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Beatha agus sláinte chugaibh,

Tá súil agam go raibh Nollaig deas ag gach éinne agus go mbeidh bliain nua rathúil romhainn amach. I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and that the new school term will be a successful one for all.

Tá na ceachtanna snámha tosnaíthe inniu do Rang 4-6. Beidh siad ag tosnú do Rang 2-3 ar an 24ú Feabhra. Seolfar nasc íocaíochta níos déanaí dona ranganna sin. Swimming lessons have started today for Rang 4-6. They will begin for Rang 2-3 on Feb 24th. A payment link will be sent later on in the month for Rang 2-3 for those who gave permission on Aladdin for their child to participate.

Tosaíonn traenáil iománaíochta amárach le CLG an Bhlárnan don téarma seo. Is féidir le gach rang culaith reatha a chaitheamh gach Máirt. Beidh blitzanna camógaíochta agus iománaíochta ag Ranganna 3 & 4 an tseachtain seo agus an tseachtain seo chugainn. Guímid gach rath orthu. Hurling training with Blarney GAA starts back tomorrow and will run every Tuesday for the rest of term. Please ensure your child brings a hurley and helmet to school, if they have one. Pupils in Rang 3 & 4 will be participating in camogie and hurling blitzes this week and next week. We wish them the very best of luck – Go n-éirí leo!

Tosóidh ceachtanna damhsa Gaelach le Múinteoir Deirdre ar an 22ú Eanáir agus leanfaidh siad ar aghaidh ar feadh 8 seachtaine. Tá costas €2 an ceacht ar na ranganna seo. Seolfar nasc íocaíochta an tseachtain seo maidir leo. Irish dancing lessons with Múinteoir Deirdre will commence on Jan 22nd and run every Wed for 8 weeks. There is a cost of €2 per lesson for these classes. A payment link will be sent this week. Payment plans can be organised too through the office if anyone wants to pay gradually.

Tá súil againn go mbeidh an Club Lego ag tosnú thar nais go luath an téarma seo. Beidh Laura i dteagmháil nuair atá sé i gceist aici tosnú leo. We hope to run the Brickz Lego club after school this term again. Laura from Brickx will be in touch with parents when she has more information about when she will start back.

Beidh Bí Sabháilte agus Oideachas Caidreamh & Gnéasacha ar siúl an téarma seo. Beidh na múinteoirí ranga i dteagmháil maidir le seo. Teaching will commence on the Stay Safe programme for some classes and the RSE programme for other classes this term (apart from Rang 6 who will have their RSE classes in the 3rd term). Individual teachers will contact parents with more information in relation to this this month.

Beidh ceachtanna Spáinnise le Barbara ag tosnú ar an 7ú Feabhra do Ranganna 3-6. Is cuid den scéim ‘Languages Connect’ é seo. Spanish classes will start for 8 weeks with Spanish teacher Barbara on Feb 7th. This is part of the Languages Connect scheme that the Dept of Education funds.

Tá leath-lá pleanála eagraithe don 18ú Feabhra. Beifear ag déanamh traenáil bunaithe ar na treoir línte nua frith-bhullaíochta do Bí Cineálta. Dúnfar an scoil ar 12in an lá sin. A half day has been organised for Tues 18th Feb. This is for staff training on the new Bí Cineálta Anti-bullying procedures. School will close at 12pm for all classes on that day. Infant classes can be collected at 11.45 am to reduce traffic congestion.

Tá an obair don seomra uathachais in Aonad 5 ceadaithe faoi dheireadh. Táimid ag súil le seomra ranga nua a fheiscint thíos staighre san aonad. Freisin beidh áit súgartha beag curtha lasmuigh den Aonad ar an dtaobh sin den chlós. Work has finally been approved to commence on a new SEN classroom downstairs in Unit 5 (the empty unit on the right as you drive into the yard). A 50sq m soft play area will be created in the yard outside Unit 5 as well as part of the work for the SEN room. We are looking forward to seeing this complete this term.

Féach thíos ar nóta ó Chumann na dTuistí / Please see a note from our PA below:

‘The Parent’s Association are hosting a New Year’s get together for all parents on 18/1/25. We hope it will be an opportunity for parents to meet and form connections within our school community in a relaxed and informal way. All parents are welcome and we would love to see you there.

Venue - Johnnies

Time - 8pm

Date - Saturday January 18th

The PA have had a very busy autumn term raising funds for the school and we hope to continue this work into 2025. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the parents, families, and businesses of Blarney who enthusiastically supported our fundraising efforts this year. A big thank you to all GSM staff who gave up a Friday night to support the recent table quiz.

We are actively seeking more parents to support the work of the PA. If you would like to become involved with the PA, in any way whether it’s volunteering on the night with our bigger events, supporting with fundraising, donating those all important raffle prizes or helping us make links with local businesses please do make contact via your class parent representative. We welcome all support and we would love to hear from you!

Our best wishes for a happy and healthy 2025
GSM Parents’ Association

**Le meas,
Muinteoir Mairéad**

