. The school will use any money that it receives through voluntary contributions this year on school resources for the children. It is however very important that parents understand that this is a voluntary contribution but that the school relies heavily on these contributions each year.*

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# The 2019/2020 Fundraising Challenge

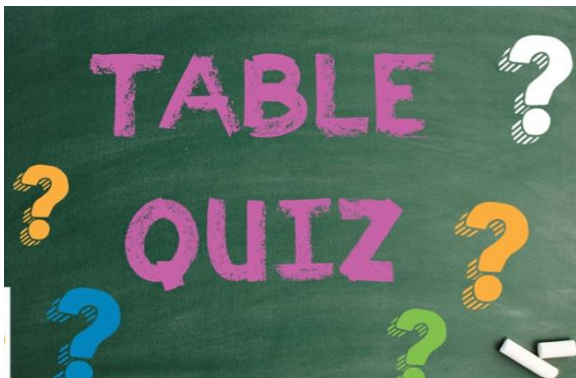
The School and Parents Association have agreed a fundraising challenge for this academic year, last year we raised €5,505 and this year we have set a target of €6,000. We have lots of exciting activities and events planned for the year and would appreciate your full support!

## Where are we now?

A huge thank you to all the pupils, parents and teachers who attended the **Bingo** in the school, we are delighted to announce that it raised €335 for the school.

The year to date fundraising total is now **€3,664**, so we're **61%** of the way to meeting this year's €6,000 target!

## Dates for the Diary!



### *Table Quiz - Byrne's Bar Fri 6 March 9.00pm*

- *Prizes for Top 2 Teams*
- *Spot Prizes*
- *Raffle*
- *Tables of 4*
- *Please support, bring family and friends too!*

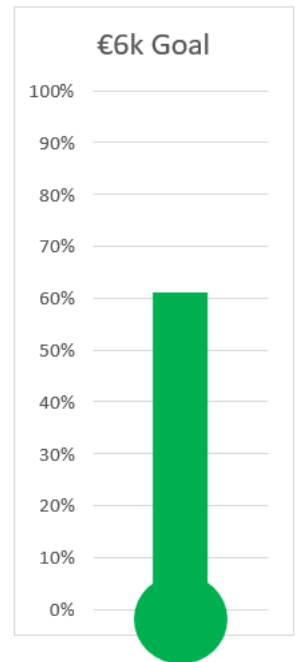
- *Liam O Maonlai plus Other Guests - Friday 5 June, Edenderry GAA*
- *Easter Raffle*
- *MyNametags.ie - use School Id 10373 and the school gets 20% back*

## 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 the school office!

## *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.

**Update – 2 classrooms and the ground floor corridor now have frameless notice boards in place.**

### 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.

**Update – There will be a special Grounds Committee meeting date tbc**

### 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. **Update – Wi-fi review currently underway.**