



Nuacht na Ríthe

Feabhra 2019

Go raibh maith agaibh! Thanks to our Volunteers!

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil libh, a thuistí, as ucht tacú linn ar bealaí difriúla. Buíochas faoi leith dóibh siúd a chabhraigh leis an mbailiúchán ag geataí na hEaglaise le déanaí, d'éirigh thar barr leis agus bhaineamar amach níos mó ná €700! Táimid chun malaí a phacáil i SuperValu an Satharn seo, 2^ú Márta agus táimid ag iarraidh ar paistí ó Rang 5 agus Rang 6 cabhrú linn.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you for supporting us in so many different ways. A special thanks to those parents who assisted at the recent Church Gate collection which was a great success and we raised over €700. We would also like to thank the volunteers who are giving up their time and helping with the Book Fair this week. Our annual SuperValu Bag pack takes place this Saturday 2nd March and we are asking parents and students from Rang 5 & Rang 6 to help out on the day if possible. A note went home this week to the pupils in these classes and we would ask you to help if you are available.



We are very grateful to SuperValu Dunshaughlin and to the Dunshaughlin & Culmullen Parish for allowing us to hold these fundraising events each year. Ár mbuíochas libh.

An Coineartú Confirmation



Beidh Rang 6 ag dul faoi lámh an Easpaig ar an 9^ú Márta. Buíochas le Múinteoir Emer as ucht an obair go léir leis an rang agus le Múinteoir Maria le cór na scoile. *Rang 6 are busy at work preparing for Confirmation, thanks to Fr. Declan and Múinteoir Emer for their work preparing the class and also to Múinteoir Maria preparing the school choir.*

Ár mbuíochas le na tuistí ó Rang 5 atá ag cabhrú san ionad pobail ar an lá. Thanks to the parents from Rang 5 who are helping out with the reception in the Pastoral Centre after the ceremony. There is always space for more volunteers so if you are available to help please get in touch with us.

Ranganna Gaeilge agus Seachtain na Gaeilge



Beidh ranganna Gaeilge do thuismitheoirí ag tosú sa scoil ar an 5^ú Márta 2019. Beidh siad ar siúl gach Máirt ar feadh cúig seachtaine ó 7.00p.m. – 8.00p.m. Má theastaíonn uait clárú do na ranganna tá foirm iniata leis an nuachtlitr seo. *Irish classes for parents will begin in the School on the 5th of March 2019. There will be a class every Tuesday for 5 weeks from 7.00p.m. – 8.00p.m. If you are interested in attending these classes an application form is attached with this newsletter (to be returned by the 1st March).*

Tá **Seachtain na Gaeilge** beagnach linn arís! Beidh neart imeachtaí ar siúl - amhránaíocht agus damhsa Gaelach, comórtais ealáine chomh maith le Lá Gléasta sa Ghlas. Maidir le thuismitheoirí iarraidimid oraibh triail a bhaint as an nGaeilge a úsáid ar bhealach speisialta i rith na seachtaine seo. *Seachtain na Gaeilge is nearly with us again! We will have lots of activities in the school running up to St. Patrick's Day, Irish dancing, art, singing and various competitions. We will also have our 'Dressed in Green' Day. We ask parents to get in the spirit and try out their 'cúpla focail'.*

**** Dáta don Dialann ****

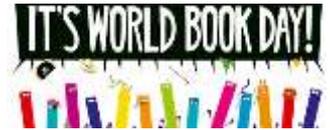
Grianghrafadóir An Chéadaoin 20^ú Márta - School Photographer Wednesday 20th March

Margadh leabhar Book Fair



Tá an margadh leabhar ar ais linn an tseachtain seo. Tá fáilte roimh thuistí teacht chuig leabharlann na scoile ag na h-amanna seo: Céadaoin 27^ú Feabhra ó 9.30 go 2.45, Déardaoin 28^ú Feabhra ó 12.30 go 2.45 agus Aoine 1^ú Márta ó 12.30 go 2.45. *Our Book Fair is back with us this week, thanks again to our volunteers who will be working overtime in the library! Parents are invited to visit the fair in library at the following times: tomorrow, Wednesday from 9.30 to 2.45 and on Thursday and Friday from 12.30 to 2.45. Thank you for all your support.*

Chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar **Lá Domhanda na Leabhar** tá cead ag na páistí gleasadh mar charachtar ó leabhar ar an Aoine 8^ú Márta. To celebrate **World Book Day** we invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book on **Friday, March 8th**.



Cuireann an léitheoireacht sa bhaile go mór le foghlaim agus le forbairt an pháiste. Muna bhfuil sé de nós agat léamh a dhéanamh le do pháiste gach lá faoi láthair, molaimid duit tús a chur leis an léitheoireacht laethúil inniu. Seo eolas úsáideach duit agus tú ag tabhairt cabhair agus tacaíocht do do pháiste. Ní gá duit ach teagmháil a dhéanamh linn sa scoil má tá ceist nó comhairle ar bith uait faoi seo. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, have an increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, there is evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. What difference can you as a parent make? The short answer is, a very big difference! Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and you can make a considerable difference to your child's overall progress by reading with your child every day. You can play an important role in helping to keep your child interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find books that will be engaging and enjoyable for them. Children who read at home daily with their parents have an advantage over the children who do not. It is important that reading has a focus at home and not left to the school to make it a priority. Please make contact with the school if you have any questions or require advice relating to this.

Rang 6 mar Fiontraí Junior Entrepreneur Programme



Ó mí Dheireadh Fómhair ar aghaidh bhí Rang 6 gnóthach ag obair ar an tionscadal JEP (Junior Entrepreneur Programme) le chéile. Tá seóthaispeántas eagraithe ag na páistí ar an **15^ú Márta** chun a táirgí áille a thaispeáint agus a dhíol le muintir na scoile agus an timpeallacht. Beidh siad ag díol gallúnacha agus buamaí folctha lámh dhéanta ar an lá. Chomh maith leis sin, beidh Rang 6 ag eagrú díolacháin císte ar an lá céanna ag bailiú airgead ar son síneadh nua atá le cur leis an scoil. Má tá tú in ann cáca a dhéanamh don lá bheadh na páistí thar a bheith buíoch. Ag súil go mór le sibh a fheiceáil ansin! *Since October, Rang 6 have been busy working together preparing for the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. The children have organised a showcase day in the school hall on the 15th of March from 1:30-3:00 to sell and showcase all of their lovely products to all at the school and in the community. They will be selling their beautiful handmade soaps and bath bombs on the day. The children will also be organising a cake sale with all proceeds going towards the building of our new school extension. If you are able to donate some baked goods on the day, the children would appreciate it greatly. Looking forward to seeing you there!*

Rang 5 ag dul go dtí an RDS ESB Science Blast



Beidh Rang 5 ag tabhairt chuairt ar an RDS Dé Céadaoin seo chugainn chun páirt a ghlacadh sa seó eolaíochta Science Blast. Tá an obair déanta acu ar a dtionscadal ag fiosrú an mbíonn tionchar ag ceol ar ár n-iompar. Míle buíochas le Múinteoir Maria, Ann agus gach duine a chabhraigh le na páistí. *Rang 5 have been very busy working on their project for the ESB Science Blast which takes place in the RDS next Wednesday, March 6th. Their project has investigated the influence music has on our behaviour. Thanks to everybody who helped, particularly Ruth in Dunshaughlin Dental Centre who welcomed a group to the dental surgery recently.*



Seachtain an Chairdis Friendship Week

Bhí **Seachtain an Chairdis** á cheiliúradh againn le déanaí. Díróinn an imeacht bhliantúil seo ar an dóigh gur féidir le gach duine i nGaelscoil na Ríthe a chinntiú gurb áit sona, sábháilte í ár scoil. Déantar iniúchadh ar cheist na bulaíochta ó dhearcadh na bpáirtithe éagsúla. Bhí imeachtaí éagsúla ar siúl sna ranganna i rith na seachtaine le béim curtha ar bheith dearfach agus cinéalta le chéile. *We recently celebrated Friendship Week, an annual event which focuses on how each person in Gaelscoil na Ríthe can ensure that our school is a happy and safe place for all. As part of the week we focused on Internet Safety, highlighting the dangers associated with technology in the modern world. Although the school cannot govern matters occurring out of school hours, which are the responsibility of parents/guardians, we still want to be part of the solution. We appreciate that parents can have a difficult job keeping up with their children on the fast changing technology available to them, let alone knowing the dangers they face. If your child is sharing, or commenting on content on social networking websites or joining, subscribing, or following online sources of content, this must be monitored by you. As you are probably aware the Momo challenge is getting much media attention this week, this disturbing online game only serves to highlight the importance of monitoring your children's online activity.*

WHAT IS THE MOMO CHALLENGE? The “Momo challenge” has recently started to appear on social media platforms as a form of cyber-chain letter. Chain letters provide a great deal of shock, or trigger anxiety, which prompts the reader to share the stories/ information or obey the tasks that the chain letters contain. Gardai have issued a warning regarding this *“suicide game”*. Within this game, there is woman that tells individuals to communicate with her via WhatsApp and other platforms. When contact is made, the woman reportedly asks individuals to perform *dangerous tasks, including self-harm.*

HOW CAN WE KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE?

ChatBudi: Ensure that your students/ children have a ChatBudi. This is someone over 18 years of age that a child trusts and feels comfortable talking about suspicious online activities.

Reassurance: Speak to your students/ children about online dangers and create awareness of the importance to chat about any worries or unusual behaviour that may be happening online.

Online Stranger Danger: Ensure that your students/ children only contact people online that they know in the real world.

Age Appropriateness: Ensure all internet connected devices are restricted to age suitable content.



Páistí Tinn Sick Children



Tá roinnt mhaith tinneas mór thimpeall le tamall beag anuas. Má tá páistí tinn, iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí gan iad a sheoladh ar scoil. Freisin tá dhualgas ar thuismitheoirí múinteoirí a chur ar an eolas má tá aon ghearán sláinte ar a bpáiste i.e. asthma (múchadh), ailléirgí, míchumas fisiceach etc. *We have been hit hard by a number of bugs recently, both pupils and staff. In the interest of health and safety if children are sick, parents are requested not to send them to school. We also ask that parents inform the school of any medical condition suffered by students i.e. asthma, allergies, physical disabilities etc.*

Páirceáil agus Sábháilteacht Parking and Safety

Buíochas le Carol ár maor tráchta as ucht a gcuid oibre agus leo siúd atá ag tacú leis an iarratas i leith cúraim agus tuisceana i dtaobh páirceáil ag an scoil. Tá sábháilteacht na bpáistí níos tábhachtaí ná rud ar bith eile. Tá cosc iomlán ar siúl isteach trí gheataí na gcarranna ag an scoil. Bainigí úsáid as na príomhghheataí amháin. *Thank you to Carol, our lollipop lady who does a great job keeping our children safe as they come and go. A few people in cars have continued to cause danger. Please think of the safety of all children at the school and take due care when dropping off your children. In the interest of safety please do not use the staff/car access to the school. Please use only the main gates.*

Comhghairdeas le Kelvin



Huge congratulations to Kelvin Troy, our basketball coach who was inducted into the Basketball Ireland Hall of Fame recently. This is a great achievement and a reward for his many years playing and coaching basketball here in Ireland. Unfortunately this will be Kelvin's last year with us here in Gaelscoil na Ríthe. He has been with us for over 15 years and he will be greatly missed by the children and the staff. We wish him all the best in the future. You can read more about the award here -

<https://www.basketballireland.ie/news-detail/10047728/> **Comhghairdeas leat Kelvin**

agus mile buíochas!

Ireland on Everest Jenny Copeland

Go n-éirí go geal le Jenny Copeland atá ag déanamh réidh chun ionsaí a dhéanamh ar Everest. D'éirigh thar barr leis an díoclachán cácaí agus maidin chaife a bhí ann le deanaí, bailíodh €2,222 ar son Barretstown. Seo alt a bhí sa nuachtán le deanaí faoi Jenny agus a gcomrádaithe.

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/friends-in-high-places-as-seamus-and-jenny-prepare-for-mount-everest-37847192.html>



Nuacht Áitiúil Local News



Jiving Lessons starting Tuesday, 5th March in St. Seachnall's N.S. Dunshaughlin.

Beginner lessons at 7:30pm, improvers at 8:45pm. Great exercise & fun, no partner required.

For more details, contact Declan from GetUp And Jive on 087 755 7163