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Cruinnithe Tuistí/ Parent Teacher meetings

Meabhrú go mbeidh gach dalta ag críochnú 15 nóiméad luath Dé Céadaoin na seachtaine seo, 10 ú Samhain. Ba chóir go mbeadh am faighte agat anois ón múinteoir ranga le haghaidh glaoch teileafóin. Mura bhfuil, is féidir rphoist a sheoladh chuige/chuici.

Reminder that all pupils will finish 15 minutes early Wednesday of this week, 10th November. By now, all parents should have received a notification from the teacher regarding a phone call. If you have not, please email the class teacher.



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Seachtain Eolaíochta/ Science Week

Táimid ag céiliúradh seachtain na hEolaíochta anseo ar scoil le linn na seachtaine seo. Coimeád súil ar bhlag na scoile le coinneáil ar an eolas faoi. Féach ar an liosta thíos de himeachtaí ar líne atá curtha ar fáil ag leabharlann Bhaile Brigín.

We are celebrating science week here in the school this week. Keep an eye on the school blog for updates. Please see a list of online events below provided by Balbriggan library.

Kids Events for Science Week 2021



Giraffe Habitat Challenge Online Zoom Workshop:

Dublin Zoo is calling on you to participate in our virtual 'Giraffe Habitat Challenge'. This innovative workshop tasks budding young designers to try their hand at designing a new giraffe habitat. Children will hear from zookeepers, engineers and sustainability experts from our sustainability partner SSE Airtricity, while working with a Dublin Zoo educator to design a new giraffe habitat. This one-hour programme is suitable for children aged 9-12. Saturday 13th November at 3.00pm Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/171270272997>.

Live ice cream workshop via Zoom with Anyone4Science:

Join us on Zoom for this workshop. We are going to share interesting facts about this frozen treat and most importantly a salty secret, that will show you how people used to keep their food cool during the summer months centuries before electricity was invented.

Saturday 13th November at 2.30pm Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/170412261662>

Rediscovery Centre 3 pre-recorded videos:

Biodiversity Video Workshop: introduces students to biodiversity, with particular emphasis on Ireland's biodiversity, ecosystems, food chains and food webs, and animal adaptations. Discusses the importance of biodiversity, human impact, and encourages sustainable living to ensure the safety and conservation of the environment and its biodiversity.

<https://youtu.be/iPdgnhzWT5o>

Climate Change Video Workshop: introduces students to the science of climate change, causes and effects of climate change and how human actions are affecting the climate. The workshop enables students to explore the topic of climate change and encourage them to take actions in their schools and everyday lives to combat climate change.

<https://youtu.be/OBgnbZMZ1Bl>



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Energy Video Workshop: *introduces the topic of energy and explores renewable vs. non-renewable sources and energy use in Ireland and includes discussion of types of energy.*
<https://youtu.be/t9HOzXsnwm8>

Forensic Crime Scene & Lava Lamps:

Two prerecorded videos from Young Einstein's Junior Einstein's Science Club are passionate about bringing STEM to young children in a fun filled high energy way. Our Science Events are very child-centric, and all of our children are our 'Junior Einsteins'! We nurture children's natural curiosity & creativity. We inspire our 'Junior Einsteins' to use their imaginations, make a mess, explore and discover. We teach children 'How to Think, not What to think', best preparing them for our ever-changing world. We hope our 'Junior Einsteins' will build their love of Science in Primary School and choose science as a subject in secondary school and on to third level. We need more scientists!

Forensic Crime Scene video: https://youtu.be/gSPkn_N70HE
Make your own Lava Lamps: <https://youtu.be/LzX7x3ZTuKQ>

Team Hope

Míle buíochas do chách a thug bosca isteach don bhailiúcháin. Táimid ar bís leo. Tá Team Hope tar éis scéal a chur go mbeidh boscaí fós á bhailiú acu go dtí an tseachtain seo chugainn. Mar sin, tá cúpla lá fágtha d'aon duine a theastaíonn uathu bosca a líonadh fós. Tá lipéid ar fáil ó Aisling nó ar líne.

Many thanks to all of those who have brought in a box for the collection. We are delighted. Team Hope have sent a message this morning to say that they are extending the collection period for another week so if anyone else wants to fill a box, you still have a few days to do so. Labels are available from Aisling or online.

COVID-19

Mar is eol do chách tá deireadh tagtha leis an rianú teagmhálacha ar scoil, rud atá théis dushlán ar leith a chothú do gach duine. Mar chuid de sin, tá cosc iomlán ar scoileanna eolas a roinnt maidir le cásanna dearfacha a tharlaíonn ar scoil. Roimhe sin, dhéanadh an HSE teagmháil leis an scoil agus scaipeadh eolas dá bharr. Ní chuirtear scoileanna ar an eolas níos mó fiú má tá cás dearfach i rang, ach amháin má bheartaíonn tuismitheoir an t-eolas sin a chur ar aghaidh chuig an scoil, rud nach gá dóibh. Iarraimid ar gach duine mar sin a bheith thar a bheith airdeallach maidir le comharthaí agus páistí a choinneáil sa bhaile agus teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an dochtúir/HSE má tá aon sort comharthaí ar pháistí. Mar is eol do chách, tá ráta na gcásanna an-ard sa sochaí faoi láthair agus tá thart ar 380 cás aimsithe i bpáistí 5-12 in aghaidh an lae faoi láthair.



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As we are all aware, contact tracing in schools ended a number of weeks ago. This has created a challenge for all school communities. Before contact tracing was discontinued, the HSE would contact a school in the case of a positive test, if they deemed contact tracing necessary (eg the child was in school in the run up to displaying symptoms). As a result, families were informed when a case happened in the class and could take appropriate precautions. However, since contact tracing stopped, schools are no longer informed (unless a parent informs the school - which they don't have to) and schools are not allowed to inform anyone of a case even if a parent informs the school of a positive case. We understand that this is causing some families a lot of concern but, unfortunately, we are not in a position to provide information of positive cases. We would, therefore, ask that everyone is as careful as possible and to not send children into school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid (please see list below from HSE website). As we are all aware, community cases are very high at the moment with a rate of roughly 380 per day in children.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above) - including having chills
- dry cough
- fatigue (tiredness)

Less common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this could mean they're completely gone or just different to normal
- nasal congestion (runny or blocked nose)
- conjunctivitis (also known as red eyes)
- sore throat
- headache
- muscle or joint pain (aches and pains)
- different types of skin rash
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhoea
- chills or dizziness

Symptoms of severe COVID-19 disease include:

- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- loss of appetite
- confusion



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- *pain or pressure in the chest*
- *[fever \(high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above\)](#)*

You may not have all of these symptoms or your symptoms may be mild. Symptoms may vary for different age groups or variants of the virus. It can take up to 14 days after you are infected for symptoms to show. You can spread COVID-19 during this time.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can be similar to symptoms of [cold](#), [flu](#) or [hay fever](#). If you are in doubt about any symptoms you have, phone your GP.

Coiste na dTuistí/ Parent's Committee

Cártaí Nollag: Tá na cártaí tagtha agus ba chóir go mbeadh siad abhaile libh roimh dheireadh na seachtaine seo nó tús na seachtaine seo chugainn.

Féilire 2022: Beidh roinnt ghrianghraif á ghlacadh Déardaoin na seachtaine seo don féilire. Tuigimis go bhfuil roinnt dhaltaí as láthair. Chuige seo, tá sé beartaithe againn grianghraif eile a úsáid chomh maith atá glactha ó thús na bliana. Mura theastaíonn uait go mbeidh do pháiste sa féilire scoile, is gá é seo a chur i scribhinn chuig an oifig faoin Aoine. Beidh na grianghraif á ghlacadh ag tuismitheoir scoile a roinnfidh leis an gcoiste iad. Cuirfear ar aghaidh ansin iad chuig an comhlacht clódóra.

Má theastaíonn uait spás fógraíochta a cheannach sa féilire, cuir rphoist chuig gsbbcoiste@gmail.com.

Christmas Cards: The cards have arrived and we should have them home to you by the end of this week or early next week.

Calendar 2022: Some photos will be taken this Thursday for the calendar. We understand that there are some pupils absent at the moment. Therefore, we've decided that we will also use other photos that have been taken since the start of the year. If you do not wish for your child to feature in the calendar, this must be relayed to the office in writing by this Friday. The photos will be taken by a school parent who will share them with the coiste. They will forward them to the printing company.

If you would like to purchase advertising space in the calendar, please e-mail gsbbcoiste@gmail.com.



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Mascanna/ Masks

Tá roinnt mhaith mascanna á phiocadh suas ag an feighlí gach lá ar láthair na scoile. Iarraims oraibh mascanna aon uaire a chur sa bhruascar le bhur dtoil.

The caretaker is picking up a large number of masks each day on the school grounds. We would ask that you please place single use masks in the bin.

Club na Naíonán/After school club

Tá mé ag scríobh chugaibh chun uasdátú a thabhairt maidir leis an gclub agus suíomh an chlub don chéad thréimshe eile. Faraor, cuireadh moill ar cur isteach an tseomra réamhdhéanta toisc cúrsaí seachadta. Mar thoradh air sin, níl an halla ar fáil ar feadh thréimshe eile. Tá muid ag súil le go dtosóidh obair thalaimh an tseachtain seo chugainn, le réitiú don chur isteach. Go dtí go bhfuil sé sin déanta, beidh ar an gclub a bheith taobh amuigh, ach amháin má tá sé ag cur báistí idir 1.30-2.30. Má tá sé ag cur báistí, beidh an club ar siúl taobh istigh, ach, faraor, tá ganntanas spáis taobh istigh den scoil agus níl aon seomra ar fáil don chlub. Chuige sin, níl sé d'acmhainn ag an scoil an club a chur ar siúl taobh istigh, ach amháin má tá sé ag cur báistí. Tuigimid nach bhfeileann sé sin do gach duine agus theastaigh uainn soiléiriú a thabhairt do gach duine ionas gur féidir le tuismitheoirí cinneadh a dhéanamh bunaithe ar chomhthéacs a gclainne féin maidir le freastal ar an gclub. Gabhaimid leithscéal mar gheall ar an moill leis an gclub a bheith taobh amuigh ach faraor, níl aon neart againn air. Más é go leanann sé ar aghaidh agus má tharlaíonn sé go mbíonn sé ag cur ar bhonn leanúnach is féidir linn breathnú ar an gclub a chur ar ceal ar feadh tréimhse, go dtí go bhfuil cúrsaí cóiríochta socraithe.

I am writing to update parents on the current situation of the infant club. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in the installation of our proposed prefab due to delivery issues. As a result, the hall remains unavailable for the next while for the club. We have been informed that site work is due to start next week for the installation of our prefab, but again, that could be delayed. The club will remain outdoors until this work has been completed. Unless it is raining between 1.30-2.30, the club will take place outside. There is a lack of space inside and there is no room available indoors for the club. As a result, the club will take place outside, except for when it is raining during the times of the club.

We appreciate that this does not suit everyone and therefore, we wanted to keep everyone informed so as to be able to make an informed decision on whether it suits for your child to attend. If it is a case that there is a further delay and it is raining a lot, we can then look at whether it is feasible for the club to continue while waiting for the move indoors. We do apologise for this but we unfortunately have no control over the current situation. Once we have more information, we will let you know



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Instealladh na Naíonán/ Junior Infants Vaccinations

Beidh foirmeacha ag dul abhaile le daltaí sna naíonáin bheaga ón HSE maidir le na hinstealladh. Beidh siad seo le seoladh ar ais chun na scoile faoin 24ú Samhain.

Forms from the HSE regarding school vaccinations will be sent home to junior infants. These should be returned to the school by 24th November.