



Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

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Nóta ón bPríomhoide

A thuismitheoirí,

We are so proud of all of our children and their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and minders who are ensuring they can engage in live classes with their friends every day. We are here to support you and your child in any way possible to stay engaged with their learning. Please don't worry if the live classes aren't possible everyday but encourage your child to keep up with their work. Their teacher will continue to support and encourage them as best they can.

In a recent turn of events, the HSE contacted Scoil Bhríde and sought our support in their planned set-up of a mass COVID-19 vaccination centre at the Galway Racecourse. With much support from the Department of Skills and Education, we have agreed to make the ground floor of the Kilannin Stand available to the HSE prior to our forecasted move back to our school in Menlo. Given the uncertainty of the plan for re-opening schools, we have devised a number of different plans to cater for the logistical needs of our school in any of the likely scenarios. We very much hope to be returning to school in Menlo after this current closure/period of online learning and every effort and resource is being drawn on to push the works forward to a prompt completion. If the school building is not yet ready to be occupied when schools are reopening, we have plans in place that ensure our school community has safe and separate access to their learning spaces in the Killanin Stand, with minimal disruption to classes for our remaining time at the Races. We will keep you abreast of any developments and we will outline any changed logistics in advance of a partial or full reopening.

In the meantime we ask you to continue to concentrate on the school work and leave the plans of returning to school to us. The input from the Department of Skills and Education has been of huge benefit to the school, we are extremely grateful to the management of the racecourse for their ongoing support and to both Departments in working with us in organising a safe compromise for the HSE but especially for our school community. We are also very aware that we may not need to return to the race course but as explained above a plan is in place and will be shared closer to the time if needs be.

As the extended lockdown is now certain we ask you to stay safe and stay home and basically mind yourselves and extended families. Again many thanks for the encouraging messages received on Facebook and via email and text messages. Let us all continue to do our best, our teachers, pupils and all family members who help make it happen.

Le fíor meas,
Máire.

Dataí le teacht/ Upcoming Dates

**Seachtain Caitleacha/
Catholic Schools Week**
26/1/2021—2/2/2021

Léamhaton/Readathon
1/2/2021-5/3/2021

**Lá Fhéile Bhríde/St.
Brigid's Day**
1/2/2021

**Lá na Sábháilteachta
Idirlín / Internet
Safety Day**
9/2/2021

**Brisédh Lár Tearma
/Midterm Break**
15/2/2021-19/2/2021

Lá na Pancóga/Pancake Tuesday
16/2/2021

**Céadaoin an Luaith-
righ/Ash Wednesday**
17/2/2021



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Léamhatón/Readathon

Beidh muid ag dhéanamh ár léamhatón arís i mbliana. Is féidir leat leabhar as gaeilge & bearla a léamh.

Our annual Readathon will take place over the month of February. Typically we would have had DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time in the classroom. The format will remain the same. We will encourage all of our pupils to read as avidly as they can for this month, recording all of the books they have read.



Catholic Schools Week

Tá an seachtain seo ar súil an seachtain seo.

Is taking place this week and all classes will focus on material and themes received for their class. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience.

Posting photos/videos on Google Classroom

There is so much beautiful work being submitted to the classrooms. We'd like to kindly remind you that it is not permitted to circulate or forward images or videos that your class teacher or classmates post in the Google Classroom. The content in your classroom is to be handled carefully and with the greatest level of respect for the content creator, be that teacher or child.

Internet safety

Cé go bhfuil gníomhaíochtaí Lá na Sábháilteachta Idirlín beagán difriúil i mbliana, agus sinn á gcur in oiriúint do shrianta Covid-19, táimid fós in ann ceiliúradh spráitúil, bríomhar agus spéisiúil a dhéanamh ar #SID2021!



Internet Safety Day takes place on the 9th of Feb this year. In school we would prepare lessons on internet safety for all classes and this would also be the month where we would organise a parents information evening about Internet safety. However this year that workshop will not go ahead. Two websites we recommend are [Webwise](https://www.webwise.ie) and Safer Internet Day. The Webwise site in particular has an excellent parents section which has regularly updated information on the latest apps and trends online. As we are all spending more time online especially with online learning, it is more important than ever that we ensure our time on line is safe.

A gentle reminder as we engage in online learning to always be aware of your child's access to the internet. Please ensure safety comes first. If you need any tips in this area please visit <https://www.webwise.ie/category/parents/advice/> and <https://www.saferinternetday.org/home>

School Enrollments— Important Reminder

Finally, a reminder to families enrolling a child this September in any of our classes to please ensure that you have informed the school.

