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NUACHTLITIR NA CÁSCA 2017

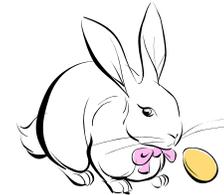
- AONACH NA CÁSCA:** Another wonderful occasion here in Gaelscoil Cheatharlach, the result of a huge amount of work by our incredible **Coiste na gCairde** as well as amazing generosity and support from so many Gaelscoil families, friends and local businesses. There was plenty for all the family to enjoy with the list of activities more varied than ever. Being blessed with beautiful weather was an added bonus and this added to the festival atmosphere. **Míle, míle buíochas** to all involved in the planning, preparations, setting up, manning of stalls etc. as well as their deconstruction, ensuring that the school was ready for **'business as usual'** yesterday morning. With over fifty parents and past parents volunteering on the day, everything ran exceptionally smoothly. The members of **Aontas na Macléinn/ Students' Council**, joined by so many other pupils, gave wonderful help with both the preparations and the various activities on the day as well. We were so pleased to be joined by so many **Iarscoláirí/ Past Pupils** who ran the Siopa Milseán/Sweet Shop and who used their artistic talents with Face Painting. **Míle buíochas** freisin to all the staff, múinteoirí and SNAs, who helped out on the day and in the preparations. A special **Go raibh Maith Agaibh** to **Paula and Tony** who worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that the day was such a success. It was a lovely Gaelscoil community day, as well as providing very welcome funds for additional playground facilities and a permanent cover for the bicycle stand. **Comhghairdeas le gach duine!**
- LÁ LE PÁDRAIG:** A great turnout from the Gaelscoil for the recent **St. Patrick's Day Parade**, in spite of the inclement weather. **RTÉ News** featured Dragún na Gaelscoile that evening! Buíochas mór to all the tuismitheoirí/parents who brought the children along on the day and who joined us in the parade. The annual **Céilí Mór Faoin Aer** was again a great success, with a lovely selection of traditional dances and especially the **Rince Scaibe/Brush Dance**, which created a great spectacle. Many parents and extended family members came along and we were delighted to welcome a group of American students who are currently based in Carlow College. They were eager to get a taste of Irish culture and had taken some lessons in the dances so that they could join in!
- FLEADH CHEOIL:** Many of our school musicians, along with our Grúpa Ceoil, will take part in Fleadh Cheoil Cheatharlach in Borris on Saturday next and we wish them every success. Buíochas mór leis na múinteoirí for preparing the páistí so well.
- CÚRSAÍ SPÓIRT:** Congratulations to the children chosen to represent the Gaelscoil in the hurling, camogie and gaelic football on the Cumann na mBunscol Mini-Sevens county selection day. Leo from Setanta continues to train our camogie team as well as some class groupings and we are pleased to welcome Jimmy Dooley once more to introduce our infant classes to Peil Ghaelach/Gaelic Football. More senior classes have weekly football training sessions with members of the local O' Hanrahan's Football Club. The camogie and hurling panels will get their first taste of competition this year in the urban schools' indoor league shortly. The Gaelscoil Boys' and Girls' soccer teams also took part in the FAI Primary five-a-side Futsal competitions recently. The boys have qualified for the next round, whilst the girls took 3rd place in their competition. Rang 1 agus 2 continue to enjoy their soccer training sessions each Friday, with other classes to be given this opportunity next term. We welcomed members of Carlow Golf Club back to the Gaelscoil last week. They gave refresher lessons to Rang 5 agus Rang 6. As always, we are very grateful to the various visitors and our own múinteoirí, who so give so much of their time to provide such a broad variety of sporting opportunities to our students.

5. **BAINNE:** As usual, the school milk scheme finishes at Easter. Children who took part in this scheme will probably need an extra drink included in their bosca lóin for the final term.

GLÓR CHEATHARLACH NEWS

- (1) **SEIRBHÍSI CHÚRAM LEANAÍ THÍ GHAELGE:** We are happy to inform you that Glór Cheatharlach plans to provide Preschool & Afterschool Childcare Services through Irish in September 2017. Subject to planning permission and grant aid, it is hoped to set up the facility in the Éire Óg complex which would be very convenient for Gaelscoil families. The facility would offer the ECCE free 2 years for preschool children as well as afterschool care for Gaelscoil pupils. We will keep you informed of developments next term. In the meantime it would be of great assistance to Bríde de Róiste and Emma Uí Bhroin of Glór Cheatharlach if parents who think they might be interested in availing of the preschool or the afterschool service to drop a line to eolas@glorcheatharlach.ie or Phone/Text 087 2857048 or 085 1340047.
- (2) **CAMPAÍ SAMHRAIDH:** Dates for the Summer Camps ‘as Gaeilge’ are as follows: **10- 14 July:** Campa na nÓg for preschool children aged 4+ will be based in the Naíonra Room in Graiguecullen Swimming Centre. 10am-1pm daily Monday to Friday. Fee €40. Apply to 087 2857048, 085 1340047 eolas@glorcheatharlach.ie **17-21 July:** Campa Samhraidh for primary school children will be based in Gaelscoil Cheatharlach. Fee €50. (Brochure enclosed)
- (3) **FÉILE PAN CHEILTEACH:** Enjoy the Pan Celtic Festival in Carlow from 18-23 April during the Easter holidays. See full programme on www.panceltic.ie
6. **BÁIBÍN NUA:** Comhghairdeas leis An Múinteoir Áine who gave birth to a cailín gleoite, Éabha, last week.

LAETHANTA SAOIRE NA CÁSCA/EASTER HOLIDAYS begin on Friday next, 7th April. **All classes are free from 12 o’clock.** At the end of another busy and successful term, I wish everyone a good rest with lots of Easter blessings (and chocolate!).



Slán go fóill,

An Múinteoir Aingeal (Príomhoide)