

Nuachtlitir na Nollag/ December Newsletter 2020

Beatha agus sláinte chugaibh go léir! Tá an Nollaig buailte linn agus na páistí go léir i nGaelscoil Donncha Rua ag súil leis na laethanta saoire. Beidh go leor rudaí deasa ar siúl againn ar scoil chun Nollaig 2020 a chéiliúradh!



Christmas is officially here and the boys and girls of Gaelscoil Donncha Rua are looking forward to the holidays. There will be lots of fun activities in school over the coming weeks to celebrate Christmas 2020!

Dúnfar an scoil ar an Mháirt an **22ú Nollaig ag a 12 a chlog**. Beidh na ranganna ag críochnú mar seo a leanas:

Beidh na Naíonáin, an Naoínra agus Rang Geraldine ag críochnú ag a **11:45**.

Beidh Rang a 1 & a 2 ag críochnú ag a **11:50** agus Rang a 3, 4, 5 & a 6 ag críochnú ag a **12:00** ar an lá.

Beimid ag oscailt arís ar **an 6ú lá Eanáir 2021**.

Ceolchoirm na Nollag

Ní bheidh ceolchoirm scoile againn i mbliana mar is gnáth ach tá gach rang chun iarracht a dhéanamh físeán de shaghas éigin a chur le chéile le taispeántais Nollaig -dráma, dánta/rannta, scéalaíocht nó canadh (amuigh faoin aer) agus é a roinnt ar Aladdin, padléid ranga nó suíomh na scoile.

The school will close for the end of term on Tuesday **the 22nd of December at 12 o'clock**. We will continue with staggered finish times as follows:

Infant classes & Early Intervention pre-school at **11:45**.

1st & 2nd class at **11:50**.

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes at **12 o'clock**.

We will re-open on **Wednesday the 6th of January 2021**.

Christmas Concert

Due to restrictions this year we will not be allowed to have a whole school concert like we usually do. Instead every class will create a short video or power point of Christmas activities- drama, poems/rhymes, festive stories or singing (outdoors). They will then share it through Aladdin, class padlet or on the school website.

Seó Glór

Beidh Rang a 5 & a 6 ag féachaint ar *Livin Dred-A Christmas Carol* ar Zoom an 11ú/12.

Beidh na Naíonáin-Rg. a 4 ag féachaint ar Branar's festive music show- 'Rockin Christmas Rhymes'. Tá Coiste na dTuistí chun íoc as mar bhronntanas Nollag. Go raibh maith agaibh, ag súil go mór leis!

Zoom le Daidí na Nollag

Beidh Daidí na Nollag ag eitilt isteach ar Zoom ar an 17ú chun teachtaireacht speisialta a thabhairt do na páistí i nGaelscoil Donncha Rua. Tá sceitimíní orainn go léir agus ag tnúth go mór leis!



Lá Geansaí na Nollag

Tá sé beartaithe againn lá geansaí na Nollag a bheith againn ar scoil ar an Luan an 21ú chun airgead a bhailiú le haghaidh Carrigoran House (teach altranais). Beidh cead ag na páistí geansaí Nollag a caitheamh ar an lá agus cúpla euro a thabhairt isteach leo. Míle buíochas!

Cruinniú na dTuismitheoirí

Tá sé eagraithe againn iad seo a dhéanamh ar an 18ú & an 19ú Mí Eanáir 2021. Beidh coinne ag dul abhaile go luatha-Glaoch teilifón 10 nóim a bheidh i gceist.

Christmas Season through Music and Theatre

The Parent's Council have very kindly purchased two live shows from Glór as a Christmas treat for all classes. *Livin Dred-A Christmas Carol* will be on for 5th and 6th class on the 11th of December and *Rockin' Christmas Rhymes* will be on for all other classes on the 18th. Thank you! Looking forward to an entertaining show online!



Santa Zoom Call

Santa Claus has informed us that he will have a special Zoom message for the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Donncha Rua on the 17th of December. We are all excited and looking forward to our chat with him.

Christmas Jumper Day

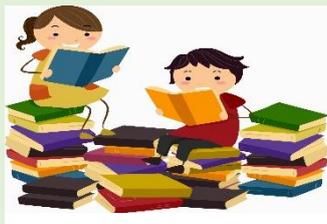
We have planned to hold a Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Carrigoran House on the 21st of December. The children can wear a colourful/Christmas jumper on the day and bring a small donation to school that will be sent to the Nursing Home as part of the fundraiser. Many Thanks!

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place on the 18th & 19th of January 2021. Each parent will be given a 10 minute slot for a phone call from their child's teacher.

Ms Readathon 2020

Táimid thar a bheith bródúil as na páistí a ghlac páirt i mbliana. Léigh siad 109 leabhair eatarthu agus bhailigh siad €4,862 sa phróiseas. Is éacht iontach é sin! Maith sibh agus leanaigí oraibh ag léamh!!!



Scéim Ealaíontóir sa Scoil

Ghlac An Chomhairle Ealaíon lenár n-iarratas chun bheith ag obair le Ealaíontóir don dara théarma scoile i 2021. Táimid ag súil go mór leis!



Fanaigí go deas teolaí!

Táimid amuigh faoin aer na laethanta seo agus nuair atá an aimsir fuar agus fliuch cinntigh go bhfuil cótaí móra agus buataisí ag na páistí ag teacht ar scoil, le bhúr dtoil.

Tá an t-ádh linn go bhfuil ár scoil suite in aice leis an bpáirc súgartha agus an pháirc, ach chun taitneamh a bhaint as tá sé tábhachtach go bhfuil siad ag caitheamh na héadaí cearta!



Go raibh maith agaibh!

MS Readathon 2020

We are so very proud of all the boys and girls that took part in this year's Readathon. Between them they read 109 books and raised a whopping €4,862 for MS in the process. What a fantastic achievement! Well done and keep on reading!!!

Christmas Shoebox Appeal-Team Hope

This charity is still accepting donations this year, if you wish to sponsor a box please visit www.teamhope.ie for further details.

Artist in the School Scheme

Our application for 'The Artist in School Residency Awards' has been approved by The Arts Council for 2021. This means we will receive grant funding for an Artist to work with the children and class teacher beginning in January for the 2nd term of school.

Wrap up warm!

The children are spending a lot more time outdoors during the school day and as the weather begins to get colder we would remind parents to ensure warm coats are sent in to school with your child/children and also wellies (on wet days).

The girls can wear trousers/leggings instead of a skirt as part of the school uniform if they wish.

We are fortunate to be located so close to the playground, Town park and Wetland walk but to enjoy these outings we must be well wrapped up!

Thank you!



*Do na Páistí, Múinteoirí,
Cúntóirí, Tuismitheoirí, Rúnaí,
Glantóir, Tiománaí Bus & An
Bord Bainistíochta...*

*Míle Buíochas as bhúr
dtacaíocht agus gcomh-oibriú i
rith 2020.*

*Nollaig Shona agus athbhliain
faoi shéan is faoi mhaise
daoibh go léir!*



*To all our Pupils, Teachers, SNAs,
our Secretary Niamh, our Cleaner
Sonia, our Bus Driver Maurice and
all The Bord of Management...*

*Thank you all for your
continued support and co-
operation throughout 2020.
Wishing you all a very Happy
Christmas and a healthy and
safe New Year!*

We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to a number of businesses in Shannon that have provided services free of charge to our school on a number of occasions down through the years, in particular this year, when we needed the help more than ever while preparing for the reopening of the school in August after the first lockdown.

- **E.I Electronics** donated and fitted a free covid screen for the office, hand sanitizer units, display posters, stickers, signage and boxes of hand sanitizer. They also gave a very generous donation of €6,000 to our Parent's Association to buy resources for our school library and classrooms.
- **John O'Sullivan Aerial & Satellite Services**-Installed and fitted new cables and extension leads during classroom and office renovation, also helped with upgrading internet throughout the school (all free of charge).
- **LCM Signs, Smithstown**-Designed and reprinted new classroom door signs for all classrooms as well as for Clodagh's Naíonra /pre-school and new signs for gate at back of school (all free of charge).
- **JCP Carpentry**- supplied and fitted sand box lids for the infant outdoor area. Caoimh has also done many other jobs in the school for us free of charge over the past few years.
- **Gary O'Callaghan (Electrician)** who has helped us out on a number of occasions down through the years.

- **FHB, Smithstown**- Helped out with transport and storage.
- **Halla an Bhaile**- Loaned us social distance stencils for school yard.
- **Shannon Library**- Organise free events and deliver books to the school regularly.
- **Postman James**- Always goes out of his way throughout the year and during school closures for us.
- **Peggy Lynch**- For giving her free time during Maths week to facilitate maths activities for all classes.
- **Sandra Hourigan**- for all her extra duties as our Cisteoir.
- **Valerie & Liam Shanahan**- who keep the school grounds so well maintained.

The list is endless, there are so many kind and generous people to thank in our school community here in Gaelscoil Donncha Rua and in the wider community of Shannon that help throughout the year.

If there is anyone we have forgotten to mention please accept this note as a message of gratitude from all in Gaelscoil Donncha Rua.

Míle, míle buíochas!

