

Nuacht Neachtain

Meán Fómhair, 2023.



FÁILTE!

Beatha agus sláinte! Fáilte romhat ar ais go Nuacht Neachtain – nuachtlitir mhíosúil de chuid Gaelscoil Neachtain. Chun tuismitheoirí nua a chur ar an eolas, meán teagmhála breise é Nuacht Neachtain idir an Gaelscoil agus tú féin mar thuismitheoir.

Cuirimid fearadh na fáilte ar ais roimh achan duine, idir theaghlach agus fhoireann, go Gaelscoil Neachtain don scoilbhliain nua 2023 - 2024. Cuirimid fáilte ó chroí roimh pháistí nua s'againne go Naíscóil Neachtain agus ba mhaith linn fáilte ó chroí a chur roimh pháistí Rang 1 fosta. Bíonn achan duine againn ag Gaelscoil agus Naíscóil Neachtain ag obair chun foghlaim dheimhneach shona a chur ar fáil d'achan pháiste – is iad na cuspóirí atá againn ná go mbainfidh gach páiste a chumas amach ag an Gaelscoil, go mbainfidh na páistí s'againne sult as a gcuid fhoghlaime is go seasfaidh a dtáithí anseo leo lena linn! Tá súil againn fosta go mbainfidh tú fein, mar thuismitheoir, tairbhe as a bheith linn ag Gaelscoil Neachtain. Go raibh maith agat.

BAILL NUA FOIRNE

Cuirimid fáilte ó chroí roimh Caitlín Ní Earcáin go Gaelscoil Neachtain. Tá Múinteoir Caitlín ag teagasc páistí Rang 3 i mbliana agus beidh sí i gceannas ar fhorbairt an cheoil sa Gaelscoil i mbliana. Cuirimid fáilte ó chroí fosta roimh Nadine Mhic Ghiolla Mheara atá ag roinnt poist sa Naíscóil le Múinteoir Aoife. Tabharfaidh Múinteoir Nadine taca d'fhorbairt an achair foghlama *An Domhan Thart Orainn*. Tá ceathrar chúntóir ranga nua againn idir lánaimseartha agus pháirtaimseartha – Aisling Nic Giollagáin (Rang 1); Saoirse Nic Íomhair agus Cian Mac Bhloscaidh (roinnt poist i Rang 4); Clódagh Nic Oscair (roinnt poist Rang 5). Guímid gach rath ar achan bhall nua foirne.

BAINNE

Beidh bainne (cartáin Dale Farm) ar fáil do pháistí ón Luan, 25 Meán Fómhair, 2023, go dtí An Aoine, 22 Nollaig, 2023. **£12.00 an páiste an costas bainne don tréimhse seo.** Má tá do pháiste ag iarraidh bainne a ól, cuirtear an t-airgead chuig an mhúinteoir ranga faoi i **10.00rn Dé Máirt, 19 Meán Fómhair**, le do thoil. Go raibh maith agat.

WELCOME!

Beatha agus Sláinte! Welcome back to Nuacht Neachtain – Gaelscoil Neachtain's monthly newsletter. By way of introduction to new parents, Nuacht Neachtain is an extra means of communication between the Gaelscoil and yourself as parent. We welcome everyone, both families and staff, back to Gaelscoil Neachtain for the school year 2023 - 2024. We warmly welcome our new children to Naíscóil Neachtain, and likewise, we warmly welcome our Rang 1 children. All of us at Gaelscoil and Naíscóil Neachtain work to provide positive, happy learning for *all* our children – we want all our children to achieve their potential at the Gaelscoil, to enjoy their learning and trust that their experience here will stand them in good stead throughout their lives! We also hope that you, as a parent, will benefit from your association with Gaelscoil and Naíscóil Neachtain. Go raibh maith agat.

NEW MEMBERS of STAFF

We welcome Caitlín Ní Earcáin to Gaelscoil Neachtain. Múinteoir Caitlín is teaching our Rang 3 children this year and will also lead the development of music in the Gaelscoil. We also welcome Nadine McGahon who is job sharing with Múinteoir Aoife in the Naíscóil. Nadine will support the development the *World Around Us* area of learning. We have four new classroom assistants, both full and part time - Aisling Nic Giollagáin (Rang 1); Saoirse Nic Íomhair and Cian Mac Bhloscaidh (job share in Rang 4); Clódagh Nic Oscair (job share in Rang 5). We wish all our new members of staff every success.

MILK

Milk (Dale Farm cartons) will be available to the children from Monday, 25th September, 2023, until Friday, 22nd December, 2023. The cost for milk during this term is **£12.00 per child**. If your child wishes to take milk, please send money to the class teacher by **10.00am Tuesday, 19th September**. Go raibh maith agat.

AG SOCRÚ ISTEACH

Mar atá an cás in achan scoil ar fud fad na tíre, is í mí Mheán an Fhómhair mí don socrú isteach do pháistí. Mí í seo ina gcuireann an múinteoir ranga aithne ar na páistí (munar theagasc sé iad roimh ré) agus ina bhfaigheann sí / sé amach cá háit a bhfuil gach páiste maidir leis an fhoghlaim. Má tá ceist ar bith agat, nó buaireamh ar bith agat, sna luathlaethanta seo, nó in am ar bith, iarrtar ort dul i dteagmháil, le do thoil, leis an mhúinteoir ranga láithreach chun é a phlé. Go raibh maith agat.

MAOR TRÁCHTA

Tugtar faoi deara, le do thoil: níl maor tráchta ag Gaelscoil Neachtain faoi láthair. IARRTAR AR THUISMITHEOIRÍ, MAR SIN, CINNTIÚ GO BHFUIL A bPÁISTÍ SLÁN SÁBHÁILTE AGUS IAD AG TEACHT AGUS IMEACHT ÓN GHAELSCOIL. Go raibh maith agat.

AN PHÁIRCEÁIL

Bíonn an clós íochtair ar fáil gach maidin le haghaidh pháirceála. Má tá tú a dhul a theacht isteach chun na Gaelscoile ar maidin, iarrtar ort, páirceáil sa chlós íochtair, le do thoil. IARRTAR ORT SEO A DHÉANAMH CHUN TRANGLAM TRÁCHTA A SHEACHTAINT, LE DO THOIL.

N.B. AR MHAITHE LEIS AN tSÁBHÁILTEACHT: IARRTAR AR THUISMITHEOIRÍ GAN PHÁIRCEÁIL AG STAD A' BHUS NÓ AR AN FHÉAR / AR AN CHOSÁN, TAOBH AMUIGH DEN GHAELSCOIL IN AM AR BITH. GO RAIBH MAITH AGAT.

TEORAINN LUAIS 5msu

AR MHAITHE LE SÁBHÁILTEACHT ACHAN DUINE, IARRTAR AR THUISMITHEOIRÍ TIOMÁINT, LE BHUR dTOIL, AR 5msu, AR A MHÉAD AGUS IAD SA SUÍOMH GAELSCOILE, AGUS AR AN BHEALACH ISTEACH AGUS AR AN BHEALACH AMACH. Go raibh maith agat.

POLASÁI FREASTAL

Iarrtar ar achan tuismitheoir Polasaí Freastal na Gaelscoile a léamh agus a leanstan, le do thoil. Tá an Polasaí ar fáil ar shuíomh na Gaelscoile. Déantar freastal gach páiste a thaifeadadh dhá uair in aghaidh an lae – ar maidin agus um thráthnóna. **Tugtar fá deara, le do thoil: déantar neamhláithreachta a thaifeadadh má imíonn páiste ar bith (R.3 – R.7) ón scoil roimh 2.30in.** Go raibh maith agat.

EOLAS AILLÉIRGE: CNÓNNA

Ní cheadaítear cnónna ar shuíomh Gaelscoil Neachtain. Go raibh maith agat.

SETTLING IN

As is the case in every school throughout the country, September is the month for children to settle in. This is a month in which the class teacher gets to know the children (if they haven't taught them already) and in which she / he finds out where every child is regarding learning. If you have any questions, or concerns, in these early days, or at any time, you are asked, please, to contact the class teacher immediately to discuss. Go raibh maith agat.

CROSSING PATROL

Please note: Gaelscoil Neachtain does not currently have a crossing patrol officer. **ALL PARENTS, THEREFORE, ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN COMING TO, AND RETURNING FROM, THE GAELSCOIL.** Go raibh maith agat.

PARKING

The lower playground is available every morning for parking. If you are going to come into the Gaelscoil in the morning, you are asked please to park in the lower playground. **YOU ARE ASKED TO DO THIS, PLEASE, TO AVOID TRAFFIC JAMS.**

N.B. IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY: PARENTS ARE ASKED NOT TO PARK AT THE BUS STOP OR ON THE VERGE / PAVEMENT OUTSIDE OF THE GAELSCOIL, AT ANY TIME. GO RAIBH MAITH AGAT.

5mph SPEED LIMIT.

IN THE INTEREST OF EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PARENTS / CARERS ARE ASKED, PLEASE, TO DRIVE AT A MAXIMUM OF 5mph IN THE GAELSCOIL SITE AND ON THE WAY IN AND OUT. Go raibh maith agat.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All parents are asked, please to read, and to follow, the Gaelscoil's Attendance Policy. The Policy is available on the Gaelscoil website. Go raibh maith agat. Every child's attendance is recorded twice daily – morning and afternoon. **Please note: an absence is recorded for any child (R.3 – R.7) leaving school before 2.30pm. Go raibh maith agat.**

ALLERGY INFORMATION: NUTS

Nuts are not allowed on the Gaelscoil Neachtain site. Go raibh maith agat.

TOPAICÍ FOGHLAMA

Léitear thíos, le do thoil, na topaicí ranga, a bhfuil na páistí ag foghlaim faoi i dTéarma 1a, 2023 – 2024.

Naíscoil

Beidh Mí Mheán an Fhómhair iontach gnóthach againn anseo sa Naíscoil. Beidh na páistí ag foghlaim faoin scoil nua agus beidh siad ag péinteáil, ag ceol agus ag súgradh i réimse dóigheanna chomh maith le aithne a chur ar an fhoireann agus ar a chéile.

Rang 1

Tá Rang 1 ag dul don téama *Mé Féin* agus ag foghlaim faoi dhaoine eile thart orthu. Tá siad ag foghlaim cuid mhaith trí scéalta, rímeanna, amhráin ghníomhaíochta agus trí ghníomhaíochtaí praiticiúla. Tá siad ag léamh an scéil 'An Fear Sinséir' fosta.

Rang 2

Is é *Nach Iontach Mise!* an topaic atá ag páistí Rang 2 an leath-théarma seo. Déanfaidh siad iad féin agus a dtréithe pearsanta a fhiosrú agus a phlé, fiosraíonn siad cé hiad féin, aithníonn siad na rudaf is féidir leo a dhéanamh, aithníonn siad na rudaf is fearr leo, aithníonn siad cad chuige a bhfuil siad speisialta. Spreagfar na páistí le dearcadh dearfach a bheith acu ar an fhoghlaim. Beidh siad ag foghlaim fá na Chéadfaí fosta.

Rang 3

Tá Rang 3 ag dul don topaic *Mé Féin agus An Scoil*. Tá siad ag foghlaim faoi chineáil éagsúla scoileanna, agus faoi thithe éagsúla, sa tír seo agus i dtíortha eile. Cuirfear suirbhé amach chuig Mamó agus Daideo an tseachtain seo chugainn ag fiosrú scoileanna mar a bhíodh. Beidh na páistí ag foghlaim faoin Fhómhar fosta.

Rang 4

Beidh páistí Rang 4 ag foghlaim faoin Aimsir. Beidh deis acu foghlaim faoi na séasúir agus na cineálacha aimsire a bhíonn againn anseo in Éirinn agus thart an domhain. Beidh deis acu chomh maith, dul ar shiúlóid dúlra.

Ranganna 5 / 6 / 7

Tá Ranganna 5/6/7 ag foghlaim faoin Ghorta Mór an leath-théarma seo. Beidh deis ag na páistí fáthanna a mbíonn gorta ann a fhiosrú agus an tionchar a bhí ag an Ghorta Mór ar mhuintir agus ar dhaonáireamh na hÉireann. Beidh muid ag amharc ar ghorta timpeall an domhain sa lá atá inniu ann fosta.

LEARNING TOPICS

Please read below the class topics children are learning about in Term 1a, 2023 - 2024.

Naíscoil

Settling in to Naíscoil. We will have a very busy September at Naíscoil Neachtain. The children will be learning all about their new school and will be painting, singing and playing in a variety of ways as well as getting to know each other and the staff.

Rang 1

Rang 1 are learning about the topic *Myself* and also about people around them. They are learning lots about their body. They're learning about the different body parts through stories, rhymes, action songs and various practical activities. They're also learning about the story, 'An Fear Sinséir'.

Rang 2

Wonderful Me! is the topic for children in Rang 2 this half-term. They will explore who they are, recognising what they can do, identifying their favourite things, recognising what makes them special. The children will be encouraged to develop a positive attitude to learning. We will also be learning all about the Senses.

Rang 3

Children in Rang 3 are *Myself and School*. They are finding out about different kinds of schools, and about different kinds of houses, in this country and in other countries too. A survey will be sent out to grandparents next week as part of their research into schools long ago. The children will also be learning about Autumn.

Rang 4

Rang 4 children will be learning about the weather. They will have the opportunity to learn about the seasons and the types of weather that we have here in Ireland and around the world. They will also have the opportunity to go on a nature walk.

Ranganna 5 / 6 / 7

Children in Ranganna 6 / 7 are learning about the Great Hunger this half-term. The children will be given the opportunity to investigate the causes of famine and the effects the famine had on the people of Ireland and its population. We will also be looking at famine around the world today.

CORPOIDEACHAS

Iarrtar ar pháistí brógaí spórt a chaitheamh ar laethanta a bhfuil spórt acu. Go raibh maith agat. Mar a leanas atá Corpoideachas / Spórt ag na páistí i dTearma 1a -

- R.1 – An Luan, An Chéadaoin.
- R.2 – An Luan, An Déardaoin.
- R.3 – An Luan, An Déardaoin.
- R.4 – An Luan, An Déardaoin.
- R.5/6 – An Luan, An Déardaoin.
- R.6/7 - An Luan, An Déardaoin

PEIL IAR-SCOILE

Thosaigh an pheil iarscoile do pháistí R.5,6,7 Dé Luain, 11 Meán Fómhair, 3.00in – 4.00in. Má tá spéis ag do pháiste bheith páirteach ann, iarrtar ort an fhoirm chuí a líonadh isteach agus í a fhilleadh do Mhúinteoir Gearóid. Go raibh maith agat.

AN CLUB BRICFEASTA

Tá An Club Bricfeasta ar oscailt gach maidin idir 8.15 – 8.45r.n. Fáilte roimh achan pháiste. **Tugtar faoi dheara, le do thoil: Glactar leis na hordaithe deireanacha don bhricfeasta ar 8.40rn.** Go raibh maith agat.

CULAITH OÍCHE SHAMHNA: RÉAMHFHÓGRA

Ag amharc chun tosaigh go Oíche Shamhna, dealraíonn sé go bhfuil páistí ag socrú a gculaith níos luaithe agus níos luaithe gach bliain! Agus muid ar an eolas faoin chás seo, tugtar faoi deara an méid a leanas, le do thoil. Beidh fáilte roimh na páistí go léir 'éadaí bréige' a chur orthu ar scoil Dé Aoine 27 Deireadh Fómhair. Ag teacht le cur chuige neamhdhíoblach don timpeallacht s'againne, áfach, iarrtar ar pháistí agus ar thuismitheoirí obair le chéile chun éadaí bréige a dhéanamh as earraí athchúrsála, le do thoil. Tá muid ag cur an-bhéime ar an ghné seo den athchúrsáil agus **tabharfar duaiseanna amach do na culaith is mó samhlaíoch atá déanta as earraí athchúrsála!!**

MOLTAÍ 'GLASA' DO THEAGHLAIGH

Moltar gníomh beag amháin deimhneach gach mí chun cuidiú leis an timpeallacht. **Mí Mheán an Fhómhair: Tiontaigh as an t-uisce, le do thoil, agus tú ag scuabadh do chuid fiacra.**

PE

Children are asked to wear trainers on days they have PE / Sport. Go raibh maith agat. Children have PE / Sport as follows in Term 1a -

- R.1 – Monday, Wednesday.
- R.2 – Monday, Thursday.
- R.3 – Monday, Thursday.
- R.4 – Monday, Thursday.
- R. 5/6 – Monday, Thursday.
- R. 6/7 – Monday, Thursday

AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL

After-school football for children in R.5,6,7 started on Monday, 11th September, 3.00pm – 4.00pm. If your child is interested in taking part, please fill in the appropriate permission note and return it to Múinteoir Gearóid. Go raibh maith agat.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is open every morning between 8.15 – 8.45am. All children are welcome. **Please note: last orders for breakfast are taken at 8.40am.** Go raibh maith agat.

HALLOWE'EN COSTUMES: ADVANCE NOTICE

Looking forward to Halloween, it seems that children are organising their costumes earlier and earlier every year! With this in mind, please note the following. Children will be invited to come to school in 'fancy dress' on Friday, 27th October. In keeping with Gaelscoil's environmentally friendly ethos, children and parents are asked to work together to make fancy dress from recycled products, please. We put great emphasis on this aspect of recycling and **prizes will be given for the most imaginative costumes which have been made from recycled materials!!**

'GREEN' SUGGESTION of the MONTH for FAMILIES

One small positive action is suggested every month to help the environment.

September: Please turn off the water whilst brushing your teeth.

CULAITH SPÓIRT UÍ NÉILL

Tá Gaelscoil Neachtain ag obair leis an chomhlacht *Uí Néill* chun rogha culaith spóirt a sholathar ar díol in am don Nollaig. Baintear úsáid, le do thoil, as an nasc a leanas le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais agus ordaithe – <https://oneills-orders.calashock.app/registration/af2a5a965e51190d9a9ad2f5a088bd2a-938f059b4c28037396a9d2ee829e94b7> (custaiméirí nua) nó <https://clubhub.oneills.com> (custaiméirí aiteachta) **N.B. IS É AN AN AOINE, 29 MEÁN FÓMHAIR, 2023, SPRIOCDÁTA don UILE ORDÚ! NÍ GHLACFAR LE HORDAITHE INA DHIAIDH SEO. Go raibh maith agat.**

DÁTAÍ DON DIALANN

AIFREANN TÚS na SCOILBHLIANA

Mar is gnách ag Gaelscoil Neachtain, déantar Aifreann a cheiliúradh roimh dheireadh Téarma 1a chun beannacht Dé a iarraidh orainn go léir agus ar obair na Gaelscoile ar fud na bliana le teacht. Déanfar an tAifreann a cheiliúradh i mbliana, **Déardaoin, 26 Deireadh Fómhair ar a 11.00rn in Eaglais Naomh Pádraig. Fáilte roimh theaghlach agus roimh chairde.**

AN CÓINEARTÚ, 2024.

Beidh An Cóineartú ann do pháistí Rang 7 Dé Sathairn, 13 Aibreán, 2024, ar 3.00in in Eaglais Naomh Pádraig, Dún Geimhin. Is é An tEaspag Dómhnall Mac Eoin, Easpag Dhoire, a dhéanfas an tSacraimint a riaradh.

AN CHÉAD CHOMAOINEACH NAOFA, 2024.

Beidh An Chéad Chomaoineach Naofa ann do pháistí Rang 4 Dé Sathairn, 25 Bealtaine, 2024, ar 11.00rn in Eaglais Naomh Pádraig, Dún Geimhin. Is é An Sagart Ó Ceallaigh a dhéanfaidh an tAifreann a cheiliúradh.

COSAINT AN PHÁISTE

Is í Fionnuala Ní Dhufaigh Múinteoir Ainmnithe do Chosaint Pháistí. Is iad Róisín Mhic Thaidhg agus Danielle Stiobhard Leasmhúinteoirí Ainmnithe don Chosaint Pháistí. Má tá tú buartha faoi aon rud, téitear i dteagmháil le duine ar bith acu laithreach bonn. Go raibh maith agat.

O NÉILL SPORTSWEAR

Gaelscoil Neachtain is working with the Neill's company to provide a range of sportswear for sale in time for Christmas. Please use the following link for further information and orders – <https://oneills-orders.calashock.app/registration/af2a5a965e51190d9a9ad2f5a088bd2a-938f059b4c28037396a9d2ee829e94b7> (new customers) or <https://clubhub.oneills.com> (returning customers). **N.B. FRIDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, 2023, IS THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS! ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

START OF YEAR MASS

As is the custom at Gaelscoil Neachtain, Mass is usually celebrated every year before the end of Term 1a, to ask God's blessing on us all and on the work of the Gaelscoil throughout the coming year. The Mass this year will be celebrated on Thursday, **26th October, at 11.00am in St. Patrick's Church.** Families and friends welcome.

CONFIRMATION, 2024.

Confirmation for Rang 7 children will take place on Saturday, 13th April, 2024 at 3.00pm in St. Patrick's Church, Dungiven. Bishop Dónall Mc Keown, Bishop of Derry, will administer the Sacrament.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, 2024.

First Holy Communion for children in Rang 4 will take place on Saturday, 25th May, 2024, at 11.00am in St. Patrick's Church, Dungiven. Fr. Kelly will celebrate the Mass.

CHILD PROTECTION

Fionnuala Ní Dhufaigh is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection. Róisín Mhic Thaidhg and Danielle Stewart are the Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection. If you have any concerns, please contact any of them immediately. Go raibh maith agat.

CLUBANNA IAR-SCOILE

Bíonn Clubanna Iar-scoile ann idir 2.50in – 4.55in, Luan go hAoine. Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais, cuirtear glaoch ar Laoise san oifig Gaelscoile, le do thoil. Go raibh maith agat.

CÓTAÍ!!

BÍ CINNTE, LE DO THOIL, GO gCUIRTEAR CÓTA AR SCOIL LE DO PHÁISTE GACH LÁ. GO RAIBH MAITH AGAT. CINNTÍTEAR, LE DO THOIL, BO FUIL AINM DO PHÁISTE AR AN CHÓTA, LE DO THOIL!

SCOIL a DHÍRÍONN AIRD AR AN RÉITEACH

Is scoil í Gaelscoil Neachtain a dhíríonn aird ar an réiteach. Tugtar faoi deara, le do thoil: **má bhíonn buaireamh nó gearán agat, iarrtar ort labhairt le múinteoir ranga an pháiste s'agatsa a luaithe agus is féidir, le do thoil.** Má tá buaireamh agat go fóill, iarrtar ort labhairt leis an Phríomhoide, le do thoil. MUNA BHFUIL FOIREANN na GAELSCOILE AR AN EOLAS FÁ ÁBHAR AR LEITH, NÍ THIG LINN TOISEACHT AR AN RÉITEACH. Tá an Córas Gearán le léamh ar shuíomh na Gaelscoile. Go raibh maith agat.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Our After-School Clubs run from 2.50pm – 4.55pm. For further information, please contact Laoise in the Gaelscoil office – 028 777 42529. Go raibh maith agat.

COATS

PLEASE SEND A COAT TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON THE COAT.

A SOLUTION BASED SCHOOL

Gaelscoil Neachtain is a solution based school. Please note: **if you have a concern or complaint, you are asked to speak to your child's class teacher, as soon as possible, please.** If you still have a concern, you are asked to speak to the Principal, please. IF GAELSCOIL STAFF ARE NOT AWARE OF A PARTICULAR ISSUE, WE CANNOT BEGIN TO RESOLVE IT. Our Complaints Procedure is available to read on the Gaelscoil website. Go raibh maith agat.