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# NUACHTLITIR 12

27/11/23

## **Bord Bainistíochta/ Board of Management**

Ba mhaith liom buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le Donal Fitzpatrick agus Joanne Murphy a chuir a gcuid ainmneacha ar aghaidh le bheith ar bhord bainistíochta na scoile don chéad tréimshe eile. Tá muid ag súil go mór le bheith ag obair as lámh a chéile ar son na scoile. Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le baill uile an bhoird a d'oibrigh go dian doicheallach le ceithre bliana anuas. B'iad Micheál Mac Mathúna agus Fiachra Ó hEochaidh; ainmnithe an phátrúin, Gráinne Ní Cheallacháin (ainmní na múinteoirí agus Doireann Ní Ghiobúin a sheas isteach dí agus í ar shaoire máithreachais), Donal Fitzpatrick agus Áine Ivers; ainmnithe na dtuistí agus Áine Ní Choileáin agus Cathal Gibbons ainmnithe an phobail. Is mór againn an cabhair, an tacaíocht agus an díogras do chur chun na scoile; agus an tacaíocht an bhí ann dúinn ar fad. Is cinnte gur tréimshe dushlánach, aisteach a bhí ann toisc na paidéime ach ba mhór againn uilig an tacaíocht ar fad a cuireadh ar fáil dúinn i gconaí. Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú fáilte a chur roimh Lára de Brún a bheidh ag feidhmniú ar an mbord mar ainmní na múinteoirí don chéad tréimhse eile. Beidh Micheál agus Fiachra ag leanúint ina gcuid ról mar ainmnithe an phátrúin agus is iad Clíodhna Ní Chearbhaill agus Áine Ní Choileáin (a bheidh ag fanacht ar an mbord) atá ainmnithe mar ionadaithe pobail.

*I would like to sincerely thank Donal Fitzpatrick and Joanne Murphy who have put their names forward as parent nominees for the next Board of Management. We are extremely grateful to them and we look forward to working with them on behalf of the school. I would also like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank the members of the outgoing board for their hard work and diligence over the last 4 years. Micheál Mac Mathúna and Fiachra Ó hEochaidh, the patron nominees, Gráinne Ní Cheallacháin; the teachers nominee (and also Doireann Ní Ghiobúin who stepped in while Gráinne was on maternity leave), Dónal Fitzpatrick and Áine Ivers; the parents nominees and Áine Ní Choileáin and Cathal Gibbons; the nominees from the wider*

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*community. We are so grateful for all your help, support and hard work for the good of the school. It is much appreciated. Without a doubt, it was an unprecedented term of office for the outgoing board as we had to contend with a global pandemic and all the uncertainty, change and unpredictability that came with it. However they were unwavering with their support, advice and guidance throughout.*

*I would like to welcome Lára de Brún who will be the teachers' nominee on the incoming board, as well as Joanne and Donal, the parents' nominees and Clíodhna Ní Chearbhaill and Áine Ní Choileáin who have been nominated as representatives for the wider community. Micheál and Fiachra will remain as the patron's nominees. Many thanks to all.*

### **Féilire/ Calendar**

Glacadh na híomhánna don fhéilire roimh an mbriseadh. Táimid ag obair go dian leis an gcomhlacht clódora ar an dearadh faoi láthair. Chuige sin, má tá suim ag aon duine nó gnó spás fógraíochta a cheannach ann, déan teagmháil linn anois.

[gsbbcoiste@gmail.com](mailto:gsbbcoiste@gmail.com) Beidh costas €50 ar fhógra.

*Is féidir leat do chóip den fhéilire a ordú anois ó Aisling. Beidh costas €10 orthu.*

*Images for the calendar were taken before the break. We are working hard with the printers on the design at the moment. On that note, if any person or business would like to purchase advertising space on the calendar, please get in touch with us. [gsbbcoiste@gmail.com](mailto:gsbbcoiste@gmail.com) . Each ad will cost €50.*

*You can order your copy of the calendar now from Aisling. They cost €10 each.*

### **Meán Fómhair 2024/ September 2024**

Meabhú go bhfuil áiteanna le glacadh faoin Aoine bheag seo le haghaidh rang na naíonán 2024.

*A reminder that places in the infant class for 2024 need to be accepted by this Friday.*



## Supporting Parents Supporting Children

*Dear Parent,*

*The Minister for Special Education and Inclusion, Ms Josepha Madigan, wishes to explore people's experiences of Inclusion in education in relation to special education needs. This will be done using focus groups and is for ALL parents and children to take part if they wish to.*

*The focus groups will explore various views and discuss how you or your child have experienced the education system. This may be as a child (under 18), a student (over 18), a young adult*

*who has gone through the education system, a parent/guardian, a staff member or as a member of the general public. These focus groups will commence from 27th November and all of the information to take part is in the attached flyer.*

*[Information Flyer \(English\)](#)*

*[Information Flyer \(Irish\)](#)*

*There are a series of consultations just for children and young people and it would be great to get as many children to take part as possible as their voice is critical in these discussions. If your child is interested in taking part in these in person events, please follow the instructions on the attached flyer. The dates for these events and venues are as follows:*

- *27th November – Christ the King Boy's N.S., Scoil Chríost Rí, Caherdavin, Limerick City, V94 N229 (Mainstream school)*
- *29th November – Online focus group*
- *4th December – Stewarts School, Rosse Court Avenue, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 K8W7 (Special School)*
- *6th December - Gaelscoil Liatroma, Castlecara Rd, Aghameeny, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim, N41 V2H5 (Gaelscoil)*

*Best Regards,*

*National Parents Council*

## *An Seó Nollag/ Christmas Show*

Beidh an seó Nollag ar siúl ar an 19 Nollaig i halla na scoile. Beidh fáilte roimh thuistí teacht chuige.

*The Christmas show will take place in the school hall on 19th December. Parents are welcome to attend.*



AN SEÓ NOLLAG  
19 NOLLAIG 2023

08.55	Rang a 6 Múinteoirí Cillín & Donagh
09.30	N. Mhóra Doireann, Gráinne & Helena
10.00	Rang a 4 Múinteoirí Lára & Emma
10.50	Naíonáin Bheaga Múinteoirí Elaine & Abby
11.30	Rang a 5 Múinteoirí Tom & Síle
12.55	Rang a 3 Múinteoirí Gráinne & Nicole
13.25	Rang a Múinteoirí 1 Maria & Tomás
14.00	Rang a 2 Dearbhla & Gráinne

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### [Iris Nollag/ Christmas Annuals](#)

Más mian leat iris Nollag a ordú le haghaidh do pháiste, is feidir é a dhéanamh ag an nasc thíos go dtí an 03/12/23. Tiocfaidh na hiris chun na scoile go luath ina dhiaidh sin.

*If you would like to order a Christmas annual for your child, you can do so at the following link until 03/12/23. Annuals will be delivered to the school shortly after this.*

<https://annualorders.educate.ie/20252P/aisling-ni-ghiobuin>



### [Lá na nGeansaithe Nollag/ Christmas Jumper Day](#)

Beidh Lá na nGeansaithe Nollag againn Dé hAoine na seachtaine seo, 01 Nollaig. Tá fáilte roimh dhaltaí geansaí nó éadaí Nollag a chaitheamh. Ní gá dul amach agus aon rud nua a cheannach, déanfaidh píosa tinsel sa ghruaig cúis fiú. Tá roinnt geansithe Nollag fágtha sa halla comh maith. Más mian le haon duinne airgead a thabhairt i dtreo an Peter Mc Verry Trust, is féidir é a dhéanamh ag úsáid an cóid MF trasna.

*We will have our Christmas Jumper Day this Friday, 1st December. Pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper of Christmas clothes. There is no need to go out and buy anything new. Even a piece of tinsel in your child's hair will do. There are also some Christmas jumpers left in the hall. If anyone would like to donate money to the Peter Mc Verry Trust, you can do so using the QR code across.*





**CHUIG:** Gach bunscoil agus scoil RSO

**Ó:** Dr Abigail Collins, Comhairleoir i Leigheas Sláinte Poiblí; Ceannasaí Náisiúnta Sláinte Leanaí, Sláinte Poiblí

Dr Eamonn O'Moore, Stiúrthóir, Cosaint Sláinte Náisiúnta

**MAIDIR LE:** Nuashonrú Sláinte Poiblí FSS– Méadú Suntasach ar Ionfhabhtuithe RSV/Bronchiolitis i leanaí óga

**DÁTA:** 20 Samhain 2023

*Is minic a fheictear méadú mór ar ionfhabhtuithe sa gheimhreadh. Méadú suntasach in ionfhabhtuithe RSV*

*Faoi láthair ta méadú suntasach á fheiceáil sa víreas RSV (<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/>), ionfhabhtú víreasach coitianta geimhridh a bhíonn ina ábhar inní ar leith do leanaí.*

*Comharthaí tipiciúla de RSV*

*Go hiondúil, is iad na comharthaí a bhaineann le hionfhabhtaithe víreasacha, lena n-áirítear RSV ná:*

- srón ag sileadh nó blocáilte
- fiabhras éadrom
- casacht
- táimhe (tuirse)

*Is féidir cúram sábháilte a thabhairt sa bhaile do leanaí a bhfuil ionfhabhtuithe víreasacha orthu, RSV san áireamh. Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil ag <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>. Mar sin féin, i naíonáin agus leanaí óga, (go háirithe iad siúd faoi 5 bliana d'aois), is féidir le bronchiolitis deacrachtaí níos suntasaí a chruthú maidir le hanálú agus beathú. Is mó an seans go mbeidh cúram ospidéil de dhíth ar naíonáin agus ar leanaí óga. (Tá sonraí breise faoin gcaoi le haire a thabhairt sa bhaile do leanbh ar a bhfuil bronchiolitis agus an uair is gá cabhair a lorg ar fáil anseo <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/bronchiolitis/>)*

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## ***Teachtaireachtaí tábhachtacha do theaghlaigh agus leanaí maidir le haon ionfhabhtuithe:***

- 1) ***Is é an rud is tábhachtaí ná go bhfanfaidh do leanbh sa bhaile ón scoil agus ó aon ghníomhaíochtaí mura bhfuil do leanbh ar fónamh.***

*D'fhéadfadh go mbeadh srón ag sileadh nó casacht bheag ag go leor leanaí i rith an gheimhridh ach go mothaíonn siad ar fónamh mar sin féin. Má tá leanbh ag mothú tinn, úfach, ba chóir dó/dí fanacht sa bhaile agus ón scoil agus ó ghníomhaíochtaí go dtí go dtiocfaidh deireadh leis na hairíonna agus go bhfuil siad ag mothú go maith.*

*Féach <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>*

*Is mó an seans go bhfaighidh leanaí atá tinn le hionfhabhtú amháin ionfhabhtú eile, agus d'fhéadfadh siad éirí i bhfad níos measa. Dá bhrí sin, cosnófar do leanbh ó víris eile a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag dul thart má fhanann siad sa bhaile nuair a bhíonn siad tinn.*

*Ina theannta sin, is mó an seans go scaipfidh leanaí le hairíonna ionfhabhtuithe. Cabhróidh fanacht sa bhaile nuair a bhíonn siad tinn leathadh chuig leanaí eile, teaghlaigh agus baill foirne a chosc. Tá sé seo tábhachtach go háirithe i mbunscoileanna ina bhféadfadh siblíne agus leanaí níos óige a bheith ag leanaí eile sa bhaile.*

*D'fhéadfadh leanaí a raibh ionfhabhtú víreasach orthu, ar nós bronchiolitis, casacht leanúnach a bheith acu ar feadh cúpla seachtain tar éis ionfhabhtaithe; a luaithe a bhíonn an fiabhras agus aon chomharthaí eile imithe, níor cheart iad a fhágáil ar lar ón scoil toisc casacht leanúnach amháin.*

*An Fhoireann: má bhíonn baill foirne tinn ní cóir dóibh freastal ach an oiread go dtí go mbíonn na comharthaí imithe.*

*D'fhéadfadh nach mbeadh leanaí níos sine agus baill foirne ró-thinn le RSV, ach d'fhéadfadh naíonáin agus leanaí óga éirí an-tinn leis an ionfhabhtú, agus mar sin tá sé an-tábhachtach bearta coiscithe agus rialaithe ionfhabhtaithe a chur i bhfeidhm.*

- 2) ***Ionfhabhtú, bearta coiscithe agus rialaithe***
- ***Clúdaigh casachtaí agus sraothanna***
  - ***Coinnigh na lámha glan***

*Tá tábhacht i gcónaí leis na bearta a raibh taithí againn go léir orthu le linn Covid-19. Ba chóir gach duine a spreagadh chun cloí leo. Cuidíonn na bearta seo stop a chur leis an ionfhabhtú.*

- 3) ***Vacsainiú***

***Má chinntítear go bhfuil do leanbh cothrom le dáta maidir le gach vacsainiú óige a mholtar cuideofar:***

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- *cosc a chur le do leanbh ionfhabhtú a fháil agus*

- *baol go mbeidh siad tinn má fhaigheann siad ionfhabhtú a laghdú*

*Tugann gnáth-vacsáiníthe cosaint do leanaí in aghaidh go leor ionfhabhtuithe víreasacha agus baictéaracha suntasacha. Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ag*

*<https://www2.hse.ie/babies-children/vaccines-your-child/>*

*Faoi láthair, níl aon vacsaín ar fáil mar ghnáthnós in aghaidh ionfhabhtú RSV; ach tá vacsaíní ar fáil agus molta don fhliú agus do Covid-19.*

#### *Vacsáin fliú*

*Tá sprae sróine saor in aisce don vacsaín fliú ar fáil do leanaí idir 2 agus 12 bhliain d'aois ó dhochtúir teaghlaigh agus ó chógaslanna. Cuidíonn sé seo do leanaí a chosaint ó bheith an-tinn leis an bhfliú, agus cuidíonn sé freisin naíonáin agus seantuismitheoirí sa teaghlach a chosaint.*

*Féach <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/childrens-flu-vaccine/>*

*Moltar do go leor daoine fásta an vacsaín fliú a fháil freisin. Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ag*

*[www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/getting-the-vaccine/](http://www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/getting-the-vaccine/)*

*Moltar vacsaíniú le haghaidh Covid-19 go háirithe do leanaí a bhfuil córais imdhíonachta laga acu.*

*[www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/children/](http://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/children/)*

*TO:*

*All primary schools and SEN schools*





**FROM:** Dr Abigail Collins, Consultant in Public Health Medicine;  
National Clinical Lead Child Health Public Health

Dr Eamonn O'Moore, Director National Health Protection

**RE:** HSE Public Health update – Significant rise in  
RSV/Bronchiolitis infections in young children

**DATE:** 20 November 2023

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*We often see a large increase in infections in winter.  
Significant increase in RSV infections*

*We are currently seeing a significant increase in the RSV virus  
(<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/>), a common winter viral infection which is of particular  
concern for babies.*

*Typical symptoms of RSV*

*Symptoms of viral infections, including RSV typically include:*

- runny or blocked nose
- mild fever
- cough
- lethargy (tiredness)

*Most children with viral infections, including RSV can safely be cared for at home. More  
information can be found at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>. However,  
in babies and young children, (particularly those under 5 years), bronchiolitis can cause more  
significant difficulties in breathing and feeding. Babies and young children are more likely to  
need hospital care. (More details on on how to take care of a baby with bronchiolitis at home  
and when to get help can be found here <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/bronchiolitis/>)*

***Important messages for families and children regarding any infections:***

- 1) *The most important measure is for your child to stay home from school and activities if your  
child is unwell.*

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*Many children might have a runny nose or a slight cough in winter season and still feel well. However, if a child is feeling unwell they should stay at home and away from school and activities until their symptoms have finished and they are feeling well.*

*See <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>*

*Children who are unwell with one infection are more likely to get another infection, and may become more significantly unwell. Therefore staying at home will protect your child from other viruses while they are unwell, which may well also be circulating.*

*Further, Children with symptoms are more likely to spread infections. Staying home when unwell will help prevent spread to other children, families and staff. This is important particularly in primary schools where other children in their class may have younger siblings and babies at home.*

*Children who have had a viral infection, like bronchiolitis, may have a persistent cough after infection for a few weeks; once the fever and any other symptoms have finished, they should not be excluded because of this persistent cough alone.*

*Staff: if staff are unwell they also should not attend until their symptoms have resolved. Older children and staff may not be particularly unwell with RSV, but babies and young children can become very unwell with the infection, therefore taking infection prevention and control measures are very important.*

## **2) Infection, prevention and control measures**

- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Keep hands clean

*Measures that we all got used to with Covid-19 are still important. They should be encouraged for everyone. These measures help stop the spread of infection.*

## **3) Vaccination**

*Making sure your child is up to date on all recommended childhood vaccinations will help:*

- stop your child getting an infection and
- make them less likely to be unwell if they do get an infection

*Routine childhood vaccinations protect against many significant viral and bacterial infections.*

*More information is available at <https://www2.hse.ie/babies-children/vaccines-your-child/>*

*There is currently no vaccine routinely available against RSV infection; but there are vaccines available and recommended for flu and Covid-19.*

**Flu vaccine**

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*The free nasal spray flu vaccine is available for children aged 2 to 12 years from GP and pharmacies. It helps protect your children from getting seriously ill with the flu, as well as helping to protect babies and grandparents in the family.*

*See <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/childrens-flu-vaccine/>*

*Many adults are also recommended to have the flu vaccine. More information is available at [www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/getting-the-vaccine/](http://www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/getting-the-vaccine/)*

*Vaccination for Covid-19 is recommended particularly for children with weak immune systems [www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/children/](http://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/children/)*



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# IMEACHTAÍ NA NOLLAG

**01/12/23 Lá na nGeansaithe Nollag**

**05 & 06/12/23 Panto san IIMS**

**12/12/23 Carúil na Nollag sa séipéil @ 6.15in**

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