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A thuistí dhil,

Tá súil againn go raibh Cáisc deas ag gach duine. Táimid ag súil leis an dtéarma deireannach amach romhainn. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. We are looking forward to a busy final term ahead.

Beidh cluichí Sciath na Scol ag leanúint ar aghaidh an téarma seo. Tá cluiche i gcoinne Minane Bridge inniu agus beidh cluiche sa Bhlárnan an Mháirt seo chugainn. Sciath na Scol matches will continue this term. Our teams are travelling to Minane Bridge today and they will play in Blarney next Tuesday too. Go n-éirí go geal leo!

Beidh siceolaí ó NEPS ag cur an clár ‘Get Up Stand Up’ i bhfeidhm le Rang 6 ar feadh cúpla seachtaine. A NEPS psychologist, Hannah O’ Leary, will be delivering a social skills programme called ‘Get Up Stand Up’ for Rang 6 starting this Thursday. This programme is aimed at Rang 6 students to help them develop strategies and skills to cope with difficult situations they may face. We hope that the students will use the skills learned in this programme to help them in their transition to Secondary School.

Beidh Rang 5 & 6 ag tosnú le ceachtanna snámha an Déardaoin seo ar feadh 5 seachtaine. Rang 5 & 6 are starting their swimming lessons this Thurs in LeisureWorld in Churchfield for 5 weeks. Please remember to bring a swimming bag with a towel, swim hat and goggles on Thursday. Swimming costumes can be worn under their uniform as there will be limited time before the lessons to change.

Tá an scoil ag glacadh páirte sa scéim Languages Connect. Beidh múinteoir Spáinise ag tabhairt ceachtanna do ranganna 4-6 ar feadh 8 seachtaine gach Céadaoin. Tosóidh na ceachtanna an tseachtain seo. Gaelscoil Mhuscraí is participating in the Dept of Education ‘Languages Connect’ scheme. We will be welcoming a Spanish teacher to the school for 8 weeks to teach some Spanish to Ranganna 4-6. This will start this Wednesday for those classes.

Beidh Rang 4 ag glacadh páirte i mblioz rugbaí ar an Aoine 26ú i gclub rugbaí Mhuscraí. Rang 4 will be participating in a rugby blitz on Fri 26th in Muskerry Rugby club. Go n-éirí go geal leo!

Beidh naíonáin nua ag teacht ar cuairt ar an 23ú agus 24ú Bealtaine. Mar sin beidh ar rang Naíonáin Bheaga a lá a chríochnú ar a 12 ar na laethanta sin. Our incoming Junior Infants class will be visiting the school on May 23rd and 24th. Therefore the Junior Infants

class will have a half day on those days to facilitate these visits. School will finish for them at 12pm.

Ba mhaith linn meabhrú díobh faoinár polasaí éide scoile. Tá sé tabhachtach nuair atá páistí ag caitheamh culaith reatha go gcaitheann siad culaith reatha na scoile agus ní éadaí eile. Ceadaítear do bhrístí dúghorma/dorcha seachas brístí le dathanna eile freisin. Please be reminded of the school's uniform requirements. On days where your child wears the school tracksuit please ensure that it is the school tracksuit they wear and not tshirts/bottoms of different brands and colours. Navy/dark shorts and leggings are permitted. Please ensure your child refrains from wearing multi-coloured leggings. There are many spare school jumpers/navy pants in our 'bosca faighte cailte' outside the hall that parents are welcome to take.

Má theastaíonn uait rud a thabhairt dod' pháiste i rith an lae scoile nó do pháiste a bhailiú go luath le do thoil téir tríd an oifig i gcónaí trí glaoch nó bualadh isteach. Ná téir timpeall na scoile. If you are dropping something into your child or collecting them early or for an appointment please do this through the office by calling the office number or meeting the secretary at the office. If there is no one at the office please wait until there is rather than walking into your child's classroom.

Tá fear darb ainm Tony O'Donovan ag déanamh siúlóid ar son na scoile chun airgead a thuilleamh don rang uathachais. Is féidir airgead a thabhairt ar iDonate má ta suim agat cabhrú – féach an nasc ar bun. Tony O Donovan is engaged in a fundraiser for pupils in our Autism class. He has walked 100 miles in March for this fundraiser. An iDonate page has been created for anyone interested in supporting him. All finds will be going towards resourcing and supporting pupils with Autism in our school. Please click on the link [here](#) or you can scan this QR code to your phone to direct you to the site.



Beidh Seó Tallaine ag SMGS ar an 25ú Aibreán dona pháistí bunscoile sa cheantar. Beimid ag roghnú páistí tríd ár seó tallaine féin ar an 15ú Aibreán ar scoil. Táimid ag súil go mór leis! SMGS are organising a Talent Show for primary school pupils on April 25th. Our Student Council are organising our own talent show where participants will be chosen to go forward to the SMGS talent show. We are looking forward to seeing pupils' talents on show!

Tá an tAire Oideachais agus an Roinn Oideachais ag iarraidh go mbeidh páistí bunscoileanna gan gutháin cliste. Tá siad ag scaipeadh pleananna amach go scoileanna chun a leithéid a spreagadh. Beidh suribhé scaipithe go luath chun tuairimí tuistí a fháil ar seo. The Minister of Education recently launched a plan to encourage parents to avoid buying smartphones for their children in primary school. In Ireland, the age of digital consent is 16. The Dept of Education are encouraging schools and parent associations to develop

voluntary codes regarding smartphone use amongst primary school children. Attached with this newsletter you will see the Minister's plan. The school and PA are in favour of implementing such a plan in the junior classes with a view to ensuring that by the time pupils reach the senior classes there will be no peer pressure to purchase a smart phone. A survey, to gauge parental interest, will be circulated to all parents in Naíonáin Bheaga – Rang 3 next week. Several schools in our locality have already established such a plan and we would hope to join them before the end of this school year.

Beidh leath-lá pleanála ar an 2ú Bealtaine. Críochnóidh an scoil ar 12 do Rang 1-6 agus 11.45am dona ranganna naíonáin. Ní bheidh snámh an lá sin ag Rang 5 & 6. Our school will close on 2nd May at 12pm to facilitate a staff planning day. Swimming will not occur that Thursday for Rang 5 & 6 and will be postponed until the following Thursdays.

**Le meas,
Múinteoir Mairéad**