



gaelscoil bhaile brigín

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### Suirbhé Scoile ar Éiteas/Insce agus Teanga Scoile/ School Survey on Ethos, Gender and Language of school:

Tá an Roinn Oideachais agus Óige faoi láthair i mbun comhairleoirreachta le bunscoileanna agus réamhscoileanna na tíre maidir le ceist eistis, inscne agus teanga na scoileanna. Mar a thugtear, tá aidhm ag an Roinn Oideachais go mbeidh céatadán ar leith de scoileanna nach bhfuil sainmheon creidimh acu ach go mbeadh oideachas ar na creidimh éagsúla á mhúineadh sna scoileanna. Chomh maith leis sin, mar a thuigimid, leis an titim deimeagraice atá ag tarlúint sa tír níl ceantair fháis á aithint agus chuige sin níl scoileanna nua á mbunú. Chuige sin, níl aon mheicníocht chun scoileanna lánGhaeilge a bhunú agus mar sin, táthar ag iarraidh ar scoileanna ar mian leo go n-athrófaí a sainmheon teanga go Gaeilge (nó ó Ghaeilge go Béarla). Creidimid gur ceist lochtach í seo toisc go bhfuil sé ag iarraidh ar thuistí reatha ar mian leo go n-aistreofaí go Gaelscoil rud a bheadh uafásach deacair.

Thíos faoi, gheobhaidh tú nota ón Roinn oideachais, chomh maith leis an nasc agus iarrfaidh muid ar gach duine an suirbhé a lionadh. Níl de dhíth ach do Eircód agus freagra ar 3 cheist.

A Thuismitheoir/Chaomhnóir, a chara,

Táimid ag tabhairt curidh duit a bheith páirteach sa **Suirbhé Bunscoile**. Seo do dheis chun cúnamh a thabhairt todhchaí an tsoláthair bunscoile i do phobal féin a mhúnlú.

Sa suirbhé gearr ar líne iarrtar do thuairimí maidir le:

- Cé acu ar cheart do do scoil a bheith ina **scoil chomhoideachais nó ina scoil aonghnéis**
- Cé acu ar cheart do do scoil feidhmiú faoi phátrún **sainchreidhmheach nó faoi phátrún il-sainchreidhmheach**
- Cé acu ar cheart do do scoil oideachas a sholáthar go príomha trí **Bhéarla nó trí Ghaeilge**

**Sonraí an tsuirbhé:** Comhlánaigh ar líne é ag: [gov.ie/suirbhébunscoile](http://gov.ie/suirbhébunscoile)

Tá do fhreagra **faoi rún agus anaithnid**, agus tá gach guth tábhachtach.

**Glac cúpla nóiméad, le do thoil, chun an suirbhé a chomhlánú agus spreag daoine eile chun an rud céanna a dhéanamh.**

Go raibh maith agat.

The Department of Education and Youth are currently carrying out a survey on all pre and primary schools in the country to identify school communities views on religious ethos, gender and linguistic ethos. As you may aware, the Dept has set a target for divestment of schools from specific religious ethos and to increase the provision of multi-denominational schools.

They are also surveying schools on whether they would be happy to move to a coeducational setting i.e for boys and girls schools to look at becoming co-ed.

The third question focuses on the linguistic ethos of the school. A number of years ago, due to a review taken by the Ombudsman for Irish, direction was given that when an area is identified as a growth area and that a new school is required that the provision of Irish-medium education should be taken into account. Therefore if there is no Irish medium education is in an area, then the new school should be through IRish. This was welcomed however, due to the fall in demographics there have been no new schools opened and therefore there have been no new Irish schools. The Department is looking at this survey as way to measure demand. This is, however a faulty mechanism to identify demand as it is asking current parents if they would wish for their child's school to change to an Irish medium school, a process which is long and extremely difficult.

Please see below the message for the Department explaining the survey. We would ask all parents to take the few minutes to fill it in and to have a voice in the make up of our school in the future. Note - coeducational schools will not have the option to become single sex schools and GAelscoils will not change to English medium schools.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are inviting you to take part in the **Primary School Survey**. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of primary school provision in your community.

The short online survey asks for your views on:

- Whether your school should be **co-educational or single-sex**
- Whether your school should operate under a **denominational or multi-denominational patron**
- Whether your school should provide education primarily through the **English language or Irish language**

**Survey details:** Complete online at: [gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey](http://gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey)

Your response is **confidential and anonymous**, and every voice matters.

**Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and encourage others to do the same.**

Thank you

## Lá na nGeansaithe Nollag /Christmas Jumper Day

Bhí lá na nGeansaithe Nollag ar siúl Dé Luain. Bhí atmaisféar an-fhéileach sa scoil!

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht bhur síntiúis chineálta go léir! Is féidir leat tacaíocht a thabhairt do Jigsaw:-

*LINK - IDONATE*

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/GSBhaileBrigin>

Christmas Jumper Day took place on Monday. The school was feeling very festive! Many thanks for all of your kind donations. You can support Jigsaw at:-

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## Díolachán Cácaí - Míle Buíochas!/Cake Sale - Many thanks!

Comhghairdeas ollmhór leis an dá Rang 6 a d'eagraigh díolachán císte chun airgead a thiomsú chun cabhrú le costaisí busanna na bhfóirne spóirt. Buíochas leis na tuismitheoirí agus na páistí go léir as na císte agus na brioscáí blasta!

A huge congratulations to both the 6th classes who organised a cake sale to raise money to help with the cost of buses for the sports teams. Thank you to all the parents & children for the tasty cakes & biscuits!

## Panto 2/12 agus 9/12

Táimid ag eagrú turas don scoil ar fad le freastal ar an bPanto sa Lark ar an 2/12 agus an 9/12. Beidh costas €15 an dalta ar thicéad agus is féidir é seo a íoc ar Aladdin. Tá an nasc curtha suas ar aladdin anois.

We are organising a whole school trip to the Panto in the Lark Theatre on the 2/12 and 9/12. Tickets cost €15 each and this can be paid via Aladdin. The payment link & permission is now on Aladdin.

## Scoil Dúnta/ School Closures

Meabhrúchán go mbeidh an scoil dúnta ar na laethanta seo a leanas:

4/12/25 - Traenáil foirne \*\*\*

3/3/26 - Traenáil foirne

26/05/26 - Traenáil foirne

Reminder that the school will be closed on the following days due to staff training:

4/12/25 - Staff Training\*\*\*

3/3/26 - Staff Training

26/05/26 - Staff Training

## Carúil Nollag 09/12

Beidh ár seirbhís Carúil na Nollag ar siúl ar an 9ú Nollag ag 5i.n. sa séipéal. Fáilte roimh gach teaghlaigh.

## Christmas Carol Service 09/12

Our Christmas Carol service will take place on December 9th at 5pm in the Church. All families are welcome.

## Seó Nollag/Christmas Shows 18/12

Beidh ár Seó Nollag ar siúl ar an 18ú Mí na Nollag sa halla.

Our Christmas Shows will take place on December 18th in the school hall.

### *Amanna/Times*

9.10 Rang a 2 Gráinne  
9.30 Rang a 2 Caoimhe  
9.55 Rang a 1 Róisín  
10.50 Naónáin Bheaga Abby agus Maria  
11.30 Rang a 4 Tom agus Emma  
12.50 Naónáin Mhóra Gráinne agus Laura  
1.30 Rang a 6 Seán agus Aisling

Rang 3 le bheith ag glacadh páirt i gCoirm Ghael Linn & Rang a 5 le bheith páirteach ann Féile Scoildrámaíochta.

Cuirfidh siad na seoanna are síul sa scoil le haghaidh tuistí níos deanaí sa bhlian.

3rd class will be taking part in Coirm Ghael Linn & Rang 5 will be taking part in Féile Scoildrámaíochta. They will put on the shows for the parents, in school, later in the school year.

## Scátáil Oighear Rang 6/6th class ice skating trip

Beidh Rang a sé ag dul ar turas scoile chuig Swords On Ice ar an 11ú Nollag. Tá an ceadúnas agus nasc don íocaíocht ar Aladdin anois

6th class will be going on a trip to Swords on Ice on the 11th December. Permissions and payment link are now on Aladdin.

## Ceardlann 'Fighting Words' Rang 5 M. Tomás 29/1/26 / Workshop 'Fighting Words' 5th Class M. Tomás

Tá Múinteoir Tomás Rang 5 ag eagrú turas go ceardlann scríbhneoireachta 'Fighting Words'.

Tá an ceardlann saor in aisce. Beidh costas 4.60 ar an traein. Tá an ceadúnas agus nasc don íocaíocht ar Aladdin anois

5th Class Múinteoir Tomás' is organising a trip to a writing workshop 'Fighting Words'. The workshop is free. The train cost will be €4.60. The permission & payment link are now on Aladdin.

## Turas Scoile/School Tours 2026

Seo thíos sonraí na turais scoile 2026. Beidh eolas againn faoi thurais Rang Molly, agus Rang Sinéad go luath agus seolfar amach é láithreach.

Find below information for the 2026 school tours. We will have information about school tours for Rang Molly, and Rang Sinéad soon and we will send it out promptly. Permissions and payment links will be available on Aladdin soon.

- Naónán Bheaga and Naónán Mhóra will be going to Puddenhill on Thursday 18/06/26.
- Rang 1 will be going to Clonfert Farm, Maynooth on Wednesday 10/06/26
- Rang 2 will be going to Fort Lucan on Tuesday 23/06/26.
- Rang 3 will be going to Navan Adventure Centre on Friday 19/06/26.
- Rang 4 will be going to Zipt on Friday 19/06/26.
- Rang 5 will be going to Flynn Park on Monday 15/06/26.
- Rang 6 will be going to Flynn Park on Thursday 11/06/26.

## Boscaí Seó na mBréagán

Tá gnó beag ag iar-dhalta de chuid na scoile. @grazeboxgirl is ainm don ghnó. Tá boscaí Seó na mBréagán á dhéanamh aici arís i mbliana. Tá lascaine €2 á thabhairt aici do phobal scoile Ghaelscoil Bhaile Brigín.

One of our former pupils has a small business. Graze BoxGirl is the name of it and can be found on Facebook or Instagram. She is making Toyshow Boxes again this year. Béibhinn is offering a €2 discount on the boxes to Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín's school community. Orders can be made through her Facebook or Instagram pages & will be delivered to the school on Wed 03rd or Friday 5th of December

Now taking orders for Late Late Toyshow boxes- €10each.

They contain a letter to Santa, a bag of crisps, chocolate Santa, 1 candy cane, hot chocolate powder, small chocolate bar, swizzles rainbow drops/dip dab/flump, mini chocolate figure, lollipop, 2 swizzles sweets and haribo jellies.

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Treat the whole family to my Late Late Toyshow special~ 1 xs grazebox, 2 kids toyshow boxes + bottle of wine.

All for €50 



| WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL/ CHILDCARE? |                                     |   |                               |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Chicken Pox                                       | Conjunctivitis                      | Diarrhoea or Vomiting                                     | Flu                           | Glandular Fever   |
| When scabs are dry                                | No need to stay out*                | 48 hours after the last episode                           | 5 days after start of illness | No need to stay out*  |
| Hand, foot & mouth                                | Head Lice                           | Impetigo  | Measles                       | Mumps   |
| No need to stay out*                              | No need to stay out*                | When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics | 4 days after rash appears     | 5 days after swelling appears                                       |
| Scabies   | Scarlet Fever                       | Slapped Cheek   | Threadworms                   | Whooping Cough  |
| After first treatment                             | 24 hours after starting antibiotics | No need to stay out*                                      | No need to stay out*          | 5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after start of illness |

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

\*No need to stay out if child is well but school or childcare provider should be informed.