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Information Booklet

'Ar aghaidh linn le chéile'



A Thuismitheoirí,

Is ar mhaithe le sibh a chur ar an eolas mar gheall ar ár scoil a cuireadh an leabhrán seo le chéile. Tá sé mar sprioc againn Bunoideachas Lánghaelach den scoth a chur ar fáil do bhur bpáistí. Tá súil againn go mbeidh an t-eolas sa leabhrán seo ina chabhair mhór daoibh chun tacú linn an aidhm seo a chur i gcrích.

This booklet has been prepared to inform you about our school. We aim to provide your child with an excellent All-Irish Primary Education and hope that the information we have provided in this booklet will enable you to work with us to achieve this objective.

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Fáilte

Cuirim fáilte is fiche rómhaibh go dtí ár scoil. Bunaíodh Gaelscoil de hÍde i 1984. Bhí seisear déag daltaí ar rollaí. Inniu ta breis is ceithre chéad dalta ar na rollaí. Tá obair iontach déanta ag foireann na scoile agus ag tuismitheoirí. Tá sé i gceist againn leannúint leis an obair iontach seo agus sár oideachas lán Ghaélach a chur ar fail do dhaltaí an cheanntair atá ag freastal ar an scoil.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the school. Gaelscoil de hÍde opened its doors for the first time in September 1984. Sixteen pupils were on roll when we started. Today we have close on four hundred pupils on roll. The growth of the school is testament to the excellent work and dedication of our staff as well as the excellent support of our parents and friends.

In 1984 we started in the Old Adair School on Oliver Plunkett Hill. By 1987 it was obvious to us that we needed extra space. In December of that year we moved to the Old Vocational School. In 2007 it was evident that the demand for places would mean extra accommodation. After a lengthy campaign we finally got our 'Scoil Nua'. On the 17th of February 2017 we proudly marched from the old premises to our brand new state of the art Gaelscoil de híde. Our Bórd Bainistíochta along with our excellent Parent Support Group, Cáirde de hÍde' invested over €100,000 in our new school to ensure that we had the latest technology in our classrooms and a fantastic All Weather pitch available to our school community.

Gaelscoil de hÍde provides a stimulating environment where children can reach their full potential in every aspect of development - in physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social terms. This is achieved through a fully integrated, well balanced and structured curriculum from which the children can acquire the skills, knowledge, understanding and attitudes to enable them to become responsible members of society and provide them with a sound base on which the secondary school can build. We provide this education through the medium of Irish and we hope you can pick up some Gaéilge along the way

The new school building and facilities now available to us are child friendly, multi-faceted and totally supports the delivery of an excellent education for all our children.

We look forward with confidence and our aim is to continue with the excellent work that is associated with our school.

''Ar aghaidh linn le chéile''

Tomás Ó Sé

Príomhoide

Mission Statement

- *Gaelscoil de hÍde recognises the vital role of the Irish Language, our Christian faith and our Traditions in the formation and growth of our students for the future*
- *We respect the dignity, talents and needs of each and every student*
- *We endeavour to enable our students to develop a healthy self-image and to form positive relationships with others*
- *We seek to develop confident, competent and complete children, living full and happy lives both now and in the future*
- *We recognise that Gaelscoil parents must be ready to become a vibrant part of our school in order to attain our goals*
- *We acknowledge that change and innovation must permeate all aspects of our Curriculum so that we constantly address ourselves to the Educational challenges of the future*

'Aon fhoireann amháin'

For all the children.

School Timetable

Junior Infants & Senior Infants	**08:45 - 13:30** Sos: 10:45 - 11:00 Lón: 12:15 - 12:45
1st - 6th Class	**08:45 - 14:30** Sos: 11:05 - 11:20 Lón: 12:45 - 13:15



Children are welcomed into the school from 8.30am onwards.

Children in the infant classes go to the school hall, while children from NN2 - Rang 6 go to the school yard. The school day commences at 8.45am. Punctual attendance is essential. All children are required to be in class at 8.50 a.m. It is important that the children are collected promptly at 2.30 p.m. (or 1.30 p.m).

School uniform

Parents will be informed what days children should wear their school uniform and what days children should wear their school tracksuit.

Children's uniforms and tracksuits should all be labelled with the child's name.

Uniform	Tracksuit
• Grey shirt • Grey trousers / pinafore Maroon V neck jumper (with school crest embroidered) • Maroon tie with grey stripes	• Maroon school tracksuit • Maroon t-shirt shirt • Runners • Maroon school shorts for fine weather

(Tracksuit available here). *Gaelscoil de hÍde - Bodibro*

School Uniform available in SHAWS of Fermoy.

Special Educational Teaching- The Continuum of Support.

We welcome all children into our school. In relation to applications for the enrolment of children with Special Needs, we do request a copy of the child's medical and/or psychological or multi disciplinary team report. The Department of Education has set out the Continuum of Support framework to assist schools in identifying and responding to students' needs. This framework recognises that special educational needs occur along a continuum, ranging from mild to severe, and from transient to long term, and that students require different levels of support depending on their identified educational needs.

Using this framework helps to ensure that interventions are incremental, moving from class-based interventions to more intensive and individualised support, and that they are informed by careful monitoring of progress. Pupils who would benefit from extra support can receive support in various ways in class support and some in the form of withdrawal. Withdrawal takes place in small groups. More capable children may also receive extra support to ensure that they are being challenged. Our aim is to provide for all our students through in class support, while also providing support in the form of 1:1 withdrawal and small groups of children where necessary.

We welcome all children into our school. ***We have a special class in the school which is operated in line with DOE guidelines with one teacher and two SNAs to six children in the class****. There is an enrolment policy specific to this class on our school website. In relation to applications for the enrolment of children with Special Needs, we do request a copy of the child's medical and/or psychological report or where such a report is not available, to request that the child be assessed immediately. The purpose of the assessment report is to assist the school in establishing the Educational and Training needs of the child relevant to his/her difficulties or Special Needs and to profile the support services required.*

If you notice that your child is struggling with any aspect of schooling, let us know. Likewise, we will inform you, if we have any concerns regarding your child's educational, physical or emotional development. If this occurs, please don't panic. It is better to find out if there are concerns at an early stage in order to provide support.



Fáilte go Naíonáin Bheaga!

A thuismiteoirí,

Your little scholar will need the following items:

- *No pencil case needed in school until after Christmas*
- *No pencil sharpeners in school*
- *Twistables (not Pencils)*
- *1 Zipped A4+ Plastic Folder (Large A4 Mesh Folder)*
- *Pritt Stick x 2*

** Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled – pencil case, schoolbag, coat, lunch box and **especially all school jumpers and tracksuit tops**.*

Days for tracksuit will be decided in September – white soled runners please (non-marking soles)

Things to Do

- *Practice opening and closing lunch box, coat and school bag, taking on and off jumpers*
- *Ensure all items of lunch can be opened or peeled by your child – fruit, juice carton/ straw, yoghurt (peel fruit at home)*
- *Sports bottle for drinks only*
- *Please note **no kiwis or peanuts** allowed in the school due to severe allergies in the school*
- *Practice toilet hygiene and flushing at home*
- *Please let us know if your child has any food allergies, medical conditions or anything else you feel we need to be aware of*
- *Use any cúpla focal you have with múinteoirí and school staff*
- *We will be asking whether you would like your child to be called by the Irish or English version of their name at school (it will always be as Gaeilge in the roll and official correspondence) ie. John = Seán*

Naíonáin Bheaga will start their day at 8.45 and will finish school at 12 noon until the middle of September. (an exact date will be given) From mid September on they will have 2 lunch breaks and finish at 1.30pm.

Ag súil go mór leis an mbliain atá romhainn le Naíonáin

Bheaga, Le gach dea-ghuí,

Múinteoirí Naíonáin.

Calendar 2024-2025



- ***School Re-opens*** *Wednesday*
  28th August 2024

- ***Mid-term Break***
  Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

- ***Christmas Holidays***
  Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.00
  School re-opens Monday 6th January 2025

- ***New Public Holiday***
  Monday 3rd Feb 2025

- ***Mid-term Break***
  Thursday 20th February 2025 &
  Friday 21st February 2025

- ***St. Patrick's Day***
  Monday 17th March 2025

- ***Easter Holidays***
  Friday 11th April 2025 at 12.00
  School re-opens Monday 28th April 2025

- ***Public Holidays***
  Monday 5th May
  2025
  Monday 2nd June 2025

- ***Summer Holidays***
  Friday 20th June 2025 at 12.00



School Curriculum

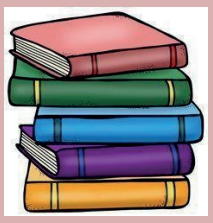
- ✓ *Gaeilge (Irish)*
- ✓ *Béarla (English)*
- ✓ *Matamaitic (Mathematics)*
- ✓ *Stair (History)*
- ✓ *Tír Eolaíocht (Geography)*
- ✓ *Eolaíocht (Science)*
- ✓ *Ealaíon (Visual Arts)*
- ✓ *Ceol (Music)*
- ✓ *Drámaíocht (Drama)*
- ✓ *Corp Oideachais (P.E)*
- ✓ *Creideamh (Religion)*
- ✓ *Oideachas Shoisialta Phearsanta agus Sláinte (Social, Personal, Health Education)*
- ✓ *Scileanna Ríomhaireachta (ICT: Computer Skills)*



Book Lists & School books

It is school policy to use a wide range of books. In practical terms this will mean the school will provide school books to the students. These school books will be returned at the end of the year and need to be minded. Copybooks will also be provided to pupils in the school. They will be supplied with these when they return to school in September. All stationary supplies and pencils, rulers etc will be supplied by the parents. Therefore, even though the children will always have their own books during the school year, they will be obliged to pass them back to the school when they are finished with them. This policy will allow for the purchase of extra books each year without undue cost. It is vitally important that books are covered and always kept neat and tidy.

If a book is damaged or lost it will have to be replaced. As these books are the property of the school, children should write their names on the temporary covers and not on the books.





Immersion Education

The school community's understanding of immersion education is a central element of the school's vision and philosophy

- *The practice in the school is to immerse the children in Irish from the beginning to the end of the day except when English is being taught, with early immersion in effect in Junior Infants. That is to say that no English is taught in Junior Infants.*
- *Irish is the language of instruction and the language of communication between teachers and students.*
- *Complete fluency in English and Irish is achieved - the child acquires enough Irish to enhance their pre-literate skills as they take on English after November in Senior Infants.*
- *The majority of the pupils come from English speaking homes, and it is school policy to immerse them in Irish for that one year in order to develop their ability to think in the second language. Thus it is through Irish that the Junior Infant class learn both Pre-reading and Formal reading skills. However, once they have mastered the basic pre-reading skills they apply them to English reading spontaneously.*
- *From Senior Infants on, the teaching of formal English is strongly emphasised to ensure that all children attain a high standard in the language. It is our experience in Gaelscoil de hÍde that this approach is very successful.*

- *More information on immersion education is available here: https://gaeloideachas.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Bunscoil-BILINGUAL.pdf*

Policies

School policies are available on the school website:
https://gaelscoildehide.com/polasaithe/

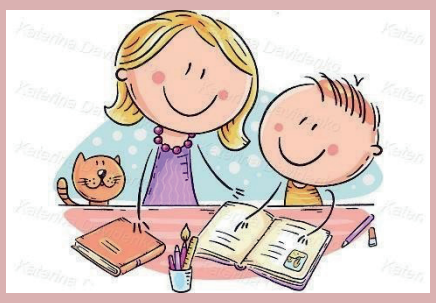
Parent-Teacher Meetings



- ✓ *Parent-Teacher meetings are organised for Junior Infants to 6th Class in October/November.*
- ✓ *Outside of these meetings paretns are always welcome to discuss concerns about their child by arranging an appointment in advance with the principal or class teacher.*

Obair Bhaile

The children are required to complete whatever homework they are given, to the best of their ability. Each child is responsible for doing his/her own homework. Should a child have difficulty with any particular aspect of the homework a note should be sent to the teacher. Nobody else should complete the homework. It is important that at least one parent be familiar with the type and amount of homework his/her child is required to do, and that this work is signed each day. Parents should also ensure that their child/children endeavour to maintain a high standard of penmanship in their written activities.



Homework Guidelines:

- *Junior Infants:*

Parents are given an information leaflet outling practical ways of helping children with their homework. Simple written exercises are given in the second term to reinforce work on numbers, letters, writing and word recognition. Emphasis is placed on informal work and oral work and this should be done in an enjoyable manner

- *Senior Infants - around 15 mins*
- *1st & 2nd Class - around 30 mins*
- *3rd & 4th Class- around 45 mins*
- *5th & 6th Class - around 1 hour*

Green Schools

Every effort is made in Gaelscoil de hÍde to look after the environment. We have been presented with a Green Flag for all our hard work in these areas:

- ✓ *Recycling*
- ✓ *Energy*
- ✓ *Water*
- ✓ *Travel*
- ✓ *Biodiversity*



We also organise 'Céadaoin na gCos' on a weekly basis to encourage children and parents to walk to school.

We are a Health Promoting School and we encourage the children to bring a healthy lunch EVERY day. (No Treats). See policy on school website.

Mobile Phones

Children sometimes have mobile phones, with their parents' permission. The phones will not be required during school hours. If it is necessary to call, it will be done from the office. Children should give the phone to the teacher at the start of the day and it will be stored in a safe place until the end of the day when it is returned. The phone is not allowed to be turned on until the child is outside the school gate.



Attendance

It is important that your child is at school every day, except in the case of illness or various other reasons that are explained.
All absences should be registered on 'Aladdin'.
Under the rules of the Education Welfare Act 2000, the school must contact the Education Welfare Officer if:

a. *children are regularly absent, and/or*
b. *if the child is absent for 20 days a year*

School Transport Scheme- Remote Area Grant

The eligibility criteria for School Transport is currently under review by the Dept of Education. Th exact details have not been confirmed but there will be a scheme and all parents are eligible to apply.
The purpose of the school transport scheme is to support the transport to and from school of children who reside within a certain distance from the school. This distance was 2.7km and further however parents living closer than that are also entitled to apply.

Application process: Parents of a child wishing to avail of school transport services, for the firs time, are required to complete an online Application Form for School Transport at www.buseireann.ie there is a portal there and it is currently open. It closes in April but we do not have a specific date.
Bus Éireann, which operates the school transport scheme on behalf of the Department, will contact all applicants regarding their eligibility for school transport:

- *Where there is a transport service available for eligible children, Bus Éireann will continue to liaise with eligible families regarding invoicing, payments, ticketing etc.*
- *Where there is no transport service available for eligible children, Bus Éireann will forward the applicants' details to the Department; the Department will then contact families directl regarding the Remote Area Grant.*

It is important to note that an application for school transport must be made before a Remote Area Grant may be considered.

Remote Area Grant.
An eligible child for whom no transport service is available may, following an application for transport within the prescribed time limits, receive a Remote Area Grant towards the cost of private transport arrangements.
There are guidelines set out in relation to distances and rates of payment for the grant but those exact details are not available to us at present as they are under review.
This document should be associated with the School Transport Scheme which is available on the Department's website at www.education.ie

School Transport Section
Department of Education and Skills
Portlaoise Road
Tullamore
Co Offaly
057-9325466/7

Extra-Curricular Activities

Sport:

Sciath na Scol

The children of the school get the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sports - especially football, hurling, camogie and ladies football. The school takes part in the outdoor and indoor Sciath na Scol competitions every year from 3rd-6th Class. Teachers hav training and practice before school Mon-Fri.

Soccer

The same applies for soccer for boys and girls. They have had huge success in local an countywide competitions. Teachers have training and practice before school Mon-Fri.

Swimming

The school organises swimming lessons for all classes from 1st-6th Class in Fermoy Health and Leisure.
The classes usually have six lessons.



Dancing

The school has our own Irish Dancing teacher and the classes are held weekly individual to every class.

Chess

The school has started a new chess club that meet weekly. It is a huge success and we have entered and held tournaments in the school.

School Tours

All school tours are subject to change annually.
This year's school tours are: Leahys' Open farm (NNI & NNII), Mardyke Arena (Rang 1/2) Ballyhass Mallow (Rang 3/4).
*5th & 6th class go to **Dingle** for their school tour every year. They stay for 2 nights in the Irish speaking Gaeltacht of West Kerry. It is a major highlight for the students of the school as the trip is packed with fun activities and has been running since 1987.*







School choir and music group

We have a school choir and music group. These meet to learn and practice music on a weekly basis.



French

We have French classes in the school on a weekly basis given by a teacher in the school.

Other Sporting Activities

- ✓ *Athletics - City Sports*

Homework Club

There is the service of a homework club for pupils in 1st to 6th class each day from when school finishes at 14:30 until 15:30. Pupils are collected from the school at 15:30. ***The teachers of the school run the Homework Club and it is very popular. It is ran and organised separately from the school.***

After School Club

There is also an after-school club that is on offer to pupils from first to sixth class. It starts at 15:30 each day and finishes at 17:00. ***The teachers of the school run the After School Club. It is ran and organised separately from the school***

Board of Management

The Patron of the school is the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne. The school is run by a Board of Management of eight:-

- ✓ *Two members appointed by and representative of the Patron.*
- ✓ *Two parents (a mother and a father) of children in the school*
- ✓ *The Principal Teacher*
- ✓ *One other teacher from the school staff.*
- ✓ *Two extra members proposed by those nominees as described in (a) - (d) above.*





Cairde de hÍde

(Parents association)

Cairde de hÍde is a vital part of school life and the events organised by the Coiste add greatly to the spirit of the school. The activities and events organised are both social and fundraising, as these are the main aims of the Cairde de hÍde. We would urge all parents to make a special effort to support any of Cairde activities as the funds raised benefit your child directly. With the threat of funding cuts in Education, the fundraising efforts of Cairde will be more vital than ever and will need the support of all parents. School management has been working each year to upgrade and maintain the school to the highest standards - repainting, upgrading classroom furniture and of course ensuring that children have access to the most up to date I.T. facilities.
These efforts will be made more difficult with the proposed cutbacks and the school may have to depend more on the parents and Cairde.

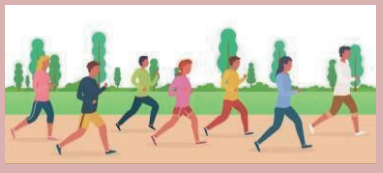
These are some of the events organised by the committee:

- ✓ *Street Collection*
- ✓ *Church Gate Collection*
- ✓ *Inter School Quiz*
- ✓ *Seó na Nollag*
- ✓ *Crannchur na Nollag*
- ✓ *Golf Classic*

They are also involved in:

- ✓ *Confimation and Communion celebration days*
- ✓ *Information Night for new parents*
- ✓ *Recylcing of uniforms and tracksuits*

Parents may volunteer to support Cairde de hÍde at the AGM and remain in the committee for two years. We are very grateful to all members of Cairde.



Religion



- ✓ *Gaelscoil de hÍde is a Catholic, co-educational Gaelscoil, under the Patronage of the Catholic Bishop of Cloyne.*
- ✓ *We recognise the importance of developing the child's full potential and nurturing him/her in all aspects of his/her life in terms of personal, academic, social, spiritual, moral, physical and emotional development.*
- ✓ *The program "I nGrá Dé" is taught in all classes from Junior Infants to 6th Class.*
- ✓ *We have an annual mass in the school.*
- ✓ *2nd Class is prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion.*
- ✓ *6th Class are prepared for Confirmation.*
- ✓ *Respect for different religious values and traditions in society will also be shown.*

'Ar Scáth a Chéile a Mhaireann na Daoine'











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