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**Beatha agus sláinte chugaibh,**

**Athbhliain fé mhaise díobh agus fáilte thar nais do téarma nua.** A very Happy New year to everyone and welcome back to another term.

**Beidh na ranganna damhsa Gaelach ag tosnú arís i mbliana le Múinteoir Deirdre. Déanann sí 15 ceacht ar chostas €2 an cheacht. Íocfaidh na ranganna Naíonáin €5 níos lú toisc an turas go dtí an phictiurlann a bheith níos saoire roimh na Nollag.** We are welcoming back the Irish dancing teacher Múinteoir Deirdre for this term. She will be doing Irish dancing every Wednesday for the next 15 weeks at a cost of €2 per lesson per child. The infant classes will be €5 less overall as their trip to the cinema before Christmas worked out cheaper than anticipated. Classes will commence this Wed 17<sup>th</sup>. A Payment link will be sent this week but there is no pressure to pay this week. Payment can be made up until Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Pupils don't need to wear their tracksuits for Irish dancing.

**Beidh ceachtanna snámha ag tosnú ar an 22ú Feabhra do ranganna 2-4 ar feadh 5 seachtaine. Tá siad seo roghnach. Seolfar foirm cheadúcháin go luath chun uimhreacha a dheimhniú maidir lena ceachtanna seo. Tosóidh ceachtanna Rang 5 & 6 i mí Aibreán.** Swimming lessons in Leisureworld in Churchfield will commence on Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb for Rang 2-4. These are optional and will run for 5 weeks at a cost of €55. A permission form will be sent this week on Aladdin to Ranganna 2-4 in order for us to confirm numbers. Rang 5 & 6's swimming lessons will commence in April and further information will issue then in relation to those lessons.

**Beidh Rugbaí le Vinny ó Munster Rugbaí ar an gCéadaoin 24ú agus 31ú den mhí seo & 7ú Feabhra do Rang 6. Beidh an seisiún deireannach ag Rang 4 & 5 an Chéadaoin seo.** Rang 4 & 5 will have their final rugby session with Munster Rugby this Wed 17<sup>th</sup>. Rang 6 will have rugby training on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Jan & 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. Classes can wear their tracksuits on those days.

**Is iad Marcus Mac Mathúna agus Michelle Uí hAnracháin ionadaithe na dtuistí ar an mBord Bainistíochta nua. Tá na baill eile liostaithe ar shuíomh na scoile.** Marcus ó Mahoney and Michelle Hanrahan are the new parent nominees for the Board of Management 2023-2027. A list of the other Board members is available to view on our school website.

**Comhghairdeas le Oscar Triggs i Rang 2 a fuair duais i gcomórtas ealaíne an Chomhair Chreidmheasa le déanaí.** Congratulations to Oscar Triggs in Rang 2 who won a prize in the Blarney Credit Union art competition recently.

**Deineadh €1825 i gCrannchur na Nollag & an comórtas féna balúin roimh na Nollag. Ár mbuíochas le gach duine a cheannaigh ticéid. Tá an scoil chun an t-airgead a chur i dtreo fearas mata dona seomraí ranga don churaclam mata nua.** An amazing €1825 was received by the PA as part of the Christmas draw. Our thanks to everyone involved in organising this fundraiser. Monies will go towards maths equipment for the classrooms to support the implementation of the new primary maths curriculum.

**Beidh an Coineartú ag Rang 6 ar an 13ú Feabhra. Beidh ár scoil i bhfeighil an cór ar an lá. Beidh Rang 3, 4 & 5 ag canadh sa chóir. Beidh cleachtadh rialta ar siúl ag na ranganna seo ag druidim i dtreo an searmanas.** Rang 6 will be receiving their Confirmation on 13<sup>th</sup> February. Our school is providing the choir for the ceremony this year. Rang 3-6 will be singing in the choir. This ceremony will take place during the school day. We will be practising frequently in the run up to the ceremony and we look forward to celebrating the day with Rang 6.

**Táimid ag obair i dtreo plean feabhsúcháin scoile sa Ghaeilge mar chuid den phróiseis féin mheastóireacht scoile. Mar chuid de seo seoladh ceistneoirí go tuistí R1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 agus cuireadh ceistneoirí ar pháistí R3-6 agus na múinteoirí maidir leis an nGaeilge ar scoil. Táimid ag obair i dtreo labhairt na Gaeilge a fheabhsú timpeall na scoile. Bíonn Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine againn agus rang na seachtaine chun na páistí a dhéanann iarrachta a aithint. In ainneoin é seo bíonn cúpla páiste nach ndéanann iarracht leanúnach leis an nGaeilge. Beifear ag meabhrú doibh go rialta maidir leis an nGaeilge timpeall na scoile agus beifear ag seoladh nóta abhaile muna dtagann feabhas ar chúrsaí. Táimid ag súil le bhúr gcomh-oibriú maidir le seo.** Gaelscoil Mhuscraí, like all primary schools, is engaged in a school self-evaluation process. We have chosen to evaluate Irish in our school this year. We emailed Questionnaires to parents in Rang 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 before Christmas and pupils in Rang 3-6 filled out questionnaires in class along with all the teachers. While many positive aspects were noted one of the items we have decided to focus on is improving spoken Irish around the school. We use positive reinforcement for this in the form of acknowledging Gaelgeoirí na Seachtaine and Rang na Seachtaine every week at our school assembly. However, some pupils need frequent reminding regarding the rule about speaking Irish at school. In order to help us in re-enforcing this rule we may send notes home in the dialann scoile to some parents informing them that their child needs to make more of an effort speaking Irish at school. This will only apply to pupils in Rang 3-Rang 6 who should all be well able to practice their cúpla focail at school.

**Beidh buachaillí Rang 4 ag glacadh páirte in iománaíocht faoi dhíon ar an nDéardaoín seo agus beidh cailíní Rang 3 ag glacadh páirte sa blitz céanna ar an 24ú Eanáir. Guímid gach rath orthu.** Boys in Rang 4 will participate in an indoor hurling blitz this Thursday and girls in Rang 3 will participate in the same blitz on Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. We wish them all the best.

**Tá Múinteoir Anita in áit Múinteoir Muireann anois mar mhúinteoir SET roinnte.** We welcome Múinteoir Anita as a new SET teacher this term, who is replacing Múinteoir Muireann in this shared SET role.

**Fuair cúpla páiste uaireadóirí ‘cliste’ i ndiaidh na scoil. Is féidir lena uaireadóirí seo taifead a dhéanamh agus grianghrafanna a thógaint. Bí cinnte nach dtugann do pháiste an uaireadóir ar scoil, má tá ceann acu.** Some pupils received ‘smart’ watches at

Christmas. These watches can record and take pictures. Please ensure your child doesn't bring these watches to school, if they have them.

**Mar is gnáth tabhair aire agus sibh ag tiomáint isteach sa scoil ar maidin agus sa tráthnóna. Déan iarracht gan tiomáint isteach ar dheis ar maidin mar bíonn paistí ag siúl ar an gcosán ar scoil. Ná tiomáin isteach i ndiaidh 2.20in sa tráthnóna. Beidh múinteoirí ag cabhrú chun nósanna sábháilteachta tiomána a chur i bhfeidhm ar 2.30in.** Be reminded to always drive carefully into and out of the school as pupils are entering and exiting. Anyone parking in the yard on the right must always stop and yield to pedestrians walking on the yellow path. Don't enter the yard after 2.20pm as parking spaces are taken and you will only obstruct the traffic exiting. Members of the in-school management team will be on hand to supervise the traffic procedures at 2.30pm.

**Tá Bord Bainistíochta na scoile ar an eolas faoi dhroch-staid an bhóthair lasmuigh den scoil. Níl Comhairle na Cathrach freagrach as an mbóthair seo. Is le úinéirí príobháideacha é – Kieran Madden agus John MacNamara. Tá an Bord i dteagmháil lena úinéirí seo ag iarraidh teacht ar réiteach maidir le crot an bhóthair.** The school's Board of Management is very aware of the poor state of the road outside the school. Cork City Council do not own this road and is not responsible for it. The road is privately owned by two different people; Kieran Madden & John McNamara. The Board has been in communication with these individuals in relation to the road's disrepair.

**Le meas,  
Muinteoir Mairéad**