



## Aibreán 2024

### Cúrsaí Scoile

Tá an-áthas ar an bhfoireann uile fáilte mhór a chur roimh Mhúinteoir Máille, a thosaigh linn i nGaelscoil na Mara an tseachtain seo. Beidh Máille i mbun an Rang Uathachais do théarma a 3. Tuigimid ar fad an tábhacht a bhaineann le seo dos na páistí le riachtanais bhreise, chun seans a thabhairt dóibh, dul i mbun oibre i suíomh níos feiliúní, don 11 seachtain scoile atá fágtha againn. Go n-éirí leis na mic léinn ón rang uathachais agus Máille don téarma deiridh.

*The whole school staff is very happy to welcome Múinteoir Máille, who started with us in Gaelscoil na Mara this week. Máille will be teaching in the Autism Class for term 3. We all understand the importance of this for the children with extra needs, to give them a chance to work in a more suitable environment, for the 11 weeks of school that we have left. Good luck to our students in the autism class and Máille for the final term.*

**Chuaigh an Suirbhé na Comhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta (CNM) ar Sonraíochtaí Dréacht-Churaclam na Bunscoile beo ar an 6ú lá de Mhárta 2024. Tá sé tábhachtach go mbíonn ionchúir ag tuismitheoirí in a leithéad do fhorbairt scoile sa tír. Faigh nasc don cheistneoir thíos.**

*The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) consultation on the Draft Primary Curriculum Specifications went live on the 6th of March 2024.*

*This is the link to the Parent / Guardian Questionnaire Draft Primary Curriculum Specifications - Parent/Guardian Questionnaire (office.com) if you would like to give your views. We feel it is vital that parents use their voice when it comes to the development of school curricula nationwide.*

[Draft Primary Curriculum Specifications - Parent/Guardian Questionnaire](#)

**Beidh Club Spáinnise ag tosnú le Múinteoir Nicole, Dé Céadaoin seo chugainn théis na scoile. Rachaidh sé ar aghaidh ar feadh 6 seachtain agus tá costas €60 an pháiste air. Tá an t-ádh dearg linn i nGaelscoil na Mara múinteoir le teanga iasachta a bheith go líofa acu agus beidh tairbhe iontacha ag na páistí a ghlacann páirt. Más máith leat ainm do pháiste a cur síos, nó tuilleadh eolais a fháil, is féidir dul i dteagmháil le Nicole tríd an ríomhphost [Nicole@gaelscoilnamara.ie](mailto:Nicole@gaelscoilnamara.ie)**

*Spanish Club will begin with Múinteoir Nicole, next Wednesday after school. It will continue for 6 weeks and costs €60 per child. We are very lucky in Gaelscoil na Mara to have a teacher who is fluent in a foreign language and the children who participate will benefit greatly. If you would like register your child, or get more information, you can contact Nicole via email [Nicole@gaelscoilnamara.ie](mailto:Nicole@gaelscoilnamara.ie)*

**Is mór an onóir dúinn go mbíonn mic léinn ó na coláistí oideachais ag iarraidh teacht chun socrúchán scoile a dhéanamh inár scoil. Beidh Múinteoir Jessie ag tosnú linn i Naíonáin Bheaga an tseachtain seo chugainn, faoi stúir agud tacaíocht Múinteoir Orflaith. Is deis iontach é seo dár scoil pobal foghlama a chothú agus tacú le forbairt ghairmiúil don chéad ghlúin eile d'oidí.**

*We are delighted to have had the opportunity to welcome students from colleges of education who wish to undertake their school placements in our school. Múinteoir Jessie will be starting with us in Naíonáin Beaga next week, under the guidance and support of Múinteoir Orflaith. This is a great opportunity for our school to foster a learning community and support professional development for the next generation of teachers.*

**Beimid ag leanúint leis an bhfeachtas 'Gaeilge Snasta' timpeall na scoile i dTéarma 3. Táimid ag súil le neart Gaeilge a chloisteáil timpeall na háite idir na ndaltaí féin, nuair atá siad i mbun spraoi, Aistear, agus ranganna taobh amuigh. Nuair a chloistear Gaeilge snasta á úsáid gheobhaidh na páistí sin ticéad ranga. An rang leis an méid is mó ticéad ag deireadh an téarma, gheobhaidh siad duais ranga, i bhfoirm am breise sa chlós, cóisir ranga nó turas ar leith. Táimid ag lorg tacaíocht na dtuismitheoirí cinntiú go mbíonn Gaeilge in úsáid go forleathan idir na páistí agus iad ar scoil, sa chlós, ins na línte ar maidin agus ag am dul abhaile. Iarrfaimid oraibh go mbeadh tuismitheoirí ag déanamh a míle iarrachta timpeall suíomh na scoile comh maith agus an Bhéarla a úsáid go híseal, ach go háirithe i gcomhlúadar na bpáistí ar scoil. Is foireann muid uilig i leith na Gaeilge a úsáid agus í a fhorbairt go forleathan sa phobal scoile.**

*We will be continuing the 'Gaeilge Snasta' campaign around the school in Term 3. We expect to hear plenty of Gaeilge around the place between the students themselves, when they are out playing in the yard, during Aistear, and any outside classes. When Gaeilge Snasta is heard being used independently amongst children, those children will receive a class ticket. The class with the most tickets at the end of the term will receive a class prize, in the form of extra time in the yard, a class party or a special trip.*

*We need the support of all parents to make sure that Irish is widely used by the children when they are at school, in the yard, especially in the lines in the morning and when it's time to go home. We also ask that parents do their best to speak cúpla focal around the school site and to keep Béarla at a very low volume, especially around the children. In order for Irish to develop successfully throughout the school community, we all need to work together as a team, supporting and encouraging each other to speak and hear the language being used daily.*

## Lá Oscailte do Naíonáin Bheaga 2024

Beimid ag tabhairt cuireadh do pháistí N1 2024/25, teacht ar chuairt chun na scoile i Mí Bealtaine. Tabharfaidh sé seans dóibh an seomra ranga a fheiceáil, buaileadh le múinteoirí na scoile agus buaileadh le cúpla páiste eile ón a rang nua.

Ó mo thaithí, cabhríonn an chuairt seo go mór leis na páistí agus iad ag tosnú ar a dturas i nGaelscoil na Mara. Is faoiseamh an-mhór é dos na tuismitheoirí comh maith, gur féidir leo tagairt a dhéanamh ar an seomra ranga nó na múinteoirí nó fiú breagán a chonaic siad agus iad ann, nuair atá siad ag plé cúrsaí scoile sa samhradh. Táimid ar bís dul in aithne leis na páistí agus ag súil go mbeadh siadsan ar a gcompóird ansin ag teacht isteach tríd geataí na scoile i mí Meán Fómhair. Seolfar rphost ag na tuismitheoirí cuí leis na sonraí/dataí ar fad, go luath.

Beidh Grants Uniforms ag díol éadaí scoile ar láthair na scoile an tráthnóna seo d'éinne atá ag iarraidh geansaí, brístí srl a triáil agus a cheannach, ó n1-r2, tá fáilte roimh cách.

We are inviting children who will be starting with us in September 2024, to come and visit the school during the month of May. This visit gives them a chance to see the classroom, meet the school's teachers and meet a few children from their new class.

From our experience, this visit helps the children a lot as they begin their journey in Gaelscoil na Mara. It is also of great benefit to parents, that they can refer to the classroom or the teachers or even a toy they saw while there, when they are discussing school during the summer months. We are very excited to get to know the children and hope that the visit will have been useful to them, when they come through the school gates for their first day at school. An email will be sent to all parents of incoming Naíonáin Bheaga, with the details, in the coming days regarding times/dates etc.

Grants uniforms will be in the school at this time also with a pop-up shop, for anyone wanting to buy new school jumpers, bottoms etc. Any family from n1-r2 can avail of this opportunity on the day.

## Cairde na Scoile

Táimid ar bís fógairt daoibh go bhfuil Tráth na gCeist eagraithe ag Cairde na Scoile do phobal na scoile, sa chumann Gailf Bhaile an Bhéibhearraigh ar Aoine 10ú Bealtaine @7:30in. Beidh an oíche seo mar thiomsú airgid mór don scoil, leis an bhfís go mbeadh sé mar ócáid bliaintúil as seo amach. Beimid ag iarraidh ar chuile chlann ticéidí a dhíol don chrannchur a bheas ar siúl ar an oíche, le duaiseanna iontach le buaiceaint. Beidh na ticéidí ag dul abhaile leis na páistí an tseachtain seo chugainn. Táimid ag súil go mór le hoíche iontach dúinn ar fad! Faigh ceangailte an postae eolais.

*We are delighted to inform you all that Cairde na Scoile have organised a Quiz for the school community, in Beaverstown Golf club on Friday 10th May @7:30in. This night will be a major fundraiser for the school, with the vision of it becoming an annual event from now on. We will be asking all families to sell tickets for the raffle which will take place on the night, with great prizes to be won. Three books of tickets will be sent home with every family next week. We are looking forward to a great night for all of us! Our information poster is attached with more details.*

**Tá Cairde na Scoile ag lorg cabhair i bhfoirm coirp, chun lámh cúnta a thabhairt don don gharraíodóireacht sa scoil, i dTéarma 3 agus le linn an tsamhraidh. Tá sé mar phlean go mbeidh coiste garraíodóireachta ann don fad-tréimhse. Má tá méara-glása agat nó saineolas ar leith faoin garraíodóireacht aus go mbeidh spéis agat cabhrú linn, téigh i dteagmháil le Cairde na Scoile chun tuilleadh pleanáil a dhéanamh. Míle buíochas don ghrúpa bheag a tháinig agus a rinne obair na gcapaill i rith na Cásca. Beidh torthaí bhur n-oibre le feiceáil go luath nuair atá an gháirdín ag bláthú!**

*Cairde na Scoile are looking for help in the form of bodies, to lend a helping hand with the gardening in the school for Term 3 and throughout the summer months. It is hoped that we could create a gardening committee, who would take responsibility for planting, weeding and general upkeep of the flower beds we have in place. If there are any gardening experts out there or anyone with green fingers who enjoy gardening, please get in touch with Cairde na Scoile for further planning. Sincere thanks to the small group of parents that did an extensive amount of work during the Easter break. The fruits of your labour will come to fruition very soon when the garden is in full bloom!*

### **Cruinniú faoi Cheansú tráchta/ Comhaontú ar fón cliste**

**Tá sé tagtha chun solais go bhfuil agus go mbeidh deacreachtaí againn ó thaobh spáis de sa charrchlós an-luath sa todhchaí. Faoi chúraim Chairde na Scoile, ba mhian linn cuireadh a thabhairt do thuismitheoirí na scoile uile teacht le chéile do chruinniú chun an fhadhb seo a phlé. Tá pleananna tosnaíthe ar Bus Siúil/Bus Rothaíochta, is gá dúinn iad sin a fhorbairt mar phobal scoile.**

**Bhí sé go hálainn an líne mór páistí ar na rothair a fheiceáil ag teacht ó Beresford/Beverton an tseachtain seo. Molaimid agus gabhaimid buíochas le chuile duine atá bainteach leis an bhfeachtas Bus Rothaíochta Scoile. Má ta aon tuismitheoir ó Beresford/Beverton ag iarraidh nascadh leis an Bus Rothaíochta, cur rphost chuig [cairdenascoile@gael scoil namara.ie](mailto:cairdenascoile@gael scoil namara.ie) chun d'uimhir a chur leis an nGrúpa WhatsApp. Tá smaointe againn ó thaobh Drop Offs maidine gur mhaith linn triail a bhaint as sa téarma seo. Leis an smaoineamh seo, táimid ag iarraidh méid na gcarranna agus an trácht scoile go ginearálta a laghdú. Beidh tacaíocht agus ionchúir na dtuismitheoirí riachtanach chun na pleananna seo a fhorbairt i gceart.**

**Ar ábhar eile, tá sé mar intinn againne plé a dhéanamh faoi Chomhaontú ar fón cliste sa scoil. Má chuirtear comhaontú gan fhóin chliste i bhfeidhm do dhaltáí ar feadh a saoil i nGaelscoil na Mara is féidir fócas, idirghníomhú sóisialta agus folláine iomlán a chur chun cinn. Trí ghníomhaíochtaí eile a spreagadh mar léitheoireacht, spóirt, agus cumarsáid duine le duine, tá sé mar aidhm againn timpeallacht chothromaithe agus saor ó seachrán a chothú ina saolta príobháideacha. Níos tábhachtaí fós tá sé mar aidhm ag an gcomhaontú seo idir thuismitheoirí an chibearbhulaíochta a laghdú, agus nósanna sláintiúla ama scáileáin a chur chun cinn ar scoil.**

**Ba mhaith linn cuireadh a thabhairt do chách teacht ag an gcruinniú seo, sa scoil oíche Dé Máirt 28ú Bealtaine @ 8in.**

*It has become apparent that we have and will have difficulties in terms of space in the car park very soon in the future. With the support of Cairde na Scoile, we would like to invite the*

parents of the school to come together for a meeting to discuss this problem. Plans have started on a Walking Bus/Cycling Bus, which we need to develop further as a school community.

It was wonderful to see the 'Cycling Bus' in action this week with a long line of cyclists coming through the school gates from Beresford/Beverton. Sincere thanks and praise to all the children and parents involved in this project! If any parents from these estates/areas would like to join this Cycling Bus, don't hesitate to contact

[cairdenascoile@gaelscoilnamara.ie](mailto:cairdenascoile@gaelscoilnamara.ie) and you can be added to the WhatsApp group.

In addition to this we have some ideas in terms of morning Drop Offs that we would like to try this term. The aim of which is to reduce the amount of cars and school traffic in general. The support and input of parents will be essential to develop these plans properly.

Another important topic for discussion is the implementation of a No Smartphone Agreement within the school community. Implementing a no smartphone agreement for students throughout their life in Gaelscoil na Mara can promote focus, social interaction, and overall well-being. By encouraging alternative activities like reading, sports, and face-to-face communication, we aim to cultivate a balanced and distraction-free environment in their private lives. More importantly this agreement between parents aims to reduce cyberbullying, and promote healthy screen time habits in their time in school.

Please read links attached regarding other schools who have successfully implemented this agreement.

<https://www.anglocelt.ie/2023/06/17/schools-smart-move-to-ghost-smartphones/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2023/jun/03/much-easier-to-say-no-irish-town-unite-s-in-smartphone-ban-for-young-children>

We welcome all parents to attend this meeting in the school on Tuesday 28th May at 8pm.

## Dúnadh scoile – Upcoming school closures

### Meabhrúchán go mbeidh an scoil dúnta ar na dátaí thíos:

A reminder that school will be closed on the following dates:

- Lá saoire Bainc Mí Bealtaine      **3, 6 & 7 Bealtaine (May)**
- La saoire Bainc Mí Meitheamh      **31 Bealtaine & 5 Meitheamh (June)**
- Meabhrú go bhfuil an féilire scoile 2024/25 ar suíomh na scoile d'éinne atá á lorg.  
Reminder that the 2024/25 school calendar is on the website for anyone that needs it.

<https://gaelscoilnamara.ie/feilire/>

Le buíochas agus gach dea-ghuí,  
Orflaith.