



NUACHTLITIR NA GAELSCOILE (5)

08/03/'17

1. **LÁ LE PÁDRAIG:** Tá Lá le Pádraig buailte linn arís! With Spring finally arriving and St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, we have made our annual plans to celebrate our patron saint:
2. **CÉILÍ MÓR NA GAELSCOILE:** In line with tradition in our school, we will have our **Céilí Mór Faoin Aer/Open Air Céilí** on **Thursday, March 16th**, at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to come to school dressed in **éadaí glasa/green clothes** (or the green geansaí spóirt/ sports jumper) to get into the spirit of the occasion. All classes have been practising the various céilí dances and the senior students will help out with our páistí óga/junior children. We will be joined for the special occasion by a group of American students from Carlow College. These students are currently based in Ireland as part of their college placement and they are anxious to get a little taste of the Irish culture while in Carlow – no better way than stepping it out with 500 enthusiastic dancers! **Beidh fáilte roimh chách** – please call in and join us, enjoy the Céilí – and add to the Gaelscoil community who will be stepping it out for Naomh Pádraig!
3. **MÓRSHIÚL LÁ LE PÁDRAIG i gCEATHARLACH:** The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place in Carlow on **Friday, 17th March** and as usual, Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc will be taking part. We will be congregating in the Walter Lane Car Park (old Perry's Cash and Carry Car Park) **from 3.00pm** with the parade beginning at **3:30pm**. Please join us and encourage your páistí to be part of the occasion. The theme for this year's parade is Love Carlow. Outfits showing Dathanna Cheatharlach/Carlow Colours would be appropriate as would any representations of local significance – the Barrow, Browneshill Dolmen, the upcoming Pan Cheilteach festival etc! We hope to have a large turnout from the Gaelscoil. To give us an idea of numbers, please fill in the slip at the end of this nuachtlitir and return it to the school by Tuesday next, March 14th. Go raibh maith agaibh.
4. **COMHNEARTÚ:** The recent Confirmation ceremony was a joyful occasion for our 56 Rang 6 pupils. The ceremony was testament to the great preparation done by paistí, múinteoirí agus an tAthair Conn, along with the wonderful work done at parish level. **Comhghairdeas le gach duine!** The boys and girls, with their teachers, Múinteoir Ruairí and Múinteoir Mícheál, had put a great amount of work into preparing for the ceremony and this was evident in the beautiful singing and music (thanks to our school choir and musicians) as well as the readings, prayers, reflections and Offertory Procession. The church was beautifully decorated with the children's artwork which was admired by all. After the Mass, everyone was treated to a welcome cup of tea with sandwiches and home baking in the nearby Parish Centre, compliments of our Parents' Association, Cairde na Gaelscoile. A day of spiritual preparation took place for all the Confirmation candidates under the guidance of the Graiguecullen Pastoral Team in the week leading up to the Confirmation with the Heritage Day coming up in the near future. This will include a trip to Carlow Cathedral which will be followed by a visit to Old Leighlin Cathedral and Holy Well and will be the final formal spiritual event of this special year. We congratulate each of the boys and girls and wish them every blessing at this significant milestone in their lives.
5. **CÉAD FHAOISTIN:** Páistí from Rang 2 celebrated their First Penance on Tuesday of last week, another beautiful ceremony. Comhghairdeas leis na buachaillí agus cailíní go léir agus le Múinteoirí Majella agus Áine.
6. **CÚRSAÍ SPÓIRT:** As always, sport continues to play a big part of our school life, with a very broad choice of activities available to all. With such an emphasis currently on children's health and on the rising obesity crisis in our country, we are anxious to play our part in promoting healthy lifestyle choices which we hope will become an integral part of life for all our children.

- **Iománaíocht/ Camógaíocht:** Lunchtime and afterschool training continues for our **hurling and camogie** panels in preparation for the upcoming Cumann na mBunscol competitions.
 - **Peil:** Extra in-school **football coaching sessions** have already begun with trainers from O' Hanrahan's Club (Rang 5 agus Rang 6), culminating in an exciting inter schools football blitz. Páistí from the senior classes are eagerly looking forward to the **Gael Linn Football** tournament which will take place in the Co. Meath Gaeltacht of **Rath Cairn** during May. This is a tournament for Gaelscoileanna and Gaeltacht schools and is one of the sporting highlights of the year.
 - **Sacar:** All children from Rang 1 – Rang 4 have been taking part in **soccer training** and have been thoroughly enjoying the opportunity. A soccer team representing An Ghaelscoil will be taking part in a Futsal competition on March 23rd.
 - **Cispheil:** Basketball training will An Múinteoir Cian will begin shortly in preparation for an inter-school competition in April.
 - **Snámh:** Rang 1 (An M. Emer) and Rang 3 (An M. Art) will soon be finishing their **swimming lessons** with Rang 1 (An M. Brian) and Rang 3 (An M. Eithne) beginning the eight week swimming programme from Monday, 20th March.
7. **AONACH NA CÁSCA:** The Gaelscoil Easter Fete, which is our main fundraiser each year, will take place on Sunday, April 2nd from 2 – 5pm. This is always a day of great excitement and fun and involves a huge amount of organisation from the Cairde group and the many, many parents, staff and friends who lend a hand on the day. It is an ideal opportunity to get involved in your child's school and also to get to know other parents. Please contact Paula in Oifig na Gaelscoile if interested in giving an hour or two on the day. This year we are hoping to use money from the Aonach and from other fundraising events to provide a permanent cover for our bicycle stand and to add to our playground equipment for both seniors and juniors. With all the talk in the media of health and activity, especially for our children, we are committed to providing as many quality facilities as possible in the Gaelscoil. In recent years, we have succeeded in installing our Falla Spóirt (Double-Sided Hurling Wall), the Gaelscoil Fód Spraoi (Astro Pitch) and our magnificent Clós Súgartha (Junior Playground), all of these directly as a result of fund raising by the Gaelscoil community. These facilities are used each and every day and provide so many opportunities for our páistí to develop not only physical skills but also skills of team participation, turn taking and many other social benefits.
 8. **PACÁIL MÁLAÍ:** Although it may not be everyone's favourite pastime, Bag Packing is another great way to supplement our funds and we have been fortunate to have been given this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Dunnes Stores. To maximise this opportunity, we need as many helpers as possible, mainly to supervise our Rang 6 pupils and also a group of Transition Year students from the Gaelcholáiste. We are very grateful to them, their príomhoide and múinteoirí, for their invaluable help. Please contact Elaine on 086 3552341 if you can offer help, even for an hour. Míle buíochas libh.
 9. **OIDHREACTH I SCOILEANNA:** We were delighted to have Heritage in Schools guest speaker, Eileen Canny, with us in the Gaelscoil earlier this week. Eileen spent the day working with páistí from Rang 3, 4 agus 5 exploring various elements of our school environment and presenting them with most insightful workshops.
 10. **CEARDLANN INNEALTÓIREACHTA:** Our two Rang 4 classes are looking forward to attending a scientific workshop organised by Steps Engineering which takes place in Carlow I.T. tomorrow, Thursday.
 11. **SICÍNÍ SA GHAELSCOIL:** The four fluffy chickens which recently hatched in Seomra 4 caused tremendous excitement throughout the entire school, with the children anxiously watching the new arrivals as they pecked their way out of their shells! Our special visitors have now left to return to 'life on the farm' in Nore Valley Park but they leave behind many special memories and a great respect for the magic of nature in the children. A voucher to visit them in their new home accompanies this nuachtlitir for each family.
 12. **GRIANGHRAFADÓIR:** Thomas Anthony, a local professional photographer, will be available in the Gaelscoil on Wednesday, March 22nd, for any families interested in getting formal school photographs. Packages cost from €25, with no obligation whatsoever on anyone to participate. Full details will be sent home next week and 10% of the takings will be retained by the school.

13. BÁIBÍNÍ NUA: Comhghairdeas le Múinteoirí Andréa whose little boy, Cathal, was born in early February and also to Múinteoirí Nóirín agus Mícheál who were delighted to have a buachaill beag eile, also named Cathal, joining their family on Tuesday last. Nuacht iontach do gach duine!

GLÓR CHEATHARLACH NEWS – Márta 2017:

- 1. Seachtain na Gaeilge:** Seachtain na Gaeilge is now well underway in Carlow and throughout the country and continues until Lá le Pádraig/ St. Partick's Day. Clár/ Programme has already been sent to Gaelscoil families and is also available on www.glorcheatharlach.ie .
- 2. Tráth na gCeist:** Páistí from Rang 4, 5 agus 6 will take part in an interschools **Bi-lingual Table Quiz** this evening, Wednesday, at 7.30 in Éire Óg CLG.
- 3. Campa Samhraidh:** A Summer Camp 'as Gaeilge' for primary school children (Naíonáin Bheaga/ Junior Infants – Rang 4) will take place from July 17th – 21st in the Gaelscoil. This is organised by Glór Cheatharlach, full details available later.

SAOIRE: A reminder that the school will be closed on **Friday 17th March, Lá le Pádraig**. Easter holidays begin on **Friday, April 7th** with all classes free at **12 noon**.

Slán go fóill,

An M. Aingeal



MÓRSHIÚL LÁ LE PÁDRAIG /ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Beidh mé páirteach sa mhórshiúl / I will join with Gaelscoil Cheatharlach on Tuesday 17th March at 3.00pm.

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Síniú an Tuismitheora (Parent): _____

