



Nuachtlitr Scoil Bhríde

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“Summer is not lost, this can be a summer of hope!”

Leo Varadkar, Taoiseach, 2020

Nóta ón Príomhoide/Principal's Note

Bhí seachtain gnóthach againn is coicís eile scoile romhainn amach. We had a busy week last week and another 2 more busy school weeks ahead of us. These we hope will consist of our last two weeks of learning and fun via our digital platform. We are very conscious of overloading parents with information however we ask you to take quiet time aside for yourself to read the upcoming newsletters. We would like to keep you in the loop as much as possible.

As you may be aware the Department of Education released a document last Friday (Returning to Schools). As is understandable, it is next to impossible, for neither the Government or Department of Education to predict how the country will look in 10 weeks time. All schools will have to wait until final guidelines are available to us all. Once these are received we can start working on preparing the school environment so ensure the safety of children and staff. The document does instruct schools to focus on hand hygiene with the children in September. This is something you could continue practicing with your child at home so they are prepared for the return to school. When they return, time will be spent encouraging children to avail of the hand gel and the importance of its use, it will be the new norm until we are instructed otherwise.

The document also states that (situation pending nationwide) that blended learning may be a possibility. If this is the case we will continue to avail of our use of online learning/google classrooms and the children will continue with their current digital portfolio. Their work will be archived and work will continue in their account. Again we acknowledge your continued efforts to engage in the new method of learning while the Covid crisis is part of our lives.

We would ask parents *not to worry about something we can not control*, we will put our faith in the Government and Department of Education in the knowledge that they will do what is best for children in school settings nationwide. Either way Scoil Bhríde will be ready. We are currently, and will continue to, prepare over the summer months for the return of our children in September. So lets stay positive.

One of our parents, Mathew Conroy had gathered a group of helpers together to help with a few small jobs around your school. This project was put on hold due to our last storm and then then Covid-19. If you have some time to spare then Mathew can be reached on 086 8076906, all parents including prospective parents are welcome. There are a number of inside and outside jobs to do once we feel it is safe to do so. We will keep you updated. All equipment will be supplied, paint, paint brushes, gloves & music. You will need to pack a sandwich and flask - just like the days when we made hay. We would appreciate any old flat sheets you've been meaning to throw out. These will be used as paint sheets to aid the Van Gogh's. We will start once we feel it is safe to do so and there is a plan in place we will keep you informed.

Le meas, Máire.

Cartaí Tuairisc/Report Cards

Tá na cártaí tuairisc imithe sa phost ón Aoine is má tá aon ceist agat is feidir teacht ar an múinteoir ranga via G Suite. Your child's school report was posted to you last Friday. If you would like to contact the class teacher please do so via G Suite and they can give you a buzz. Múinteoir Tonai's reports will be posted during the week. If you need to contact him he will be available up until the first week of July.

We ask you to please take on board the advice received from teachers in your child's report card. It is imperative, of all years, to read a little each day, to tell counting stories and ask questions, to play "I spy" and any type of counting games. Maybe even say the tables out loud on any trip outside of the house. Every little thing you do over the Summer will make a difference.

Scoil Bhríde Ar an Teilifís/On the Telly

Bhí phiosa álainn faoin scoil ar TG4 ar an Déardaoin seo caite. TG4 featured Scoil Bhríde on the 7pm news last Thursday. The piece highlighted the continued learning platform made available to our children since the closure of schools. It also highlighted the continued Meets taking place weekly, ensuring our children get to see their classmates and teachers each week, the attention given to our cohort of children needing a little extra and their sessions with the learning support team and SNA support. Three of our children were interviewed, Ella Lee (Rang 6), Zoe Campbell (Rang 6) and Amy Schuler (Rang 5), all 3 made us proud. Maith sibh cailíní. Múinteoiri Treasa and Múinteoiri Siobhán also did a mighty job of representing our school. The segment ended with a mention of the Rang 6 ceremony and the 6th class waving us off. If you missed it is available on our Facebook page.

Slán le Rang 6/Good Luck Rang 6

Bhí ócáid álainn again le chéile ar an Aoine le Páistí Rang 6, tuistí is pobail na scoile. A very special ceremony for Rang 6 took place last Friday via our google platform. There were plenty of smiling faces and laughs as we said our good days. We were joined by family, pets, teddies and the odd beautiful balloon. It was also wonderful to see Canon Reilly in good spirits. During the service Canon Reilly thanked the children and parents of the parish for their cards and get well soon wishes. Micheal had spent the last 3 months in a local Nursing home. Scoil Bhríde was in regular contact with him and he is aware that he was in our thoughts and prayers. Hopefully he will return to his parish home today or tomorrow. Maith thú Canon Reilly.

A flavour of our ceremony is on our Facebook page.

We have asked our Rang 6 pupils to stay engaged with google classrooms and continue their work on line for the next 2 weeks. Their new digital learning platform will aid them in hitting the ground running in September, maith sibh ar fad.

Turas Scoile/School Tours

Beidh na turasanna scoile ag tarlú an tseachtain seo. The teachers have virtual tours planned for this week's class meets. As per our healthy eating policy, children may bring two treats! The locations are a secret! We hope to see everyone attend.

Scéim Leabhar Cíos/Book Rental Scheme

Beidh an Scéim Book Rental ar súil arís i Mí Fómhair. The Book Rental Scheme will take place again in September. We would ask that you take part in the our Book Rental Scheme and avail of the enormous savings the scheme is providing over the course of the primary school cycle. Thank you for returning your books and if you find any books at home please let us know via Gsuite and we can organise a pick up /drop off. Mile buíochas to Múinteoir Siobhán and Áine (SNA) who are behind the scheme being up and ready for September and to the team of teachers who lent a hand last September.

Maith Thú Keira - Storykeeper

Tá dea scéal ag Keira i Rang 4. Tá a scéal foilsithe ag Cruinniú na nÓg sa leabhar "Young Storykeepers Volume 1".

Great Lighthouses of Ireland and Fighting Words read and edited every single one of the 1,256 stories, poems, illustrations, song lyrics and even stop-motion animations submitted for the Young Storykeepers initiative, in association with Cruinniú na nÓg. Keira a pupil from Rang 4 had her story selected to be part of the "Young Storykeepers, Volume 1" edition. Well done

Keira, this is a terrific achievement. You are showcasing your talent with so many other creative young Irish people. Keira's story is on page 111.

<https://www.greatlighthouses.com/storykeeper/>



Campaí Samhradh/Summer Camps

Cúl Camps are reconfiguring their camps with the expectation of reopening this summer. Camps for 2020 are expected to go ahead, subject to the latest available advice from the relevant authorities. Please keep an eye on the Cúl Camp Website and our local club for updates

