Nuacht de hÍde Cáisc 2018

Cúpla focal ón bPríomh Oide!

Saoire na Cásca anseo. Tá sé soiléir ón Nuacht seo go bhfuil alán ar siúl sa scoil.
Buiochas le gach éinne a d'oibrigh chómh dian I rith an téarma agus an obair go léir a bhí idir lámha.
Tá sos deas tuillte ag gach éinne anois agus tá súil agam go mbeidh sos deas suaimhneach sábháilte agaibh go léir.
We have had a very busy couple of weeks since Christmas and our young journalists have been busy collecting the news. Well done to Fiona for co-ordinating. Well done to Mairead and Louise for designing the Nuacht de hÍde.
As we can see from all the articles in our current issue the school has been a hive of activity since Christmas. Staff, pupils, Cáirde and parents have been extremely busy. Everybody deserves a good break.
It is still a concern though that a minority of parents/ guardians/babysitters are not co-operating with the safety aspects of our school car park. Double parking is still an issue. The one way system in the car park is not adhered to. We must understand that young children are coming and going everyday and they need adults to behave in an ultra safe manner when driving in and out of the school. I hope that we see an improvement after Easter. I am also asking parents to consider encouraging their children to walk to school where it is safe to do so which would reduce the number of cars coming and going. Parents have highlighted the weight of school bags as an issue and we will address what we can do to lighten that load!!! Sometimes children do have items that are not needed for school in their bags. Holiday time could be a an ideal opportunity to do a spring clean on the mála scoile!!!
I am asking all parents to check your child's hair during the break and take necessary precautions if necessary.
Hope you enjoy our Nuacht and I wish you all a happy Easter. Stay Safe.
Cáisc Shona daoibh go léir.



OPEN EVENING

We held our Oíche Oscailte/ Open Evening on Wednesday 22nd March. It was a busy evening as prospective pupils and their parents were shown around the school. Children who already have siblings in school were confidently finding their way along while new families were in awe of the school and navigating their way around proved tricky at times. There are places available for this coming school year so the school can be contacted for an enrolment form at 025/31217 or in-fo@gaelscoildehide.com.

FIRE BRIGADE VISITS THE GAELSCOIL

The infant classes were treated to a visit by the local fire brigade and firemen. The most exciting thing about the visit for the children was getting on board the fire engine. The siren was also turned on as were the jets of water that were propelled into the air. A great time was had by all. Míle Buíochas to Lisa and all the staff in Teach na Leanaí for organising the visit.



EUROPEAN UNION

Over the past six weeks, all pupils from Rang 1 and Rang 5 have been taking part in a pilot scheme where they have been learning about the European Union. The course is being led by Dr. Emmanuelle Schon-Quinlivan, who lectures in European Politics in UCC. She is being assisted by Graham Clifford. The pupils have been having great fun and have learned a lot .When the course is completed , the students will travel to UCC for an official graduation ceremony.



Is your child enrolled for September 2018??? Spaces available.



One day lately a man named John Shanahan came to visit us in Gaelscoil. Sadly John is blind but luckly for him his best friend and constant companion is his lovely guide dog Vasco. John and Vasco have a great relationship. Vasco is by John's side from morning till night to help him out with everyday living. John told us how he did a swim in Cork Harbour a few years ago to raise money for the Irish Guide Dogs as they had given Vasco to him and it changed his life once he got him. We all really enjoyed their visit and can't wait to see them again next year!

Alison Ní Ríogáin Reporting Rang 5

Presentation fro Marymount Hospice

The annual Christmas carol singing outside Centra raised a total of €675 for Marymount Hospice. This money was presented to Róisín Fanning's family. Go raibh maith agaibh to all pupils in Rg 4 and to



the múinteoirí who helped out.



FAI Spar Soccer Blitz The Spar FAI Primary Schools 5s took place recently. The boys' team went to Blarney and lost out on goal difference and admittedly were "gutted!" The girls' team travelled to Midleton and reached the semi-finals. They have now been invited to play in Turner's Cross at a date to be arranged. Well done to all involved. Also a special word of thanks to Spar, Cork Rd. who paid the entry fee for both teams. Míle Buíochas.







LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG 2018 is celebrating Bliain na Gaeilge so the obvious theme for Gaelscoil de hÍde's entry in the St. Patrick's Day parade was "Bliain na Gaeilge". Children from all classes walked with pride as they held their seanfhocal aloft . Nuair a bhíonn an cat amuigh bíonn an luch ag rince , Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin and many more. Well done to all the children who braved the bitterly cold weather and for their tremendous effort which won Best Educational Award. Buíochas to all the tuismitheoirí and múinteoirí who helped on the day.

CÉILÍ MÓR The St. Patrick's Day festivities spilled over to Tuesday 20th of March in the Gaelscoil with a fun filled céilí. The junior classes up to Rg 2 gave us a demonstration of their best aon ,dó trís . The music was upbeat and infectious and when the middle and senior classes had their chance to dance, there was no stopping them. It was great to see all the pupils dancing in time to the music and confidently knowing all the steps to the dances. Great fun was had by all. Maith sibh páistí!





CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day is a fun day for all. It's a day when the Christmas jumper is worn with pride, a day to spread the festive cheer. No jumper is too loud or ostentatious, each one is hailed "Fabulous, gorgeous, beautiful!" It is also an annual fundraising day and this year a grand total of €605 was raised for a Fermoy group who help the homeless. Míle Buíochas for your contribution.

GALA SNÁMH

The Schools Swimming Gala was held in Fermoy Leisure Centre on Friday 23rd March. Children from Rang 2 upwards were invited to attend the gala. Trials for the relay teams were held on the 28th February……..just in time before the beast from the East and Storm Emma descended! This year just over 40 children took part in the gala and they were accompanied by staff members on the day. Go raibh maith agat to all parents who volunteered their time and who helped out on the day, it is greatly appreciated. Well done to all the children who took part, maith sibh!

OUR LOVE FOR VEGGIES IS UNBEETABLE Rang 4 Jamie took on the blindfold taste challenge with a vast array of fruits and veg, some of which the class had never seen before.All in all everyone had a **berry** good time. Great way to have fun and try new things.



SCÓR NA BPAISTÍ 2018

Scór was excellent this year. We did brilliantly. We were entered into four categories : Singing (Sadhbh), Music Group (Daisy, Ellen Sjaberg, Amhlaoibh, Ellen Diggin and Criostóir ó Rg 6). Recitation(Ellen Sjaberg, Niall and Ciallian. We got into the second round with the quiz group and the music group. We got second place in the second round for our two pieces: The Cascade and An Gaoth Aneas. The quiz group got third place in that round so we were very happy going home. **Ellen Sjaberg and Daisy Moller reporting.**



SPELLING BEE

Comhghairdeas to Joshua O Beirne who represented the school at the recent Spelling Bee in Rochestown Park Hotel on Wednesday 15th of March. A big ask, the day before his Confirmation! Well done Josh agus go raibh maith agat.



RANG A 3 - CHOIRM GAEL LINN 2018

We took park in Choirm Gael Linn. We loved doing our Christmas play so much we entered into Choirm. We practiced for four weeks after Christmas every day. We had to change the play around a small bit as Choirm is an all Irish competition. This meant learning new lines!The name of our play was x factor Máinistir Fhearmaí.We left the school at half nine the morning of Choirm and we got a bus to the community centre. We were greeted by giggles the clown'. He was very funny and kept up entertained throughout the day!We won two awards, one for our characters and another one for our choreography. We were delighted as we worked so hard to achieve these!The judge was extremely impressed with out version of the song 'Adiamus' and he loved our choreography too!We are very proud of ourselves and our teacher Gráinne is also extremely proud!



LÁ GLAS

On Wednesday morning, 28th February, despite the sub-zero temperatures, 61% of children walked, cycled or did park and stride to school. This was our introduction to a very productive green day. As our flag this year is for the Energy and Global Citizenship, we worked hard at reducing energy consumption throughout the day. Classes learnt more about the themes during the day, with activities in the classroom and the school hall. Michael O Leary from Tyndall Institute worked with the senior classes on the Energy Theme. One of the highlights of our Green Day was when all children from Naionáin Bheaga to Rang a 6 sang the song "Usaid Aris" and danced to the Cód Glas in unison. We will continue our efforts for Walk on Wednesday on 21st March, 25th April, 30th May and 20th June. We hope to have news of our Green Flag within the next few weeks. BÍgÍ Glas!



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Rinne gach páiste póstaer ag ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Nuair a a bhí an Bingo ar siúl sa halla bhí babhta amháin as Gaeilge agus Seán ag glaoch amach na huimhreacha.

Cad é sin as Gaeilge?

Cúpla focal as Gaeilge, nó "de lingo"

Happy Easter - Cáisc Shona dhuit
Easter Egg - Ubh Chásca
Easter Bunny - Coinín Cásca
Lent - An Carghas

Fermoy Rotary Club Winner

When Hannah Sjaberg Rg 4 took a photo of her little puppy Stella and entered the Young Photographer of the Year Competition she hoped that Stella , who was peeping out of a handbag, might be a winner and she is indeed. Hannah will attend the Corrin Event Centre on Thursday 22nd to receive her prize which, she is reliably informed is €€€€ ! Comhghairdeas Hannah.

Cómhneartú

Children from Rg. 6 received their Confirmation on Thursday 15th March in St. Patrick's Church Fermoy. Bishop Crean officiated on the day with the help of other clergy members from the parish. A special word of thanks to Sr. Nuala who co-ordinated the ceremony and directed proceedings on the day. Afterwards, families were invited back to the school for refreshments. Go raibh míle maith agaibh to parents and friends who helped out in the hall.

Smoothies in Rg. 3 Martina.

We had great fun in Rg. 3 Martina when we worked together to make Smoothies. Each child brought some fruit, orange and yoghurt to school. It was exciting to taste all the different flavoured smoothies. Táimíd go léir an shláintiúil.Múinteoir Martina

Yoga as Gaeilge

All classes from Naíonáin to Rang a 6 enjoyed yoga in the halla on Thursday 22nd of March. The yoga instructor, Ciarán Mac Fhearghusa had travelled from Dublin and spent the day in the hall introducing the children to different yoga poses. Óga Yoga is specifically for young children and it was obvious that they thoroughly enjoyed it. As the pupils sat on their mats and Ciarán called out the instructions as Gaeilge, you could hear a pin drop…… HONESTLY!

St. Brigid's Cross



The tradition of making St. Brigid's Cross on the 1st February is an annual event for Rg. 5. Thanks to all the parents who made a huge effort to collect the rushes and to Rg. 5 and Múinteoir Tomás who created the crosses.

Céad Faoistin

In preparation for their Céad Comaoine , children from Rg 2 had their First Confession on the 5th March in St. Patrick's Church Fermoy. Comhghairdeas to all the páistí and you can now look forward to the Céad Comaoine.

Bia Sláintiúil/ Making Pizzas!



Having won the Bia Sláintiúil/ Healthy Eating Challenge during the term , Rg 4 (Jamie) got an opportunity to go to Supermacs to make their own pizzas. Each pupil was given dough which they had to roll. Then they selected their favourite toppings . The pizzas were baked in a hot oven and soon after, the children were enjoying their own creations. Well done páistí

Scoil Sláintiúil.

A blitz on Healthy Eating/Healthy Lunchboxes was organised by Múinteoir Martina in January and lasted for 5 weeks. With the help of the hard working Healthy Schools Committee – Josh, Seán, Eilís, Aoibhe, Éabha, Mia, Leah, Zara, Keelin and Marina , we recorded the fruit and veg in each class on a daily basis. Each Friday a trophy was awarded to the best class in the junior section and in the senior section. Comhghairdeas le gach duine as an sár iarracht a rinne said gach seachtain agus to Rang 4 Jamie , our overall winners! Maith Sibh! Múinteoir Martina

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated in style and enthusiasm on Friday 9th March. Such a great effort was made by the pupils and their parents for this lovely event. Children dressed up as their favourite characters and attention to detail was remarkable. A very enjoyable day for all.



Million Steps Challenge.

The Million Steps Challenge is an initiative set up by Fermoy Community Health and the aim of the project is to get children active. Pupils from Rg. 6 are given four weeks to reach the total of one million steps. Each pupil is given a pedometer from Monday to Friday. The pedometer counts the number of steps taken each day and this is recorded daily. Hopefully the end result is one million steps or more.

Graffiti Theatre Compnay

The Graffiti Theatre Company visited the school on Friday 16th March. They performed "An Fear Siúil" for Rang 3. It told the story of the walking man (wooden puppet) who was always on the move, always rushing along. But, one day things take an unexpected twist……! It was a lovely, child friendly drama and all the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Cór Fhéile na Scol took place in Cork City Hall on Thursday the 22nd of March. Pupils from Rang a 6 participated in this concert. They sang a selection of Irish songs and also played the tin whistle. They received a certificate of participation for their performance. They also enjoyed watching the variety of acts from other schools. Cór Fhéile acknowledges each school for their individual efforts in a non competitive manner. Comhghairdeas to all the pupils and múinteoirí.