

## NUACHTLITIR NA GAELSCOILE (7)

18/05/'17

- RITH NA GAELSCOILE/GAELSCOIL FUN RUN** takes place on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am**, beginning at Carlow Rugby Club. This will be the official beginning to **Seachtain Ghníomhach na Gaelscoile / Active School Week** which will continue in school for all classes until the following Friday. The Rith Spraioi/ Fun Run is being organised by our Cairde volunteers, Gaelscoil families and friends agus múinteoirí, and it promises to be another great school community occasion. With so much talk of poor lifestyle and obesity issues in the media at present, we hope to have as many families as possible with us. It is a 5km run/walk with a special 1km route also available – whichever suits your own circumstances. A track has been specially arranged in the field at the rear of the school and we are encouraging as many pupils as possible to avail of this during lunch time in preparation for the event. The run will not be chip timed this year, cutting down on much of the expense. All participants will be entered into a special draw for a **Rothar Álainn /Shiny New Bicycle** at the end of the run, with everyone going home with a special Gaelscoil souvenir bag when they cross the finish line. Registration will take place from 10am that morning in the Rugby Club, €5 for individual entries or €10 per family. Please join us on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** for this special event and bring as many friends and family as you can. Refreshments will be provided immediately after the run. The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment – **bígí linn** for this special event and be in with a chance of winning that lovely new rothar!
- CÉAD CHOMAOINEACH NAOFA:** Buachaillí agus cailíní from Rang 2, along with their múinteoirí and families, celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday last. We wish them all every blessing and hope that they enjoyed their very special day. Míle buíochas to all involved in preparing the children for this great occasion, especially **Múinteoirí Majella agus Nell** who did tremendous work with their classes since the beginning of the school year. A special word of thanks also to **An tAthair Conn**, our school chaplain who ensured that the children had a beautiful Mass for this special occasion. We are very grateful to the parents who provided the very welcome ‘cupán tae’ in Askea Parish Centre immediately after the ceremony.
- CEOLCHOIRM NA GAELSCOILE:** Preparations are already underway for our end of year concerts which will take place in Halla na Gaelscoile. Rang 3 – Rang 6 will take to the stage on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June with Naíonáin Bheaga/Junior Infants – Rang 2 performing the following evening, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Both shows will begin at 7.30 pm.
- CÚRSAÍ SPÓIRT:** Sporting events continue to be a major part of school life here in the Gaelscoil:
  - Sacar** – Comhghairdeas to our boys’ first ever soccer team who did so well in the recent FAI competition, emerging as winners in the local and regional rounds and reaching the Leinster finals. This was a truly great achievement, under the stewardship of **An Múinteoir Cian**, with the buachaillí already planning to do even better next year. Maith sibh go léir!
  - 18 buachaillí agus cailíní from Rang 6 are currently in the Co. Meath Gaeltacht of **Rath Chairn** where they are taking part in the Glór na nGael football competition. This is a competition specifically for Gaelscoileanna and it involves an overnight stay. Míle buíochas to Múinteoirí Art agus Lísá who are accompanying the team.
  - Cumann na mBunscol hurling and camogie competitions are well underway at present.
  - Comhghairdeas le **Faolán Ó Ceallaigh** (Rang 6) who was recently selected to play at half time during the Senior All Ireland Semi Final hurling match in Croke Park in August.
  - Our boys’ and girls’ basketball teams are currently involved in a local inter schools basketball competition.
- TURAS GAELTACHTA:** Rang 6 will be heading to the Gaeltacht area of Mayo for their trip this year. They will spend three nights and four activity packed days along with their múinteoirí from **30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. The children will stay with local families, getting a true taste of Gaeltacht life, and

will have very busy days enjoying activities including kayaking, sailing, surfing, orienteering, treasure hunts, evening céilí etc. etc. – all ‘as Gaeilge’. This trip is always one of the highlights of the children’s time with us in Gaelscoil Cheatharlach and we wish them all a wonderful time and a great Gaeltacht experience. **Míle buíochas to Múinteoirí Mícheál, Ruairí agus Majella** who will accompany the buachaillí agus cailíní on their trip.

6. **TURASANNA SCOILE/SCHOOL TOURS:** All classes will be given details of their upcoming school tours, always a memorable day for the páistí. Buíochas mór to the múinteoirí for organising these trips.
7. **COMÓRTAS EALAÍNE:** Comhghairdeas le **Zac Ó Braonáin** (Seomra 2) who picked up a special merit award in the youngest age category for his entry entitled *Steamy Tea* in the recent Texaco Art Competition. Comhghairdeas ó chroí freisin le **Lucy Ní Dhuiginn**, a Gaelscoil past pupil, currently in Bliain 5 in the Gaelcholáiste, who was selected as the overall winner in the same competition. Lucy created a magnificent portrait of her brother Tom and she will represent Ireland in Tokyo at an international art exhibition later in the summer. Comhghairdeas libh beirt, Zac agus Lucy!
8. **COMÓRTAS RINCE:** **Abaigh Ní Bheilléir**, Rang 5, was recently the first ever winner of the Chloe Doyle Perpetual Cup at Chloe’s dance school, Dance Republic. Chloe, a Gaelscoil past pupil, passed away suddenly just over a year ago and it is lovely to see the cup being won by another Gaelscoil pupil. Maith tú a Abaigh!
9. **AIFREANN RANG 6:** Graduation Mass for Rang 6 pupils will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 8 pm in Halla na Gaelscoile.
10. **TUAIRISCÍ SCOILE:** With only a few weeks remaining in the school year, the múinteoirí are already beginning work on the end-of-year reports. Please encourage your child to continue to work towards getting the best report possible – both academically and behaviourally. The vast majority of the páistí can look forward to excellent reports while there is still time for a few to make an extra effort.
11. **BILLÍ LEABHAR:** Book bills will shortly be issued for next year’s books, for those who wish to avail of our Book Rental Scheme.
12. **CARTHANACHTAÍ/CHARITY EVENTS:** Well done to **Sorcha Ní Eachaoirn** (Rang 4) who recently organised a Bake Sale, raising €386.85 for **Crumlin Children’s Hospital** in memory to her little cousin William who passed away recently. Comhghairdeas freisin le **Lauryn Webster** (Rang 3) who also organised a Bake Sale for **Focus Ireland**, raising €265 for the homeless. Awareness of others less fortunate and generosity such as this is wonderful to see, especially in children. **Maith sibh a chailíní, táimid an-bhródúil asaibh!**
13. **LAETHANTA SAOIRE:** Our only break from now until the end of the school year is for the June bank holiday weekend when the school will be closed on **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**. For those arranging holiday breaks during August, please note that the school will re-open on Wednesday, **August 30<sup>th</sup>**.
14. **CAMPAÍ SAMHRIDH:** Information on a wide variety of summer camps is available through Oifig na Gaelscoile for those interested.
15. **GLÓR CHEATHARLACH NEWS:**
  - **CÚRAM LEANAÍ - Update on Preschool/Afterschool Childcare Services through Irish:**
  - Thank you to so many who have indicated to Glór Cheatharlach that they would be interested in using the services if available. Planning application has been lodged with Carlow County Council and a response is expected next week. Grant applications for Capital Works & Refurbishment have been submitted to The Department of Children & Youth Affairs/Pobal. Hopefully a positive announcement can be made shortly.
  - **CAMPAÍ SAMHRAIDH:** The Summer Camp for primary school children is fully booked out. There are still some places in the Campa na nÓg/Junior Camp for preschool children aged 4+ which will be based in the Naíonra Room in Graiguecullen Swimming Centre from 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July. 10am-1pm. Fee €40. Apply to 087 2857048, 085 1340047 [emma@glorcheatharlach.ie](mailto:emma@glorcheatharlach.ie)
  - **POP-UP GAELTACHT:** Irish speakers and learners welcome to Carlow’s first ‘Pop-Up Gaeltacht’ which will be in Scraggs Alley, Tullow Street on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May from 9pm. Bí ann agus fáilte.
  - **DRÁMAÍOCHT:** Comhghairdeas le hAisteoirí an Lóchrainn – a local adult drama group ‘as Gaeilge’ (including some of our own múinteoirí) who scooped five awards at the recent All Ireland Drama Festival ‘as Gaeilge’. New members are always welcome for stage and behind the scenes roles. Any information contact An M. Treasa.

**16. SUÍOMH IDIRLÍNE NA GAELSCOILE:** A reminder of our school website which is regularly updated with lots of information regarding our school – activities and events, school policies, photographs (including Dalta na Seachtaine recipients), school blog etc. etc. – [www.cgscoil.ie](http://www.cgscoil.ie)

Slán go fóill,

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**An Múinteoir Aingeal**

**Dátaí don Dialann**

- 1. Rith Spraoi na Gaelscoile/Gaelscoil Fun Run (11<sup>th</sup> June, 11 am, Carlow Rugby Club).**
- 2. Saoire Bainc/ Bank Holiday – An Luan/Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- 3. Ceolchoirm na Gaelscoile/ Gaelscoil Show – Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (Rang 3 – Rang 6); Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Infants – Rang 2) 7.30 pm**
- 4. Laethanta Saoire an tSamhraidh/ Summer Holidays – An Aoine/ Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon.**
- 5. Scoilbhliain Nua/ New School Year – An Chéadaoin/ Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August**