

Nuacht de h-Íde

The newsletter of Gaelscoil de h-Íde

Samhradh 2023

Focail ón bPriomh Oide

Tá súil agam go bhfuil gach éinne ag súil le saoire an tSamhraidh!!! Bhí bliain fada, gnóthach agus torthúil againn i mbliana. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuiochas a ghabháil le phobal na scoile as ucht an cabhair, tacaíocht agus cur cuige a bhí le braithint i ngach gnéith den scoilíocht i mbliana. Tá foireann iontach againn sa scoil, tá an tádh dearg linn. Tá tuismitheoirí na scoile gníomhach agus cabhrach. Níl uainn ach tacaíocht agus tá sé le feiscint go rialto uaibh. Go raibh maith agaibh. Tréaslaím le daltaí na scoile. Tá sár iarracht déanta acu i mbliana agus táimíd ar fad bródúil astu agus cad tá déanta acu le bliain anuas. I hope you are all looking forward to a lovely relaxing Summer. We had a very busy year in Gaelscoil de hÍde this year and I want to thank the school community for all you do to support our efforts. We are lucky to have an energetic and hard-working staff and I would like to thank them for their efforts throughout the year. I would like to thank Mairéad and Louise in the oifig who are such a vital part of this school in all they do. To our caretaker Paul thank you for all the help and support. There is a great atmosphere within the staff and this helps with the overall positivity in the school. I would really like to thank all parents for your support and understanding all year. I know it can be challenging at times but your support is so important to how this school performs and we appreciate your efforts. We always welcome your input and support. Gura míle maith agaibh!!! To all our students I salute you and the effort you made this year with your work. We had a very busy year with so many activities and their behaviour and the way they represented the school was a credit to us all. They took part in so many different competitions and projects it was great to watch them enjoy it and develop educationally and socially as a result. Huge effort went into it from all the people I have already thanked. There were too many trips and school tours to mention but I know the children had a ball with them. To those who are leaving the school we wish you nothing but success and happiness. I have no doubt you will do very well. You will always be welcome to come and see us. We will welcome our junior infants with the same excitement as we always do. We hope you all enjoy a happy and safe Summer. Go neirí go geal libh go léir agus go raibh maith agaibh ar fad. Ní neart go cur le chéile!! Tomás.



Féilire 2023/2024

School Re -opens : Wednesday 30th August 2023

Halloween Mid-Term Break: Monday 30th October 2023- Friday 6th November 2023

Christmas 2023: Close 12 Noon, Friday 22nd December 2023 and re –open Monday 8th January 2024

February Mid-Term: Thursday 15th February 2024—Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holidays : Closed 12 Noon Friday 22nd March 2024 re-open Monday 8th April 2024

Summer Holidays : Close 12 Noon, Friday 21st June 2024

Lá Glas: All the children were invited to wear green on Friday 16th of June to show support for the Ireland Women's National Team as we countdown to FIFA Women's World Cup which kicks off in Australia and New Zealand this summer. The children also did artwork and the Irish flags and bunting were rolled out for the day. Go néirí libh cailíní!



Families finishing in Gaelscoil de hÍde: The following families are moving on as their youngest child finishes their primary schooling. We would like to thank them for their support during the years spent in Gaelscoil de hÍde and wish them every success as they continue their educational journey into second level: Charlie May Nic Cárthaigh, Madison Ní Chuirc, Sarah Jane Nic Conmara Ní Riain, Zoe Nic Craith, Ali Ni Dhoinneabháin, Lauren Ní Mhurchú, Emma Walsh, Caoimhe Ní Laoire, Niamh Ní Laoire, Holly Ní Artaigh, Áine Ni Cheallacháin, Rosie Ní Chearúil, Ríona Ní Dheasúnaigh Ni Dhúghaill, Cáit Ní Dhonnchu, Lily Nic Gearailt, Sorcha de Hóra, Sophia Tyner, Saoirse Ní Mhurchú, Olly Breathnach, Cillian Ó Corcoráin, Lorcán Ó hEachtairn, Adam de Báth, Rónán Mac Craith, Eoghan Ó hÉidean, Callum Ó Grainbheal, Tomás Preastún.

Blackwater Sub Aqua Search and Rescue Unit: A number of members of Blackwater Sub Aqua Search and Rescue Unit visited the school on Monday 12th of June. They spoke to pupils from Rg.3- Rg.6 about the work involved and also showed the pupils all the equipment necessary for the invaluable missions they carry out in the locality and further afield. They are a voluntary organisation and Tomás presented them with a cheque for €500 (the proceeds of a no-uniform day earlier in the year).

Comaoine: Pupils from Rg.2 received their First Holy Communion on the 20/5/23 in St. Patrick's Church Fermoy. It was a beautiful occasion for the children and their families. Fr.O Boyle officiated at the mass. A massive THANK YOU to Cairde de hÍde for organising the "cupán tae" in the school hall.

Nuacht de hÍde Samhradh Rang 2 have been extremely busy this term. We received our First Holy Communion on 20th May. The children were fantastic and had a great day. Maith sibh! Chuamar chuig Fota Wildlife Park don turas scoile. Chonaic na páisí roinnt ainmhithe sa zú. Bhaineamar an – taitneamh as! We had a great day in school on the 14th of June as a reward for selling so many raffle tickets. The children enjoyed bouncy castles and ice cream from the ice cream van! The Lá Spóirt was very enjoyable and the children ran in running races, egg and spoon, the three legged race and participated in the poc fada and cic fada. We grew onions in our classroom for the school's greenhouse. We loved watching them grow and took great care of them!

Peil agus Iománaíocht/ Camógaíocht: It has been a hectic term for pupils competing in hurling, camogie and football tournaments. Matches were played both at home and away for Sciath na Scol. Although the teams reached a number of finals, which was a great achievement, we had no outright winners in the tournaments. However, all pupils must be commended on their commitment, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout. Buíochas leis na múinteoirí for their early morning training with pupils. Maith sibh!

Spar FAI Soccer Tournament: The girls' soccer team (Rg 5 and Rg 6) competed in the final of the Spar FAI Soccer Tournament in Musgrave Park on the 22/4/23. Well done to all and buíochas to Liadh and Cian for training.

Spórt na Cathrach/ Cork City Sports: A total of 28 children from Rg.1 –Rg.6 qualified for the Cork City Sports which was held on the 1st of June in the sports grounds of MTU in Bishopstown. It was an extremely warm day but that didn't stop a number of pupils from being in the top three. Congratulations to Mia (Rg.1) who won gold, Eoin (Rg.6) who took home silver and the relay team (Áine, Sophia, Katie and Niamh) who finished in 3rd place. Well done to all who participated and to parents and Múinteoirí Lauren and Cian who accompanied the children on the day.



Euro Eddie Soccer Blitz: WE WON THE TREBLE!!! It has never been achieved before! Expectations were not very high as the pupils had their sports day the previous day and they were going home tired. However, on Friday the 9th of June, the teams were keen to get going and maybe the "Pep" talk from the múinteoirí helped!! First to take home the silverware were the junior boys' team consisting of children from Rang 2 and Rang 3…… Hurrah! Next to overcome their opponents were the boys' senior team…..Hurrah! Would it be too much to ask for the girls' team to bring home the trophy……..of course not…..Yippee! What an achievement, we are all so proud. Míle buíochas to Cian, Pádraig and Liadh for all the early morning training and words of encouragement. Maith sibh uile!



Rince: There was a real treat in store for the pupils on the final day of "rince" this term. Maureen's daughter Gillian, who is a member of "The Lord of The Dance" dance troupe gave an outstanding performance in the halla. The children were mesmerised by the intricate footwork and agility and didn't blink throughout. Level of fitness required……serious. I wonder if the children tried this at home!!! Míle buíochas to Maureen and Nicola.

Golf Classic: This year's Golf Classic was held on the 26th of May in Fermoy Golf Club in what can only be described as sublime in every way. The conditions were perfect, the organisation in advance was impeccable, the weather was beautiful and the competitors were in great form. Once again, the Golf Classic has been a huge success with funds raised that will go towards upgrading and improving sports equipment in the school which will benefit the children. We cannot fail to mention and say " mile buíochas" to the following : The organising committee, consisting of Cairde de hÍde and staff members, the Golf Club staff, all our sponsors, both local and from afar, in particular to our main sponsor, Dave Ryan. A word of thanks also to all the competitors, especially those who travelled on the day, to the parents for being supportive and last but not least, to all the children who sold tickets and made the raffle a phenomenal success. As a way of thanking the children and acknowledging their efforts, we had a fun day in school where every child had time on the bouncy castles and also enjoyed ice-cream from the ice-cream van. We also had a" yes day" where the children planned out their school day from start to finish, beginning with the múinteoirí having to dress up and have their make-up done! The children played hide and seek (children hiding, teachers seeking) and also went to Spar for pizza but the highlight of the day was definitely the water fight……no mercy shown here! We now look forward to the Golf Classic being an annual event on the school calendar. Míle Buíochas.

Colette Ní Icí Memorial Handwriting Competition: All pupils gathered in the hall on Thursday 15th of June where the class winners of the annual handwriting competition were presented with their medals by Colette's sister Marian. The 2 overall winners were also presented with their prizes. These unique art pieces were sponsored by Colette's family and commissioned in remembrance of Colette who taught with us for many years before her untimely passing. The winner of the junior category (Nn.Bheaga-Rg.2) was a pupil from Nn. Bheaga, Holly Ní Mhuireasáin and the winner of the senior category (Rg.3- Rg.6) was a pupil from Rg. 3, Bailey Wheeler Ní Anracháin. Comhghairdeas libh cailíní, go hiontach ar fad. Buíochas le Martina a d'eagraigh and to Marian for adjudicating the competition.

Lá Spóirt: Sports Day for pupils from Rg.1- Rg.6 took place in Colman's Pitch on Thursday the 8th of June. There was a mass exodus from the school at 9am and great excitement for the sports day to get started. First we had the class races watched by all pupils who shouted words of encouragement to the runners and a great cheer when they crossed the finishing line. There were plenty of novelty races, poc fada, cic fada and the rás fada (great admiration for the children who finished this race!) Medals were presented the following Monday to the children who won their class races.





Comhghairdeas also to Sophia Tynan and Adam de Báth from Rg.6 who were the overall best athletes on the day. Naíonáin Bheaga and Naíonáin Mhóra had their Lá Spóirt much closer to home on Tuesday the 13th of June in the school yard. There were plenty of fun activities for them to enjoy and there were plenty of tired children going home at 1.30pm. A very enjoyable day for all. Buíochas le Múinteoir Cian for organising the Lá Spóirt.

Nuacht De hÍde: Díolachán Cístí ; Ar an Máirt seo caite d'eagraigh Rang 4 Martina agus Cian díolachán cístí. Bhí ana lá againn agus dheineamar a lán bacáil an oíche roimh ré. Bhí sé dochreidte an méid cístí agus borróga a thug gach duine isteach. Thuilleamar €686.00 i gcomhair carthanacht áitiúil. Táimíd ana bhuíoch as na tuismitheoirí ar fad a chabhraigh amach leis an mbacáil chomh maith. Bíodh samhradh iontach ag gach duine.

Turas go Corca Dhuibhne

Ar an 17ú Bealtaine, chuaigh Ranganna 5 & 6 ar a dturas scoile go Gaeltacht Iarthar Chiarraí, Corca Dhuibhne. Chaith said dhá oíche iontacha ann agus bhaineadar ana thaitneamh as an am a bhí acu. On the 17th of May, 5th and 6th class went on their school tour to the Gaeltacht of West Kerry, Corca Dhuibhne. They spent a fantastic few days there and created long lasting memories. 5th class began their trip with a visit to Tralee for an afternoon of bowling and games before heading to Castlegregory where the sun, sea and sand awaited them! They spent time on the inflatable playground and hit the waves with their bodyboards. Needless to say, the teachers also participated in the activities!!! They departed Castlegregory and reached their houses just in time for dinner prepared by the Bean an Tí. Bhí an bia go haoibheann ar fad!!! Both 5th and 6th class descended upon the local hall for a night of music and dance all under the guidance of local céilí expert, Angela! They danced "Ballaí Luimnigh" and "Ionsaí na hInse" and of course finished the evening off with "Amhrán na bhFiann". 6th class visited Oceanworld Aquarium and while there, they found Nemo and had a giant crab hang over their heads! They pottered around the town of Dingle and explored the various shops and all the while, speaking as Gaeilge. Castlegregory was next on their itinerary and as 5th class did, 6th class thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it!!! The evening before the children departed, both classes had the opportunity to play a game of soccer against the local team, Dingle Bay Rovers. After two brilliant games, both the cailíní and buachaillí were victorious in their respective matches!! Maith sibh leaids!!! On the Friday morning, the buses went around to each house to collect the children from the "Bean an Tí" for the long trip back to Fermoy. Even though the tiredness had set in from their jam packed few days, the classes still had the energy to keep the sing song going on the journey home!!! Corca Dhuibhne 2023 was yet another brilliant turas scoile for 5th and 6th class and needless to say, we cannot wait for the next trip in 2024!!! Bhain na héinne taitneamh as an turas agus táimíd ag súil go mór leis an gcéad turas eile an bhliain seo chugainn!!

Cycle Right Programme: Beginning on the 8th of May, Rang 5 took part in the 6 week Cycle Right Programme. This is a cycling road safety training course where the pupils gain skills and knowledge in staying safe when cycling and also learning the rules of the road. Every pupil actively participated in the programme, which was held in the school yard. The bicycles were provided by Cycle Right and pupils brought their own helmets.



Garraíodóireacht I rang a 3: Bhí rang a trí anghnóthach i mbliana ag déanamh garraíodóireacht timpeall na scoile. Bhí a lán obair i gceist agus d'fhoghlaimíomar ana chuid mar gheall ar plandaí agus obair cruaidh. Third class have been very busy this year gardening and planting seeds in the school's raised beds. We have been learning the difference between weeds and flowers and what stays and what needs to be picked. It has been an interesting journey watching seeds grow into flowers and plants and we have enjoyed being outside in the fresh air and can't wait to help our parents in the garden over the summer. Rg. 3 Pádraig

Top Tips to Survive Rang a 6!!

ALWAYS keep your phone on hand. Teachers love it and they're not being serious when they ask you to hand them up! Teachers LOVE when you roll your eyes! That's how a Rang a 6 conversation works! Teachers LOVE a colourful room so make sure to use all the paint and glitter and decorate your classroom! They especially love the surprise when it happens during lunch! Teachers LOVE surprises!
Your locker is there to store EVERYTHING!!! Your books, your lunch, your chair, your pop up tent, your torch, your speaker, your shoes! Always ask to go outside, the teachers will always say yes! The best excuse to use is "my dog ate my homework!" Playstations are more than welcome in school, they might come in handy! Make sure, on Sports Day, that you glue your potato to the spoon! Make sure you eat plenty of sugar before you go on the school tour! Teachers really enjoy this!! Always be late!!! The term "fashionably late" is true and teachers think it's really cool when you're late! Ignore all of the above rules and enjoy Rang a 6!!

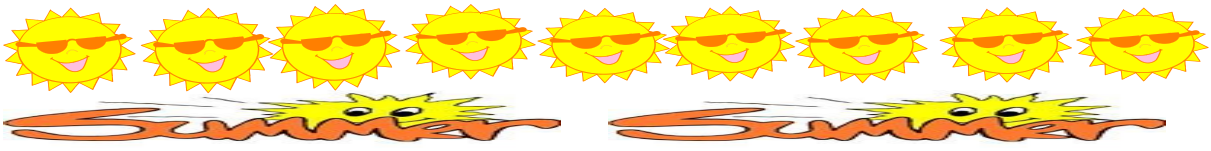
Rg. 6 Graduation: Rang 6 had their graduation on Monday the 19th of June in the school hall. The evening began with Bingo Loco which was followed by speeches from Rg 6 pupils and then Tomás spoke to parents and pupils. Afterwards, there were refreshments supplied by parents and also by the school. The evening came to a close with páistí from Rg 6 singing their chosen songs and parents watched a slide show which definitely tugged on the heart strings! Emotional for so many but a lovely farewell for Rg.6. The following day, the classes formed a guard of honour for Rg.6 as they left Gaelscoil de hÍde to begin the next chapter in their educational journey. Go néirí go geal libh!

Cóineartú: Pupils from Rg.6 received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Patrick's Church, Fermoy on the 26/4/23. All families were invited back to the school after the ceremony for refreshments. Míle buíochas to Cairde de hÍde. Rang 6 also attended a school retreat programme in Scala Retreat, Blackrock on the 31st of May.



Bhí tearma anghnóthach ag Rang a 1. Bhí lá spóirt, turas scoile agus lá spraoi againn. First class have had a very eventful last term. We've had lots of fun and are excited for our summer holidays. We've been enjoying the good weather and taking our lessons outside We've also had our school tour to Fota, our sports day and our day of fun with the ice cream van and bouncy castle. It was a great way to end a busy school year and we are looking forward to our new year in Rang a 2. Múinteoir Ailbhe agus Ciara

An Téarma Deireanach i Rang a 3!: Bhí téarma iontach againn le déanaí. Bhí an-chuid gníomhaíochtaí ar siúl againn ar scoil agus lasmuigh den scoil. We all thoroughly enjoyed the various activities that we took part in recently, both in the school and on trips elsewhere too. We had a fantastic time at Ballyhass Lakes for our school tour, and we really enjoyed Sports Day – the weather made it! One of our highlights of the year was our 'Lá Spraoi' that we had in school recently. We really loved the bouncy castle and ice cream van. We have had a fantastic year and we are looking forward to Rang a 4! Rg.3 Liadh











Niamh singing creamy points in my room at 3am in Kerry so I ran go dti an leithreas – **Holly** My favourite time in the Gaelscoil was taking a trip to Ballyhass and going swimming in the water.– **Callum** My favourite memory of my eight years in Gaelscoil de hIde was when we were in third class, our teacher brought tadpoles in and two boys in sixth class came down and one screamed in the bowl so then we needed new tadpoles – **Riona** I think my favourite memory is when we were in 3rd class and there was a storm and everyone was freaking out and some people were underneath the tables and we played the dinosaur game on google for almost the whole day – **Uma** The best day of my eight years in Gaelscoil De hIde was when it was the last day of fifth class with our teacher Orlaith. We were playing loads of games so we started off with man hunt so all of the girls hid in the storage room in the dark so no one could see anything and it was really funny – **Saoirse** Once in juniors it was the Christmas show and the nose of my reindeer fell off and I had to hold it for the whole show – **Thomas** My favourite memory from my eight years from being in this school is when Ronan was peeling the tiles off in the bathroom wall – **Sophia** My favourite memory in Gaelscoil de hIde was when we went on our school tour to Kerry and when we went to CastleGregory – **Niamh** My favourite memory in Gaelscoil was when we had a yes day in 5th class and went down to Spar and played man hunt – Kate My favourite memory is when we had yes day and we played man hunt and hid in the storage room – **Aoibheann** My favourite memory in Gaelscoil was when Adam and Senan did fruit ninja in our class – **Rian McA.** My favourite memory from school is going to Kerry in 5th and 6th and going to Castle Gregory – **Rosie** My favourite memory in Gaelscoil was last year in Orlaith's class when we were playing manhunt around the whole school – **Sarah** My favourite memory in the school was when we were in juniors in the old school. We shared a bathroom with the older girls and they would teach us how to blow bubbles with our hands and soap – **Áine** One of my favourite memories was when I scored a really good goal in Páirc Uí Chaoimh – **Micheál** My favourite memory from Gaelscoil de hIde was when Senan and Adam played fruit ninja in fourth class and when we left fifth class – **Sam** My favourite memory from Gaelscoil de hÍde was when we went to CastleGregory on our school tour this year – **Lily** My absolute favourite memory here is one day I was called by Ber with 2 other people in the middle of maths so the 3 of us went to the halla and sat on 3 chairs, 3 from every class and then after around 2 minutes of waiting and talking then silence Seán Mac Gearailt went on the stage and started saying names, one by one everyone got a medal, then I got my bronze medal I was very happy – **Ryan R** My favourite moment was when we were tackling each other off the inflatables and the boys and the girls were fighting each other– **Ronan** My favourite memory was when we had a yes day in Orlaith's class and we hid in the storage room with random stuff and we had a lot of fun but it was roasting– **Caoimhe** My favourite memory is when Senan and I nearly broke windows with oranges – **Adam** My favourite memory in the school was when Senan threw the cheese on top of the cupboard – **Eoghan** Playing fruit ninja and nearly breaking a window with an orange. – **Senan Rang 6 Gavin**

We've had a great last term in **Naíonáin Bheaga.** We went on our school tour to Leahy's Farm, and saw lots of animals and played in all of the playgrounds too. We loved the 'train ride' through the woods, and sitting down with all of our friends to have lunch. We were so tired and happy on the way home! We had our Lá Lúthchleasaíochta, and our Lá Spóirt too! Some of the races were really funny, like the 3 legged race, and the potato and Spoon race…it's very hard to run when you're laughing! We're looking forward to our summer holidays now and we'll have a wonderful time playing in the sunshine! Slán!

Katie: Thaitin gach cluiche CLG go mór liom! **Sorcha:** Ní dhéanfaidh mé dearmad ar Seó Rang 1, bhí mise mar Mhuire agus bhí Tadhg mar Iósaf! **Emily:** Rinne mé postaer mór Nollag liom féin agus thóg sé cúpla lá! **Ali D:** On the school tour, I was laughing so hard I spat out my tea on Emily by accident! **Abbi:** I really enjoyed Seó na Nollag Rang 6 when Ciarán and Seán were on stage! **Abbie:** Bhí sé greannmhar nuair a bhí na buachaillí ag cur ceiste ar na cailíní dul go dtí an céidhlí. **Sophia:** I loved performing the song "Somewhere Only We Know" on stage! **Lauren:** The water fight in Rang 5 was brilliant!! **Aoibhe:** The night of the Seó na Nollag, I accidentally pushed Ciarán too hard! **Maddie:** The bus trip back to Fermoy was brilliant because Seán was singing with myself and Lauren! **Zoe:** I really enjoyed our Seó "Peadar Penguin" i Rang a 3! **Emma:** I loved exchanging gifts for Secret Santa in Rang a 6! **Clodagh:** Bhí na ceachtanna snámha go hiontach i Rang a 6! **Sarah Jane:** I love getting to go and play soccer outside! **Olly:** Bhí an turas scoile i Rang a 6 thar barr! **Leon:** The Sciath na Scol final in Páirc Uí Chaoimh was unbelievable! **Sean:** I loved singing on the bus anytime we were going anywhere! **Lorcan:** The bus on the school tour to Kerry was great craic! **Travis:** I loved the craic in Castlegregory in the water on the school tour! **Leah:** I really enjoyed every Lá Spóirt. **Charlie May:** Being the captain of the soccer team when we won the Euro Eddie Soccer Blitz. **Ali P:** The school tours to Kerry were brilliant.

Nuacht de hÍde Ranganna 5 :Bhí bliain iontach ag ranganna 5 i mbliana. We had a fantastic trip west to Dingle where we went bowling, boogie boarding, played soccer, shopped, danced and visited their amazing aquarium. We made sure to take loads of pictures too! Bhí lá spóirt den scoth againn. We got to show off our amazing sporting abilities and won a few medals along the way! We finished up the year with the students acting as teachers, teaching a lesson of choice. This resulted in an amazing clay art lesson where the kids made their own character. We then used these characters in our own self-made stop motion movies! It was dochreidte!

Naíonáin Mhóra. (Maria agus Lorraine) ; Naíonáin Mhóra have been very busy. Sadhbh's Mum is a dentist and she came to talk to us about healthy teeth. We all learned a lot. D'fhoghlaim gach duine an –chuid mar gheall ar na fiacla. We had a wonderful time on the school tour in Leahy's Farm, the athletics day and at the Lá Spóirt. We also had lots of wonderful treats eg a Teddy Bear's picnic, an ice cream van and the highlight was definitely the Bouncy Castle.

Nuacht de hÍde Samhradh ;Rg. Danny ; We've had a very busy term in Rang a 2. We made our Holy Communion on the 20th of May. We had a great day and everyone enjoyed the celebrations before and afterwards! Our school tour was to Fota Wildlife Park where we toured around the zoo looking at all the animals, learning loads of interesting facts. The Lá Spóirt was enjoyed by all and we have some very talented 3-legged runners and egg-and-spooners in Rang a 2. We also had the privilege of buying cakes at the Díolacháin Cístí recently. In one word; Yummy! Bhíomar ag tabhairt aire d'oinniún a cuireadh ag fás i ngairdín na scoile agus tá siad ag dul ó neart go neart.