



Gaelscoil na Mara
Domhnach Bat
Contae Átha Cliath
K36WT02
Uimhir Rolla 20530R

Eanáir 2024

Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh ar fad! Agus muid ag tabhairt faoin mbliain nua, glacaimis an gealltanais go mbeidh tús úr agus deiseanna spreagúla againn. Guím gach rath ar an mbliain seo chugainn agus í lán le foghlaim, fás agus rath. Seo chugainn do 2024 iontach!

Happy New Year! As we embark on a new year, let's embrace the promise of fresh beginnings and exciting opportunities. Wishing everyone a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, growth, and success. Here's to a wonderful 2024!

Cúrsaí Scoile

-Ceapadh Cumann na dTuismitheoirí nua sa scoil i Mí na Samhna.

Gabhaimid buíochas mór leo as ucht ócáid na Nollag a eagrú agus a chur le chéile, bhí lá álainn ag na páistí agus cuairteoirí ar fad. Táimid ag súil go mór le laethanta speisialta agus ócáidí eile scoile síos an bhóthar. Táimid an-bhuíoch daoibh as an obair a dhéanann sibh ar son na scoile.

Is í Breda Mhig Uidhir cathaoirleach nua Cairde na Scoile agus is féidir dul i dteagmháil léi tríd an rphost cairdenascoile@gaelscoilnamara.ie

A new Parents' Association was appointed to the school in November. We thank them for organising and putting together the Christmas get together, all the children and visitors had a lovely day. We are looking forward to more fun-filled days and other school events down the road. We are very grateful to you all for the work you do.

Breda Mhig Uidhir is the new chairperson of Cairde na Scoile and can be contacted by email cairdenascoile@gaelscoilnamara.ie

-Tá Bord Bainistíochta nua ceapaithe don scoil. Seasfaidh an bord seo ó 2023-2027.

Is é Seán Ó Laimhín cathaoirleach an bhoird nua, le hOrflaith Ní Mhaicín ag suí mar phríomhoide/rúnaí. Múinteoir Sinéad ag suí mar ainmní na múinteoirí. Is í Sorcha Ní Mhistéil mar ionadaí an Fhorais. Tá Niall Minto agus Ciara Ní Cheallaigh an bheirt ionadaí an phobail, le Niamh Dowling agus Keith Ó Ciardubháin mar ainmní na dtuismitheoirí. Gabhaimid buíochas o chroí le chuile duine a shuíonn ar an mBord, mar gan sibh ní féidir leis an scoil feidhmiú. Beidh an chéad cruinniú boird ar siúl Dé Máirt 23ú Eanáir.

Má tá éinne ag iarraidh dul i dteagmháil leis an mBord, déantar teagmháil le Rúnaí an bhoird tríd rphost orflaith@gaelscoilnamara.ie



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-A new Board of Management has been appointed to the school. This board will stand from 2023-2027.

Seán Ó Laimhín is the Chairman of the new board, with Orflaith Ní Mhaicín sitting as principal/secretary. Múinteoir Sinéad is sitting as the teachers' nominee. An Foras Patrúnachta's representative is Sorcha Ní Mhistéil. Niall Minto and Ciara Ní Cheallaigh are the two representatives for the community, with Niamh Dowling and Keith Ó Ciardubháin as the nominees for our parents. We sincerely thank everyone who sits on the Board, because without you the school cannot function. The first board of management meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd January.

If anyone wishes to contact the Board, please contact the Board Secretary by email orflaith@gaelscoilnamara.ie

-Beidh na cruinnithe tuismitheoirí/múinteoirí ar siúl sa scoil, do chuile rang, Dé Máirt agus Dé Céadaoin 30ú agus 31ú Eanáir 2024 ó a 2in - 5in. Tosnóimid ag cur nasc amach tríd Aladdin inniu. Má tharlaíonn nach féidir leat teacht ag cruinniú ar cheachtar don dá lá sin, is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an múinteoir ranga chun socrúcháin eile a dhéanamh gan mórán stró.

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-The parent/teacher meetings will take place in the school, for all classes, on Tuesday and Wednesday 30th and 31st January 2024 from 2pm - 5pm. We will start sending out links through Aladdin today. If it happens that you cannot come to a meeting on either of those two days, the class teacher can be contacted directly, to make other arrangements.

-Táimid ag earcú Fear Cúraim don scoil ar bhonn páirt-aimsire. Má tá spéis ag éinne faoin bhfolúntas seo, is féidir rphost a sheoladh chun na oifige agus beimid i dteagmháil libh go luath oifig@gaelscoilnamara.ie

-We are recruiting a Caretaker for the school on a part-time basis. If anyone is interested in this vacancy you can send an email to the office and we will be in touch in due course.



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Cúrsaí Tinrimh

-Tá na 'Tuairiscí Tinrimh Scoile' dhá uair sa bhliain dlite agus mar sin cheapamar go dtapódh muid an deis míniú a thabhairt ar conas a oibríonn tuairisciú tinrimh i scoileanna.

Déanann an múinteoir ranga an tinreamh a thaifeadadh go laethúil ar ár leabhair rolla ar líne tríd Aladdin. Tá chuile phíosa eolais faoi thinreamh do pháiste le feiceáil ar Aladdin.

Tá dhá bhealach tuairisc do thinreamh a dhéanamh do TUSLA, an ghníomhaireacht leanáí agus teaghlaigh.

1. Tuairiscí Tinrimh Scoile

Tá dhá thréimhse tuairiscithe sa bhliain, Meán Fómhair go Nollaig agus Eanáir go Meitheamh. Cuirimid na tuairisceáin tinrimh scoile isteach anois do Mheán Fómhair go Nollaig agus arís i mí an Mheithimh.

Ar an bhfoirm seo ní mór dúinn aon dalta, os cionn 6 bliana d'aois, a chaill 20 lá scoile ar chúis ar bith a liostú. Cuirfear in iúl duit má tá do pháiste san áireamh sa tuairisc. Is annamh a thiteann aon rud as na tuairiscí seo, ach amháin má chailltear i bhfad níos mó laethanta ná 20.

Má dhéantar é a leanúint, fiafróidh an tOifigeach Leasa Oideachais ar mhíniú na neamhláithreachtaí. Ní cúis imní iad neamhláithreachtaí mínithe, mar gheall ar bhreiteacht srl, agus níor cheart go mbeadh siad ina gcúis imní ar bith. D'fhéadfadh baint bhreise a bheith ag an Oifigeach Leasa Oideachais as líon mór neamhláithreachtaí gan mhíniú.

Ní ábhar imní iad na tuairiscí agus má fhaigheann tú litir ag rá go bhfuil do pháiste curtha san áireamh sa tuairisc, ná bíodh imní ort. Cé go bhfuil tinreamh thar a bheith tábhachtach agus go bhfuil gaol láidir idir tinreamh maith agus torthaí feabhsaithe, tá cúiseanna an-réasúnta ann le páistí a choinneáil ón scoil agus tuigtear é seo.

2. Atreoruithe Lánroghnacha

Déantar atreoruithe lánroghnacha nuair a bhíonn scoil buartha faoi thinreamh dalta. D'fhéadfadh sé seo tarlú mar gheall ar go leor neamhláithreachtaí gan mhíniú, patrún neamhláithreachta, saincheisteanna suntasacha leanúnacha le poncúlacht as a dtagann go leor ama foghlama cailte srl. Cuirfidh scoil páiste ar aghaidh chuig an Oifigeach Leasa Oideachais nuair a bhíonn na hábhair imní sin acu. Is é príomhról an Oifigigh Leasa Oideachais ná tacaíocht a thairiscint do theaghlaigh chun tinreamh a fheabhsú.

Rachaidh an scoil i dteagmháil le tuismitheoirí i gcónaí roimh atreorú chuig an Oifigeach Leasa Oideachais agus tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh nuair is féidir.



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Rudaí tábhachtacha le tabhairt faoi deara:

Tá sé mar aidhm ag nósanna tinrimh agus poncúlachta chinntiú go bhfaigheann an pháiste an taithí is fearr ar an oideachas agus go mhéadaíonn sé am foghlama. Táimid ar fáil chun tacú le haon chlann, má tá sé ag teastáil. Ní gá imní a bheith ort má fhaigheann tú litir ag rá go bhfuil do pháiste curtha san áireamh sa tuairisc tinrimh. Déantar neamhláithreachtaí mínithe a thaifeadadh mar sin, mhínithe ag an tuismitheoir. Déan cinnte cúis do neamhláithreachta a chur isteach ar Aladdin gach uair a bhíonn do pháiste as láthair, chun é sin a choinneáil ar taifead. Déan iarracht do pháiste a chur ar scoil roimh 8.40rn gach lá. Tuigimid nach mbíonn sé seo indéanta i gcónaí, agus bíonn tuiscint ann i gcónaí. Labhair leis an múinteoir ranga nó le hOrflaith más dúshlán leanúnach é agus is féidir nóta a dhéanamh de.

The twice annual 'School Attendance Returns' are due so we thought we'd take the chance to explain how attendance recording and reporting works in schools. Attendance is recorded daily by the class teacher on our online roll books via Aladdin. All information regarding days missed etc is available to parents on the app.

There are two reporting mechanisms where attendance is reported to TUSLA, the child and family agency.

1. School Attendance Reports

There are two reporting periods in the year, September to December and January to June. We submit the school attendance returns now for September to December and again in June.

On this form we are required to list any pupils, over the age of 6, who have missed 20 school days for any reason. You will be informed if your child is included in the report. It is rare that these reports lead to any follow up, unless it was significantly more days missed, but it is possible. If it is followed up, the Education Welfare Officer will ask if the absences were explained. Explained absences, due to illness etc, are not a cause for concern and shouldn't cause any worry at all. A large number of unexplained absences may lead to further involvement from the Education Welfare Officer.

The reports are not something to be concerned about and if you get a letter saying your child has been included in the report, please don't be concerned. While attendance is hugely important and good attendance correlates strongly with improved outcomes, there are also very valid reasons for children to miss school and this is understood.



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2. Discretionary Referrals

Discretionary referrals are made where a school is worried about the attendance of a pupil. This might be due to a lot of unexplained absences, a pattern of absence, significant ongoing issues with punctuality leading to a lot of missed learning time etc. A school will refer a child to the Education Welfare Officer where they have these concerns. The role of the Education Welfare Officer is primarily to offer support to families to improve attendance. The school will always contact parents before referring to the Education Welfare Officer and support where possible.

Key things to note

The aim of attendance and punctuality procedures are to ensure the child gets the best experience of education and maximises learning time. We are available to support as needed. There is no need for concern if you get a letter saying your child has been included on the attendance report. Explained absences are recorded as such. Be sure to enter your absence reason on Aladdin each time your child is absent, to keep that on record. Aim to have your child in school for 8.40am each day. We understand this isn't always possible, we would always be understanding for extenuating circumstances. Chat to the class teacher or Orflaith if it's an ongoing challenge and a note can be made of it.

Cúrsaí Ranga

-Bhí lá iontach anseo inné leis an gceardlann drumadóireachta. Bhí seans ag chuile rang triail a bhaint as drummaí dhifriúla a sheinnt. D'fhoghlaim na páistí faoi rithim, tuin agus rinne siad roinnt tascanna éisteachta. Bhí an-chraic againn ar fad. Míle buíochas le Jacqui a bhí comh heolach agus comh cineálta leis na bpáistí.

We had a great day here yesterday, taking part in the drumming workshop. Each class had the chance to play different types of drums. The children learned about rhythm, tone and engaged in some listening tasks. We all had a great time. Many thanks to Jacqui who was so knowledgeable and so kind to the children.

-Mar a bhí luaite roimh an Nollaig, d'éirigh linn deontas a fháil chun cur le cúrsaí STEM sa scoil. Táimid ag lorg eolais ó thuismitheoirí má tá aon saoi amuigh ansin! Ta spéis againn cúpla iPad a cheannach, dá mbeadh eolas ag éinne nó teagmháil ag éinne maidir le cinn athchóirithe nó comhluchtaí éagsúla a bheadh in ann margadh maith a thabhairt dúinn. Má tá aon mhúinteoir eile amuigh ann le tuairimí maidir le trealamh nó cláracha a cheannaigh scoileanna eile, bheadh an-suim againn cloisteáil fúthu. Is féidir labhairt liomsa, nó aon mhúinteoir ag an geata nó rphost a sheoladh chun na hoifige má tá aon eolas le roinnt linn. Míle buíochas!



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As mentioned before Christmas, we were successful in our application for a school STEM grant. We are looking for input from parents if there are any sages out there! We are interested in buying some iPads, if anyone has information or contacts regarding refurbished ones or companies that would give us a good deal. If there are any other teachers out there with knowledge regarding equipment or programs that other schools have purchased, we would be very interested in hearing about them. You can speak to me or any of the múinteoirí at the gate or send an email to the office if you have any information to share with us. Thanks in advance!

Dátaí don Dialann

Lá saoire bainc : Luan 5ú Feabhra 2024 - Scoil Dúnta

Bank Holiday : Monday 5th February 2024 - School Closed

Briseadh Meán-Téarma : Déardaoin & Aoine 15ú 16ú Feabhra - Scoil Dúnta

Mid-term Break : Thursday & Friday 15th, 16th February - School Closed

Lá Pleanála don Curaclam Nua Matamaitice: Máirt 27ú Feabhra - Scoil Dúnta

Planning day for the New Primary Maths Curriculum : Tues 27th Feb - School Closed

Togaigí faoi deara go bhfuair an scoil dáta ón Rialtas don traenáil don churaclam nua Mata, níl an dáta seo luaite ar an bhféilire oifigiúil scoile!

Take note the school closure for the Primary Maths Planning day was only issued from the DES before Christmas, this closure is not highlighted on the official school calendar!

Buíochas ó chroí do chuile chlann as ucht bhur gcuid tacaíochta i gcónaí.

**Le meas,
Orflaith**