Nuacht de h-Íde Nollaig 2018

Cúpla focal ón bPríomh Oide!

An Nollaig buailte linn agus téarma fada críochnaithe. Obair iontach ar siúl ar fud na scoile agus gach duine ag obair go dian. Daidí na Nollag ag obair go dian chómh maith agus é ullamh chun a thuras fada a dhéanamh Oiche Nollag.
Christmas is upon us again following a very busy term. The school community have been extremely busy this term culminating in our excellent Seó na Nollag and a very enjoyable sleepover for our Ranganna 5 & 6.
I would like to thank the school staff for putting in such a huge effort with the children again this year. They do deserve a well earned rest.
Our parents have been very supportive and our Cairde de hÍde have been extremely busy. I thank them for their constant work and commitment to the school.
On January 6th. 2019 our colleague Marian Uí Shionnaigh retires from the teaching profession. I would like to congratulate Marian on her retirement. I thank her for her contribution to the school over the past twenty years. She has always worked diligently on behalf of the pupils in her care.
I wish her the very best in her retirement and many years of health and happiness with her family. Her teaching will forever be treasured and her contribution can never be measured.
Guim gach rath uirthi sna blianta atá amach roimpi agus buiochas i gcónaí dá saothar ar son Ghaelscoil de hÍde.
I would like to wish the school community a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.
Nollaig Shona agus Bliain Nua faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.



''Tá coinnle an linbh Íosa ag soilsiú inár dtreo
I bhfuinneoigín aolteach fanfaidh Muire go leó
Seo Féile na saoithe, na mbocht is na mbrón



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School re-opens on Mon. 7th of January 2019
Scoil ag oscailt arís ar an 7ú Eanair 2019









Seachtain na hEólaíochta

Gaelscoil de hIde celebrated National Science Week from Nov 11th –Nov 18th. Each class placed a special emphasis on science which allowed the childrens enquiring minds enter into the world of a scientist. We welcomed local scientists from Moorepark who are attached to the APC Enterprise. Mairead Carberry and Fiona Browne conducted experiments with 5th and 6th classes examining bacteria in our bodies and our environment. Angela Mc Glynn from Anyone4Science conducted an exciting workshop on the theme of "Forces" with the junior classes.
The week culminated with a Science Fair in the school hall conducted by 6th class to which all class were invited.The energy and enthusiasm was palpable.
Maith sibh go léir
Órla Uí Mhurchú













Seó na Nollag : Seó na Nollag 2018 provided plenty of entertainment, drama and songs. The 3 dress rehearsals gave pupils an opportunity to see all of the shows and this year "baby shark" was a great hit. On hearing the music , all the children and some múinteoirí stood up and began to sing along and do the actions. Great fun!

Naíonáin Bheaga: Naíonáin Bheaga provided us with a selection of songs and poems. They enjoyed their first seó na nollag on the big stage. There was plenty of colour and we also saw baby shark and other friendly creatures "Istigh sa Zú".

Naíonáin Mhóra: Naíonáin Mhóra also provided super entertainment with a medley of songs. There were action songs galore and lots of dance. The many varieties of Christmas jumpers created great colour and the children were excited about performing for friends and family.

Rang 1: It is traditional for Rang 1 to showcase " Scéal na Nollag". Both of the shows were bright and sparkly and the children sang a selection of familiar ,catchy songs that had us all singing along at the dress rehearsals.

Rang 2: Wearing their beautiful Christmas jumpers, both Rg. 2 classes sang some familiar pop songs as Gaeilge. We also heard the chant that was composed about the Fermoy football team after their recent victory. Maith sibh!

Rang 3: The Wizard of Oz is a firm favourite with everybody. The costumes were fabulous and we were all relieved when Dorothy and friends were granted their wishes from the wizard. Audience members could be heard singing along to the dulcet tones of Judy Garland.

Rang 3.: Na Cuiditheoirí. Rang 3 introduced us to the children who didn't like school but after an intervention from the fairy folk the children had a change of heart and schooldays became happy days for them…..and múinteoir! Beautiful upbeat, lively songs from Matilda the musical with a great solo intro from a little star.

Rang 4: Rang 4 showcased their tin whistle playing and followed on with a mixture of singing , dancing and poetry. We also witnessed Gráinne (pupil in Rg.4) complete the Rubik's Cube in 30 seconds…….yes 30 **SECONDS!**

Rang 5: Rang 5 (Gráinne) sang a beautiful medley of songs starting with a raindrop effect by clicking their fingers… this developed into a thunderstorm and then they opened their show with Africa by Toto as Gaeilge. Their finale was a "mash up" of 12 Christmas songs which had us all singing along .

Rang 5: (Tomás) had us in hysterics with his synchronised swimmers. Billy Murphy Junior made an appearance on the school bus and insisted on all the passengers singing…..much to the delight of the passengers!

Rang 6 (Jamie): Shrek 4G had a strong message for us all. As a society, too many of us have become all too dependent on our phones, social media etc. It is very important to make time for one another and speak to one another rather than communicate through social media! There was plenty of singing and dancing from all the characters in Far Far Away…..Great Fun…Well done!

Rang 6(Richeal): Peter Pan was presented to us in panto form with an invitation to the audience to join in at every given opportunity. Singing crocodiles, flying soft toys, karaoke and an interesting Ryanair flight! Captain Hook met his nemesis Peter Pan and when all hope was lost, Spiderman saved the day! And once again, Baby Shark was a huge hit with all of the audience, young and old!



Carol Singing: It is now an annual tradition for Rg. 4 to go carol singing at this time of year. The carol singing takes place outside Centra and this year the carol singers were joined by the grúpa ceoil. Well done to all the pupils in Rg. 4 who sang, danced,played instruments and made the fundraiser a huge success. Buíochas chomh maith dos na múinteoirí a chabhraigh ar an lá leis an gceoil agus in aon slí eile. Proceeds of the carol singing will go to the Mercy Heroes.

Christmas Jumper Day: Pupils were invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday 21st December. Funds raised from Christmas Jumper Day will go to the Cork City Hospitals' Children's Club. We are expecting an amazing sea of colour, lights and Christmas characters on the jumpers and it is something we all look forward to at this lovely time of year



Shoebox Appeal: The school took part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The appeal was extended to all classes. This worthy cause helps vulnerable children overseas by ensuring they receive a gift at Christmas time and bring some joy to their lives. We are delighted to say we received a total of 210 boxes from pupils and the organisers of the appeal were extremely grateful and thrilled with Gaelscoil de hÍde's contribution. Míle buíochas to all who contributed.



School Quiz: We got the quiz season off to a great start with our annual table quiz which was held on Friday the 9th of November. This is open to all pupils in classes from 3rd to 6th with junior and senior competitions. This year we had a total of 84 teams and we are grateful to Graham Clifford who was quizmaster for the event. The Andy McGrath Memorial Trophy was won by Kilmagner . Well done to the buachaillí in Rg. 5 who were in 3rd place. A special word of thanks to ALL who helped out in any way at the quiz……Staff members , Cáirde de hÍde and parents…..much appreciated.





Raidió na Gaelscoile: Friday the 7th of December was another first…….historic day for the school with the launch of Raidió na Gaelscoile. Pupils from Rg. 6 , with the help of Graham Clifford, have been extremely busy in the last few weeks preparing for this new initiative. We heard school news , sports report , weather , teacher inter-





Cad é sin as Gaeilge?

Cúpla focal as Gaeilge, nó "de lingo"

Bliain Nua Faoi mhaise dhuit (bleein nooa fwee vaishe dit) Happy New Year

Nollaig Shona*(Nulig huna)*Happy Christmas

Leanbh Íosa *(Lanuv Ee-o-sa)* Baby Jesus

Lá Nollag *(Law Nulug)* Christmas Day

Bronntanas *(Brun-to-nas)* Present

Daidí na Nollag *(Daddy na Nulug)* Santa

Trick or Treat: The €700 raised from the Hallowe'en dress up in October was divided between Brú Columbanus and Temple St. Hospital. Both were appreciative of the contributions received.
Míle buíochas to páistí and parents for making a huge effort with all the Hallowe'en costumes.





Cáirde de hÍde would like to thank all those parents and families who bought Crannchur na Nollag Tickets and gave an hour of their time to collect money for the Gaelscoil on Friday 14th December.

Cyberbullying: Fermoy Community Garda, Conor Gately, recently visited the school where he spoke to pupils in Rangan-na 5 and 6 about cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is online bullying and because children have so much access to technolo-gy ,cyberbullying is becoming increasingly common. Pupils were advised to keep their passwords and pin numbers to themselves and not to have too obvious a password eg. 12345. Also if it happens that they are being bullied online , they should not reply , they should block that person and tell an adult. Parents should also consider limiting their child's access to technogy.

BULLYING , IN ANY FORM, IS UNACCEPTABLE.

Caife Sláintiúil: Rg. 5 (Gráinne) invited pupils to their healthy café recently. On arrival , we were greeted by pupils offer-ing a selection of delicious smoothies, freshly made sandwiches and perfectly chopped fruit of all varieties……and all prepared by the buachaillí and cailíní of Rg. 5 . Maith sibh!

Ceiliúradh Bliain na Gaeilge

On Friday the 7th of December, we celebrated the closing of Bliain na Gaeilge. After weeks and weeks of organising, the day had finally come. It is certainly safe to day that everyone had a fantastic day and night!The idea originated when we were thinking of new innovative ways to encourage the children to speak "as Gaeilge". As mad as the idea seemed, we thought "Why not!" And what a success it was!

In school, we were extremely fortunate to have the legendary commentator Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh and the great Seán Óg Ó hAilpín visit us. Third, fourth, fifth and sixth class were completely engrossed in the question and answer session that they en-gaged in. Children and adults alike, took in every single word and it's fair to say that everyone left the hall feeling motivated and inspired!

Junior infants up to second class were visited by Jimmy Crowley, who played songs and told stories. He even performed "Baby Shark"!!!!!!

Later that day, the children of fifth and sixth class returned to the school at half past three. An action packed evening awaited them! First, they headed to Hanna's where a Pop Up Gaeltacht had been established for the day! And what a feast awaited them! The food and drink was plentiful and Gaeilge was to be heard throughout the restaurant between staff and children alike! The at-mosphere was "dochreidte"! A special word of thanks to Dave Ryan of Hanna's who sponsored all the food for the children. Táimid fiorbhuíoch.

Upon returning to the school, we got straight into the céilí. Amhlaoibh in Rang a Sé was ready with his bosca ceoil and the music continued for the next hour and a half. Parents joined in the celebrating and were up doing their "aon, dó, trís!" Every child was then entered into a raffle to win one of three signed GAA jerseys; Cork, Kerry and Dublin. What a fantastic prize!

The night continued down in Texaco garage where the children were treated to pizzas and drinks. Again, Gaeilge was the language to be heard! Everybody was absolutely buzzing!

The hall was set up for the long night ahead. The children organised their sleeping bags and before going to sleep, they watched movies in their classrooms. Members of Cairde de hÍde had kindly organised treats for them during the movie!

Finally, time to go to bed. Everybody headed straight for bed, but as for sleeping, it might have been a while after!

The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the entire day and night and they showed how Gaeilge can be used locally. We hope it gives them and the local community some encouragement to use their "cúpla focal" and to be proud of the Gaeilge! Mar a deirtear, "Beatha Teanga Í a Labhairt".

We really appreciate the help of fellow staff members and those who stayed throughout the night without who's help the sleepover would not have been possible. A special thank you to the parents who also helped with supervision overnight. **(Richeal)**







