



Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna - Nuachtlitir

Dátaí don Dialann/ Dates for the Diary

Aibreán- Meitheamh /April- June

27/3/26	Scoil ag dúnadh ag 12 do laethanta saoire na cásca/ School closing at 12 for the easter holidays.
13/04/26	<i>Athoscailt na Scoile/ School reopens</i>
24/04/26	Cóineartú/ Confirmation @11in/am sa séipéal/ in the Church.
28.04.26	<i>Scoil Dúnta/ School Closed</i> <i>Lá foghlama gairmiúla/.Inservice Training,</i>
04-06/05/25	Scoil dúnta - Lá Saoire Bainc/ Bank Holiday Break
09/05/26	<i>An Chéad Chomaoineach/ First Holy Communion.</i> <i>@11in/am sa séipéal/ in the Church.</i>
12-29/05/26	Na Scrúduithe Caighdeánacha/ Standardised Tests ongoing.
22/05/26	<i>Oíche Rásaíochta/ Race Night</i>
01/06-03/06	Scoil dúnta do Lá Saoire Bainc/ June Bank Holiday Closure (Mon, Tues, Wed)
26/6/26	<i>Lá Spóirt/ Sports Day. Rásaí na Naíonáin/ Infant Races 1pm-1:30pm</i> <i>R1-R6 – 1:30pm -2:30pm</i>
24/6/26	Oíche R6/ R6 Graduation Night – 7 pm sa scoil
30/6/26	<i>½ lá – Laethanta Saoire an tSamhraidh/ Summer Holidays</i>
27/8/26	Athoscailt na Scoile/ School reopens.
Na Turais Scoile/ School Tours:	
20/5/26	R1-R2 Newbridge Farm
21/05/26	R3,4-5 Cp adventures
25/05/26	Nb-Nm – Glenroe Farm
09/05/26	R6 Hidden Valley

A Chairde,

Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh go léir i mbarr na sláinte. Agus muid ag druidim i dtreo laethanta saoire na Cásca, ba mhaith liom deis a thógáil chun machnamh a dhéanamh ar an téarma fíorghnóthach thar a bheith táirgiúil atá curtha is teach againn sa scoil ó bhriseadh na Nollag.

Táim thar a bheith bródúil as an obair atá curtha isteach ag ár múinteoir, traenálaíthe, cairde na scoile agus as na hiarrachtaí iontacha a rinne ár ndaltaí le linn an ama seo. Ba mhór an pléisiúr é an leibhéal rannpháirtíochta atá le feiceáil i ngach réimse den scoil.

I hope this letter finds you all well. As we move towards the Easter Holidays, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and productive few months at our school since the Christmas break.

I am immensely proud of the dedication shown by our teachers, coaches and parents and the wonderful efforts of our students during this time. It has been a joy to see such high levels of engagement across all areas of our school.

Éachtaí Spóirt agus Traenáil

Fuair ár ndaltaí deiseanna iontacha chun a gcuid scileanna a fhorbairt trí roinnt clár traenála gairmiúla:

- **CLG:** Chuir Seán Óg ó Bhaile Buadáin Naomh Éanna oiliúint den scoth ar fáil do na daltaí sa pheil agus san iománaíocht araon.
 - Tá ár dtuismitheoirí ag traenáil foirne iománaíochta agus camógaíochta na mbuachaillí agus na gcailíní. Tosóidh na sraitheanna sa chéad seachtain ar ais i ndiaidh saoire na Cásca.
- **Rugbaí:** Fuair rang 5 agus rang 6 oiliúint scileanna ó shaineolaithe ó Rugbaí Laighean le déanaí.
 - **Blitz Rugbaí na gCailíní:** Comhghairdeas mór le cailíní rang 6 a bhuaigh a gcuid cluichí go léir.
- **Sacar an FAI:**
 - **Seaimpíní Átha Cliath Theas:** Bhuaigh foireann na gcailíní Craobh 5-an-taobh FAI Átha Cliath Theas! Tá siad ag ullmhú anois do Chluichí Ceannais Átha Cliath ar an 23 Aibreán.
 - **Foireann na mBuachaillí:** Shroich foireann na mbuachaillí cluiche ceannais Átha Cliath Theas. Cé nár éirigh leo an bua a fháil, d'imir siad go hiontach agus táimid an-bhródúil as a n-iarracht.

Sporting Achievements and Coaching

Our students have had fantastic opportunities to develop their skills through several professional coaching programmes:

- **GAA:** *Coaching from Ballyboden St. Enda's has provided students with excellent training in both football and hurling.*
 - *Our Parents have been coaching the Boys' and Girls' Hurling and Camogie teams. The leagues shall begin on the first week back after the Easter holidays.*
- **Rugby:** *Our 5th and 6th classes recently received expert skills coaching from Leinster Rugby.*
 - **Girls' Rugby Blitz:** *A huge congratulations to our 6th-class girls, who won all their matches. They represented themselves and our school magnificently.*
- **FAI Soccer:**
 - **South Dublin Champions:** *Our girls' team won the South Dublin FAI 5-a-side Championship! They are now preparing for the **Dublin Finals on 23rd April.***
 - **Boys' Team:** *Our boys' team reached the South Dublin final. Although they narrowly missed out on the win, they played fantastically, and we are very proud of their performance.*
- **Sábháilteacht Rothaíochta:** *Tá rang 5 rannpháirteach i bhfeachtas Sábháilteachta Rothaíochta faoi láthair. Cuimsíonn an clár modúlach seo teoiric sábháilteachta bóthair sa seomra ranga agus seisiúin phraiticiúla ar láithreán na scoile agus amach ar na bóithre le heagraithe gairmiúla.*
- **Rince Gaelach:** *Ba eispéireas álainn é ár ndaltaí ó na Naíonáin Shóisearacha go dtí rang 2 a fheiceáil ag glacadh páirte i gceachtanna rince Ghaelaigh. Ba bhuaicphointe do gach duine ár gcultúr a fheiceáil beo laistigh de bhallaí na scoile.*
- **Cycle Safety:** *5th class is currently participating in a Cycle Safety Campaign. This modular programme includes road safety theory in the classroom and practical sessions both on-site and out on the roads with professional organisers.*
- **Irish Dancing:** *It has been a beautiful experience to see our Junior Infants through to 2nd-class students taking part in Irish dancing lessons. Seeing our culture so alive within the school walls has been a particular highlight for everyone.*

Tá an-áthas orm cuid de na garspriocanna iontacha acadúla agus cultúrtha atá bainte amach ag ár ndaltaí le cúpla seachtain anuas a roinnt libh. Ba thréimhse an-torthúil foghlama agus ceiliúrtha í.

Eolaíocht (STEM) agus Innealtóireacht

Mar chuid de Sheachtain na n-innealtóirí, bhí sé de phribhléid againn fáilte a chur roimh ghrúpa innealtóirí gairmiúla ó Roughan and O'Donovan Engineering. D'eagraigh siad ceardlann phraiticiúil inar dhear agus inar thóg na páistí a gcuid muilte gaoithe féin. Ba lá an-rathúil é, agus bhí sé go hiontach na daltaí a fheiceáil ag dul i ngleic go cruthaitheach le fadhbanna an fhíorshaoil.

Ceiliúradh Sheachtain na Gaeilge

Ba bhuaicphointe bríomhar don phobal scoile ar fad é an ceiliúradh ar chultúr na hÉireann le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge:

- **Comórtais Chruthaitheacha:** Ghlac na páistí páirt i ndúshláin éagsúla Gaeilge, lena n-áirítear comórtas iontach Seanfhocail. Tá an saothar ealaíne álainn agus na seanfhocail ar taispeáint i hallaí na scoile anois.
- **Ceol:** bhí an bhród orainn as banna ceoil na scoile, atá nua-bhunaithe, a chloisteáil ag seinm agus na páistí ag canadh Amhrán na bhFiann le chéile.
- **Lá Glas & Céilí:** Tháinig deireadh leis an tseachtain le lá glas ar fud na scoile agus céilí iontach sa chlós, áit ar thug fuinneamh agus díograis na bpáistí ár dtraidisiúin chun beatha.

Lá Domhanda na Leabhar

Mharcáil muid Lá Domhanda na Leabhar le sraith gníomhaíochtaí a spreagann grá don léitheoireacht ar feadh an tsaoil.

- **Gléasadh Suas:** Bhí sé go hiontach na páistí a fheiceáil ag teacht ar scoil mar na carachtair leabhair is fearr leo.
- **Comhléitheoireacht:** D'eagraigh muid seisiúin léitheoireachta idir ranganna éagsúla, rud a thug deis do dhaltaí níos sine taitneamh a bhaint as scéalta in éineacht le daltaí níos óige.
- **Tuairiscí Leabhar:** D'oibrigh na páistí freisin ar thuairiscí cruthaitheacha, ag roinnt a gcuid léargas agus moltaí lena bpiaraí.
- **Leabharlann na Scoile:** Thug gach rang cuairt ar leabharlann na scoile le linn na seachtaine, mar a dhéanann siad gach seachtain. Táimid an-bhródúil as an leabharlann seo; is acmhainn rithábachtach í a ligeann dár ndaltaí saolta nua a iniúchadh tríd an litríocht.

I am delighted to share some of the wonderful academic and cultural milestones our students have achieved over the past few weeks. It has been a truly fruitful period of learning and celebration.

STEM and Engineering Excellence

*As part of **Engineers Week**, we were privileged to welcome a group of professional engineers from **Roughan and O'Donovan Engineering**. They facilitated a hands-on workshop where the children designed and engineered their own working windmills. It was a highly successful day, and it was fantastic to see the students engaging so creatively with real-world problem-solving.*

Seachtain na Gaeilge Celebrations

*Our celebration of Irish culture during **Seachtain na Gaeilge** was a vibrant highlight for the entire school community. The week featured several highlights:*

- **Creative Competitions:** *The children participated in various Irish language challenges, including a fantastic **Seanfhocal competition**. The beautiful artwork and proverbs are currently on display throughout the school corridors for all to enjoy.*
- **Music and Performance:** *It was a proud moment to hear our newly formed **School Band** perform as the children sang our National Anthem together.*
- **Lá Glas & Céilí:** *The week culminated in a sea of green across the school and a wonderful **Céilí in the yard**, where the energy and enthusiasm of the children brought our traditions to life.*

*We recently marked **World Book Day** with a series of engaging activities designed to spark a lifelong love of reading.*

- **Dressing Up:** *It was wonderful to see the children come to school as their favourite book characters. This tradition always adds such a sense of fun and confidence to the day.*
- **Shared Reading:** *We facilitated "shared reading" sessions between different classes, allowing older and younger students to enjoy stories together.*
- **Book Reports:** *The children also worked on creative book reports, sharing their insights and recommendations with their peers.*
- **Our School Library:** *Every class visited our school library during the week, as they do every week. We are very proud of this library; it remains a vital resource that allows our students to explore new worlds through literature.*

Ba thréimhse thábhachtach í seo dár ndaltaí agus iad ag ullmhú do chéimeanna suntasacha ina n-aistear creidimh:

- **An Chéad Fhaoistin:** Cheiliúradh daltaí rang 2 an Chéad Fhaoistin le déanaí. Searmanas álainn bríoch a bhí ann, agus ba mhaith liom buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil leis an Athair Seán as a threoir.
- **Searmanas an tSolais:** Chríochnaigh daltaí rang 6 a Searmanas Solais freisin. Ócaid chorrathach a bhí ann inar léirigh na páistí an-aibíocht.
- **Sacraimintí atá le Teacht:** Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis na searmanais Chóineartaithe agus Chéad Chomaoineach atá le teacht.
- **Cór na Scoile:** Tá cór na scoile ag ullmhú chun canadh ag na sacraimintí agus tá fonn iontacha uathu.

It has been a significant time for our students as they prepare for important steps in their faith journeys:

- **First Confession:** *Our 2nd-class pupils recently celebrated their First Confession. This was a beautiful and meaningful ceremony for the children, and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to **Father Sean** for his guidance and support in helping the children receive this Sacrament.*

- **Service of Light:** *Our 6th-class pupils also completed their Service of Light. It was a moving occasion where the children showed great maturity, leaving a very positive impression on everyone in attendance.*
- **Upcoming Sacraments:** *We look forward with excitement to the upcoming **Confirmation** and **First Holy Communion** ceremonies. These remain vital milestones in our students' lives.*
- *Our school choir are preparing to sing at the sacraments and are sounding great.*

Tráth na gCeist: Bhí an-áthas orainn dhá fhoireann a chur isteach i dtráth na gceist an Chomhair Chreidmheasa le déanaí. Bhain an dá fhoireann an-sult as an lá.

- **Seoladh Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas:** *I mí Feabhra, tugadh onóir don scoil cuireadh a fháil chuig seoladh oifigiúil Sheachtain na Gaeilge ag Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas. Mar an scoil lán-Ghaeilge sa cheantar, bhíomar an-bhródúil as ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar ár bpobal. Bhain na páistí an-sult as an draíodóir – i nGaeilge ar fad!*
- 🍎 **Tá na 'Food Dudes' ar ais!** 🗣️ *Sa chéad seachtain ar ais tar éis na Cásca, beimid ag tosú ar an mbabhta deireanach den chlár Food Dudes. Gheobhaidh gach duine deis torthaí agus glasraí blasta a thriail gach lá an tseachtain sin.*

Capital Credit Union Quiz: *We were delighted to enter two teams into the recent Credit Union quiz. Both teams thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and the experience of competing.*

- **South Dublin County Council Launch:** *In February, our school was honoured to be invited to the official launch of **Seachtain na Gaeilge** by the South Dublin County Council. As the Irish-speaking school in the district, we were very proud to represent our community. The children had a fantastic time listening to guest speakers and were even treated to a magic show—all through the medium of Irish!*
- 🍷 **The Food Dudes are Back!** 🗣️
- *Get your taste buds ready! During our first week back after the Easter holidays, we will be diving into our final round of the **Food Dudes** programme.*
- *Every day that week, everyone will get to try a different portion of delicious fruit and vegetables. This is a special initiative funded by the government and the EU to help us stay healthy and strong.*

Oíche ag na Rásaí!

Tá an-áthas orainn a fhógairt go mbeidh **Cairde** ag réachtáil Oíche Rásaíochta chun tacú le Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna. Geallann sé gur oíche shóisialta iontach a bheidh ann dár bpobal scoile!

- **Cathain:** Dé hAoine, 22 Bealtaine
- **Cá háit:** Clubtheach Bhaile Buadáin
- **Am:** Tosaíonn an chéad rása ar 8:30 PM go poncúil.

Conas is féidir leat cabhrú: Is féidir leat rása a urrú, capall nó traenálaí a cheannach (€20), nó geallta a chur ar an oíche. Is imeacht "fáilte roimh chách" é seo. Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, déan teagmháil le Louise Prendergast ag 087 9723714.

Join Us for a Night at the Races!

*We are thrilled to announce that **Cairde** will be hosting a **Race Night Fundraiser** in support of **Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna**. It promises to be a fantastic social evening for our school community, and we would love to see you there!*

Event Details

- **When:** Friday, 22nd May
- **Where:** Ballyboden Clubhouse
- **Time:** The first race kicks off at **8:30 PM sharp**

How You Can Get Involved

There are plenty of ways to join the fun and support our school:

- **Sponsor a Race:** A great way to show your support!
- **Buy a Horse or Trainer:** Available for just **€20**.
- **Place Your Bets:** We'll have betting on the night with the chance to **Double Your Money!**
- **The Experience:** Watch all the action unfold on the **Big Screen**.

Tickets & Information

This is an "All Welcome" event, so feel free to bring friends and family along!

*For more information, to sponsor a race, or to buy your horse/trainer in advance, please contact **Louise Prendergast at 087 9723714**.*

Thank you for your continued support of Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna. We look forward to seeing you at the finish line!

Imeachtaí an Pharóiste:

Tá Seó Tallainne an Pharóiste ag teacht aníos i mí na Bealtaine. Is am iontach iad laethanta saoire na Cásca chun d'aiste a roghnú agus tosú ag cleachtadh! B'fhéidir go mbuaigh tusa an trófaí nó ceann de na duaiseanna airgid.

- **Dé Máirt, 28 Aibreán** – Éisteachtaí do ghrúpaí sóisearacha (5-8) agus sinsearacha (9-14).
- **Dé Máirt, 19 Bealtaine** – Bingo Teaghlaigh (duaiseanna airgid).
- **Dé Céadaoin, 20 Bealtaine** – Cluiche Ceannais an tSeó Tallainne. Beidh foirmeacha iontrála ar fáil tar éis na Cásca agus beidh na himeachtaí ar fad ar siúl i scoil Naomh Colmcille (SNS).

Parish events:

The annual Parish Talent show is coming up in May, and the Easter holidays would be a great time to decide your act and get practicing!

Perhaps you could claim the trophy or one of the cash prizes

- **Tuesday April 28th** - auditions for junior (5-8) and senior (9-14) age groups.
- **Tuesday May 19th** - family Bingo (cash prizes)
- **Wednesday May 20th** - Talent Show grand Final

Entry forms for the talent auditions will be available after Easter and all events take place in the St Colmcille's SNS school.

Síntiúis Deonacha:

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a raibh ar a gcumas cabhrú leis na Síntiúis Deonacha. Cuidíonn an t-airgead seo leis an nganntanas mór i maoiniú an rialtais chun an scoil a choinneáil ag feidhmiú agus na hacmhainní a choinneáil cothrom le dáta.

Voluntary Contributions:

I would like to thank everyone who was able to afford to help with their Voluntary Contributions. This money helps cover the big shortfall in government funding to keep the school functioning and resources up to date.

Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach do Ghaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna.



Carrchlós/ The Car Park

Nuair bhíonn páistí agus tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí ag teacht isteach nó ag fágáil talamh na scoile, ba cheart dóibh é seo a dhéanamh trí gheata na gcosán in aice le foscadh buí na scoile. Níor cheart do thuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí ná do leanaí dul isteach nó amach ar chos trí charrchlós na scoile. Tá an geata agus an ceantar sin dírithe ar rochtain fheithiclí amháin. Ba

cheart do leanaí, fad atá siad faoi chúram a dtuismitheoirí, a bheith faoi mhaoirseacht i gcónaí. Níor cheart dóibh dreapadh ar na ráillí, ar na boscaí salainn ná rith tríd na leapacha plandaí nó an carrchlós.

Níor cheart do thuismitheoirí atá ag tiomáint dul isteach ar thalamh na scoile mura bhfuil siad ag úsáid na spásanna páirceála inrochtana. Tá siad seo do shealbhóirí ceadúnas amháin, mura bhfuil socruithe eile déanta leis an scoil. Níor cheart an clós a úsáid mar limistéar casadh.

Tá sé seo ar mhaithe le sábháilteacht gach duine.

*When entering or exiting the school grounds children and parents/guardians should do so by the pedestrian gate near the school's yellow shelter. Naíonra access is through the gate near the vehicular entrance. Parents/ Guardians or children should **never** enter or leave the premises on foot through the car park. (Can this please be shared with partners or people who collect who do not have Aladdin) This gate and area is for vehicular access only. Children while in the care of their parents, should be supervised at all times. There should be no climbing on the railings, on the salt bins or running through the planting beds or carpark.*

Parents driving vehicles should not enter the grounds unless to use the accessible parking spaces. This is for badge holders only unless otherwise agreed by the school. The yard should not be used as a turning area.

This is for the safety of all.

Éadaí Scoile

Faoi láthair, táimid ag cur na héadaí scoile in eagar don téarma a thosaíonn i Meán Fómhair 2026.

Caithfidh na hordaithe a bheith ar ais roimh **14ú Aibreán** ar a dhéanaí.

*We are preparing our order for uniforms for the school term beginning September 2026. Orders must be returned to the school **by 14th April at the latest.***