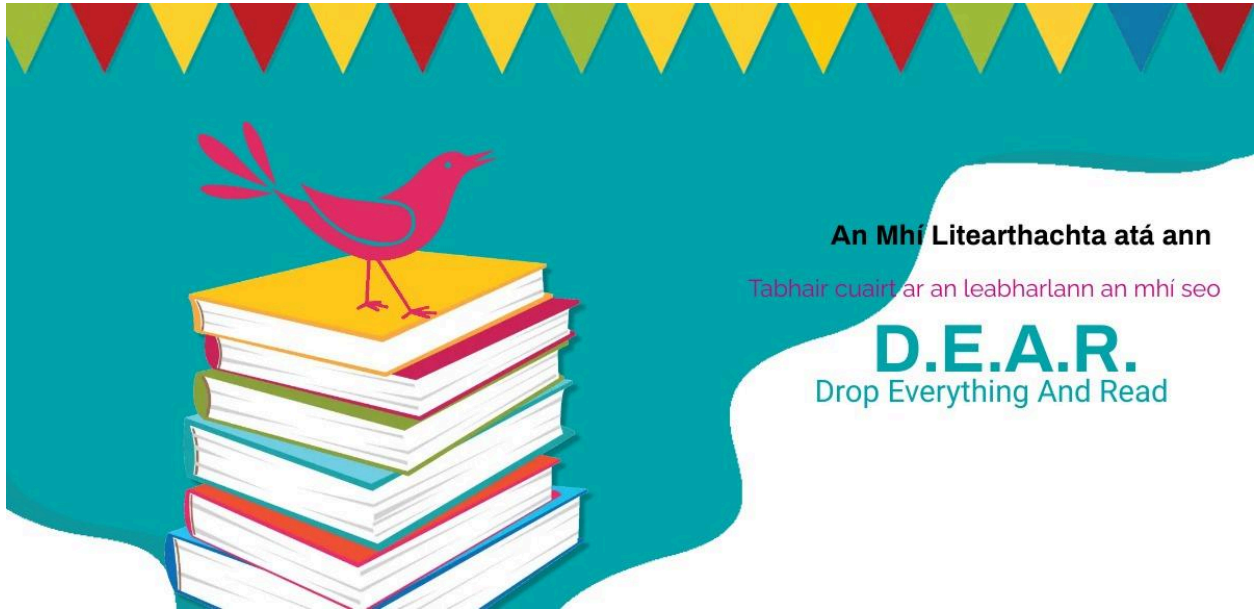




gaelscoil bhaile brigín

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04/03/24



An Cóineartú/ Confirmation

Beidh an Cóineartú ar siúl Déardaoin, 14 Márta @11rn. D'iarrfaimis ar dhaltaí rang a sé, a gcuid tuismitheoirí agus a gcara Críostaí a bheith sna suíocháin roimh 10.50rn. Beidh róbaí le caitheamh sa séipéal agus seolfar iad seo abhaile an tseachtain seo. Beidh na griangrafadóirí anseo maidin Dé hAoine, 15 Márta chun pictiúirí aonaracha agus pictiúr ranga a ghlacadh. Tosóidh siad láithreach ag 9.

The Confirmation will take place @11am on 14th March in the church of SS Peter & Paul. We ask that 6th class pupils and their parents and sponsor are in their seats by 10.50am.

Robes are worn in the church and these will be given out this week.

The photographers will be here on Friday, 15th March to take individual shots and a class photo. They will begin at 9am sharp.

Coiste na dTuistí/ Parent's Committee

Lá Fhéile Pádraig

Beimid ag bualadh le chéile ag 11.30 ag carrchlós Chaisleán Bhrí Mhór. Tabhair libh bhur ealaín, postaeir, éadaí glasa, feadóga srl. Táimid ag súil go mór le sibh a fheiceáil ann. Tabhair faoi deara go bhfuil ar pháistí a bheith faoi chúram duine fásta.

Crannchur 50/50

Beidh crannchur 50/50 ar siúl ar an 21 Márta. Rachaidh íocaíocht ar Aladdin do ghach teaghlach sa scoil maidin Dé hAoine 15 Márta.

- **Má theastaíonn uait ticéid a cheannach don chrannchur is féidir leat é seo a dhéanamh tríd an táille a íoc ar Aladdin.**

Táille €5 a thiocfaidh anuas go huaoibreach. Clúdaíonn sé seo ticéid clainne nó 2 ticéid do pháiste aonarach. Is féidir an méid a athrú go €3 mura bhfuil ach ticéid amháin de dhíth ort. Má theastaíonn uait breis ticéid a cheannach, déan teagmháil le hAisling. Ní bheidh airgead cruá á ghlacadh againn.

- **Mura theastaíonn uait ticéid a cheannach , ní gá rud ar bith a dhéanamh. Bainfear an íocaíocht den chuntas maidin Dé hAoine tar éis a 10rn.**

Cuirfear aon ticéid atá ceannaithe roimh 10rn Déardaoin 21 Márta sa crannchur. Mura bhfuil sé ceannaithe agat roimh 10, ní bheidh ticéid agat.

CCB

Beidh Cruinniú Cinn Bliana an choiste ar siúl ar an Luan, 29 Aibreáin @8in sa scoil. Tá fáilte mhór roimh ghach tuismitheoir sa scoil freastal air. Táimid ag súil go mór le bualadh le daoine nua chomh maith le castáil ar na daoine atá sean aithne againn orthu.

Is deis é seo chomh maith tú féin a chur ar aghaidh le bheith mar bhall don choiste. Is ball gach tuismitheoir/caomhnóir d'aontas na dtuistí ach gníomhaíonn an Coiste thar cheann an aontais. Is deis iontach é ról a ghlacadh i bhforbairt na scoile agus bheadh sé thar cinn ionadaíocht a bheith ann de réimse leathan dena ranganna.

Margadh Leabhar

Míle buíochas daoibh as ucht tacaíocht a thabhairt don mhargadh an tseachtain seo caite. Tá buíochas faoi leith le dul go dtí na tuismitheoirí a bhí ann cabhrú linn. Tá leabhair ar luach €2052 faighte againn le haghaidh leabharlanna na scoile.

St. Patrick's Day

We will meet at 11.30am at Bremore Castle car park. BRing your art, posters, green clothes, whistles etc. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 raffle will take place on 21st March. Payment will go up on Aladdin for each family from Friday 15th March.

- If you would like to purchase tickets, then simply pay the fee via Aladdin.

The entry fee is set at €5 automatically. This covers a family ticket or 2 tickets for an only child in the school. You can change this amount to €3 if you only wish to purchase one ticket. If you would like to purchase additional tickets, please contact Aisling. No cash will be accepted.

- If you do not wish to purchase any tickets, do nothing. The payment will disappear from your account on Friday after 10am.

Any tickets that have been paid for by 10am on Thursday 21st March will be entered into the draw. If you have not purchased tickets by 10 am, you will not be entered.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 29th April @8pm in the school. All parents in the school are more than welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting some new faces as well as catching up with those we already know.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in the development of the school by becoming a member of the committee. All parents/guardians are members of the parents association, but some have volunteered to be members of the committee who help out on behalf of the parental body. It would be wonderful if a wide range of classes could be represented.

Book Fair

Many thanks to all who supported the book fair last week and a special thank you to those who were able to volunteer their time. We have received €2052 worth of free books for our school libraries.

Seachtain na Gaeilge ar scoil/ SnaG in School

Tá neart ar siúl sa scoil chun céiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge nó cóicís na Gaeilge mar atá na laethanta seo.

Tá na hardranganna ag tabhairt cuairte ar na bunranganna gach maidin chun ealaín agus postaeir a dhearadh don mhórshiúl ar an 17 Márta. (Tuilleadh eolais faoi seo faoi roinn an Choiste). Táimid ag súil go mór leis an toradh ar an dian-obair seo a fheiceáil.

Bhí díospóireacht inranga ann inné le daltaí ag déanamh plé ar ábhair conspóideacha éagsúla. Msh. ‘Ba chór an aois vótála a íslú go 16’ nó ‘ba chór ar a laghad 3 uair an chloig de chorpoideachas a dhéanamh gach seachtain’. Bhí an-chuid tuairimí siumiúla ag na daltaí.

Cuireadh tús leis an nGaelfachtóir. Beidh na ranganna ag cumadh amhráin trí Ghaeilge.

Bhí comórtais inranga ó rang a haon go dtí rang a cúig againn inniu. Roghnaíodh dalta amháin ó ghach rang le dul ar aghaidh chuig an comórtas Béal Binn agus Béal Bocht a bheidh ar siúl i nGaelscoil Ros Eó an tseachtain seo chugainn.

Beidh daltaí ag déanamh iarrachta an méid is mó focal gur féidir leo a aimsiú as roinnt fhocail fhada amárach chomh maith le seanfhocail nua a chumadh. Beidh ‘Seachtapus’ ar stáitse do na bunranganna amárach sa halla le ‘Sceitimíní’ á chur i láthair do na hardranganna Déardaoin.

Beidh cluichí trí Ghaeilge, dánta acrostacha agus tráth na gceisteanna Dé hAoine.

Aghaidh ar an seachtain seo chugainn:

- Comórtas ealaíne na ndóirse
- An Díospóireacht Mhór
- Ealaín idir ranganna
- Cluichí clóis le daltaí Bracken Educate Together
- Dioscó na dteidí le daltaí Ghaelscoil Ghráinne Mhaol.
- Coimicí Gael

Beidh Lá Gléasadh na nGael agus Gaeilge 24 á chéiliúradh againn ar an 19 Márta.

There is plenty happening in the school to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, Irish Language Week or Irish Language Fortnight as it has become these days.

Older classes will visit younger classes each morning to work together on creating posters for the St. Patrick's Day parade on the 17th March. (Further info on this in the Parent's Association notes). We are really looking forward to seeing the results of all this hard work.

We had in class debating yesterday with pupils discussing a range of different controversial topics. Ie Should the voting age be lowered to 16 years and should PE be taught for at least 3 hours each week. The pupils had some very interesting opinions.

Preparations for the Gaelfachtóir started yesterday. Each class will compose a song through Irish.

1st to 5th class held in class literary competitions today for Béal Binn and Béal Bocht. A winner is chosen from each class to represent Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín at the inter school competition next week in Gaelscoil Ros Eó.

Pupils will be trying to find as many words as possible in longer Irish words tomorrow as well as coming up with their own proverbs. Younger classes will see 'Seachtapus', a live Irish language play in the hall with 'Sceitimíní' being performed for older classes on Thursday.

Games through Irish, Acrostic poems and quizzes take place on Friday.

Coming up next week:

- *Door art competition*
- *The Big Debate*
- *Inter class art*
- *Yard games with pupils from Bracken Educate Together*
- *Teddy Bear's Disco with pupils from Gaelscoil Gráinne Mhaol.*
- *Comicí Gael workshop*

We will celebrate Gaeilge 24 and Lá Gléasadh na nGael on 19th March. Pupils are invited to dress up in all their Irishness on this day and are also encouraged to speak in Irish for 24 hours.

Imeachtaí sa phobal do Sheachtain na Gaeilge/ Community events for SnaG

- 03/03/24 Lego agus Cluichí trí Ghaeilge i CLG Uí Dhuibhir @2in.
- 05/03/24 Seisiún Ceoil i Mrs O's @9in.
- 06/03/24 Ceol agus Amhránaíocht i leabharlann Bhaile Brigín @6.30in. (fógra thíos). Chun áit a chur in áirithe déan teagmháil leo. 01-870 4401 nó balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie.
- 07/03/24 Oíche Filíochta dhatheangach i leabharlann Bhaile Brigín @6.30in. (fógra thíos)
Chun áit a chur in áirithe déan teagmháil leo. 01-870 4401 nó balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie.
- 13/03/24 Oíche Cheoil in Áras an Chontae @7in.(fógra thíos)

- *03/03/24 Lego & Board games in O' Dwyers GAA Club @2pm.*
- *05/03/24 Traditional Music Session in Mrs O's*
- *06/03/24 Traditional Irish Music & Singing in Balbriggan Library @6.30pm (poster below). To book please contact 01-8704401 or balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie*
- *07/03/24 Bilingual Poetry Night in Balbriggan Library. (poster below). To book please contact 01-8704401 or balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie*
- *13/03/24 Music Night in County Hall @7pm. (poster below)*

Áras an Chontae Sord, County Hall Swords
Oíche Cheoil do Sheachtain na Gaeilge
Elle Níc Fhionnghalle, Dónal Kearney & Fergus Cahillane

Seachtain
na Gaeilge
Le enÉrgia




Dé Céadaoin 13 Márta 2024
7pm go 9 pm
Saor in Aisce ! Sólaistí ar fáil
Wednesday 13th March 2024
7pm to 9pm
Free Event ! Light refreshments
Bígí Linn
Everyone Welcome



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Comhairle Contae
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Ceol & Amhránaíocht Thraidisiúnta na hÉireann / Irish Traditional Music & Singing

le Antaine Ó Faracháin & Nollaig MacCarthaigh

Bain úsáid agus taitneamh as do chuid Gaeilge. Fáilte roimh chách. Is amhránaí ins an stíl dhúchasach é Antaine Ó Faracháin a chasann i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge agus is píobaire den scoth é Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh a bhfuil an-mheas air mar cheoltóir. Ceardlann Dátheangach.



Antaine Ó Faracháin sings in the native style in both Irish and English and Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh is an excellent piper who is renowned for his skills as a musician. This is a bilingual event.

Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 6th March	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 13th March	6:30pm – 7:30pm

Tá Fáilte Roimh Chách/ All Welcome

Oíche Filíochta Dhátheangach / Bilingual Poetry Evening le Gaeilge i mBaile Brigín

Bígí linn ag Oíche Filíochta Dhátheangach i Leabharlann Bhaile Brigín chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh. Léigh dán tú féin nó éist le daoine eile agus bígí ag caint. Dánta i mBéarla nó i nGaeilge

Join us for a Bilingual Poetry evening in Balbriggan Library to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. Read a poem yourself or listen to others and have a chat. Poems in Irish or English.

Leabharlann Bhaile Brigín	Déardaoin, 7 Márta	6.30in – 7.45in
Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 7th March	6.30pm – 7.45pm

Fáilte roimh chách! Everyone welcome



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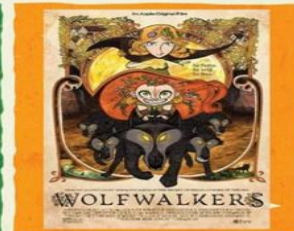
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Hey **@followers!** 🎉 How about a fun movie day for your class? We're giving away a FREE screening during Irish Week to one lucky class. 🍿🎬 Drop a comment with the name of the school you're nominating, and your class could be the one to win this awesome movie experience. Let's get those nominations rolling!

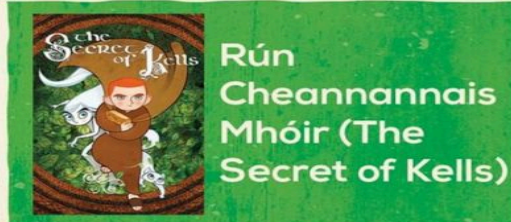
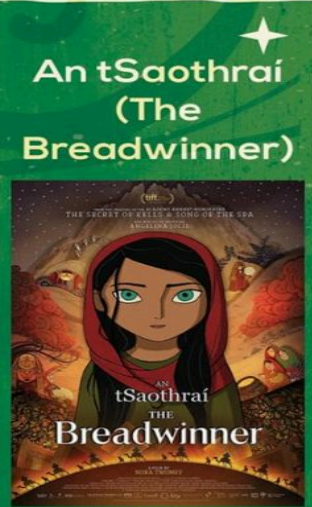
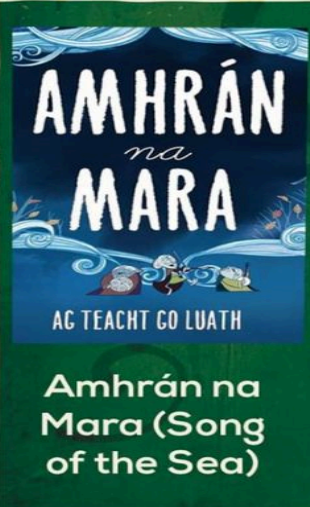
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2024



Chun áirithint a dhéanamh, déan teagmháil linn. Uimhir Fóin: 087 944 8161 Ríomhphost: michelle@movies-at.ie

✦ Mar chuid de Sheachtain na Gaeilge, beidh sé scannán ar fáil as Gaeilge agus is féidir leat do rang a thabhairt chun féachaint orthu i rith am scoile. ✦



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Coiste Glas/ Green School Committee

Bhí teachtaireacht tábhachtach ag Cathal agus Muireann don scoil iomlán inniú. Táimid ag iarraidh cur amú bia sa scoil a laghdú. Beidh an coiste ag seiceáil na boscaí bruscair dhonna agus beidh duais don rang leis an méid is lú bia iontu.

D'iarrfaimis ar thuismitheoirí tacaíocht a thaispeáint don feachtas seo agus labhairt le bhur gcuid páistí féin faoi chur amú bia.

Cathal and Muireann from the Green School Committee had a very important message for the whole school today. We want to reduce the amount of food waste in the school. The committee will be checking the brown bins to see which class has the least amount of food in them.

We would ask parents to support this initiative by speaking with your own children about food waste.

Aoine an aeir úir/ Fresh air Friday

Tá an feachtas seo ar bun ag gComhairle Chontae Fhine Gall gach seachtain. Ag tosú ón Aoine seo chugainn beidh taifead á ghlacadh againn de na daltaí a ghlacann páirte ann. Beidh cairt i ngach seomra agus beidh na daltaí in ann sonraí a chur air os rud é gur shiúl siad ar scoil, gur tháinig said ar scoil ar rothar nó scútar.

Is féidir páirceáil i gcarrchlós an tséipéil agus fós páirt a ghlacadh ann.

Fingal County Council run this campaign each week. Starting next Friday, we will be recording the number of pupils who walk, cycle or scoot to school. There will be a chart in each classroom and pupils will be able to mark if they have walked, cycled or scooted to school. You can park at the church carpark to participate.

Tá áthas orainn go bhfuil an cór sinsearach ag glacadh páirte sa seó seo i mbliana. Beidh an seó ar siúl ar an 15 Aibreáin sa Staid Náisiúnta. Tá gach eolas imithe amach ar Aladdin chuig thuismitheoirí na ndaltaí a bheidh páirteach ann.

We are delighted that the senior choir will be taking part in the Big Sing this year. The show takes place on the 15th April in the National Stadium. All information has been sent via Aladdin to those who will be taking part.



Conradh fóin/ Phone Contract

A chairde,

Tá mé ag teacht chugaibh maidir leis an bpolasaí fóin atá i bhfeidhm i nGaelscoil Bhaile Brigín agus maidir leis an gceist níos leithne i dtaobh úsáid fóin ag aosóg an lae inniú. Mar a thuigeann sibh, tá cosc iomlán ar aon chineál fón cliste a bheith i seilbh aon dalta ar scoil. Meabhraímid daoibh go n-áiríonn sé seo uaireadóir cliste chomh maith. Ba mhaith liom dul tríd réasúnaíocht an pholasaí seo le díreach meabhrú daoibh cén fáth go bhfuil an polasaí seo chomh tábhachtach don scoil. Ar dtús, ba mhaith an deis a thógáil a aithint an gá a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann maidir le fón a bheith ag dalta agus sé sin má tá siad ag siúl abhaile agus go mbeadh teacht orthu. Chuige sin, tá fáilte roimh dhaltaí fóin a bheith acu nach bhfuil aon rochtán acu ar ceamara nó idirlíon.

Tá baol caomhnaithe páistí i gceist le fóin le ceamra agus rochtán ar idirlíon. Tá sé tarlaithe ní amháin anseo ar scoil ach i go leor leor scoileanna fud fad na tíre go bhfuil pictiúir míoiriúnacha nó fiú díreach pictiúir tógtha ar scoil agus scaipthe go forleathan. Chomh maith leis sin tá baol ann maidir le taifead a dhéanamh ar bhaill na scoile gan cead. Is sárú rialacha na scoile an-mhór é seo agus bheadh impleachtaí móra ag baint leis seo an gcineál iompair seo, ag áireamh teagmháil leis na Gardaí más cuí.

Mar scoil, tá muid tiomanta maidir leis an eispearas foghlama is saibhre a chur ar fáil dár ndaltaí. Mar chuid de sin, tá muid ag tabhairt faoin bhfolláin go tréan thar an chéad chupla bliain eile mar go n-aithnímid an tábhacht seo mar chroílár dul chun cinn an uile duine.

Mar a thuigimid ar fad tá fás agus forbairt leanúnach ag tarlúint ó thaobh fóin chliste, cúrsaí idirlíne agus cúrsaí digiteacha go ginearálta. Aithnímid na buntáistí atá ag baint leis seo ar fad don sochaí, ach tá sé tábhachtach go dtugaimid aghaidh ar na baol chomh maith. Tá tionchar nach beag ag an rochtán leanúnach ar an idirlíon agus na meáin shóisialta ar shaol ár ndaltaí. Tuigimid chomh maith an brú ó phriaraí maidir le fóin a fháil ar aois níos óige agus níos óige. Tá an ceist seo á phlé againn mar fhoireann le tamall agus tá plé déanta chomh maith le Coiste na dTuistí. Mar a thuigeann sibh tá na cruinnithe ranga ag tarlúint faoi láthair agus tá muid buíoch daoibh ar fad as bhur gcuid tacaíochta leo. Mar chuid dena seisiún seo tá ceist na bhfón á phlé - go háirithe ag leibhéal na meánranganna. Beidh moladh agus deis plé ann ag ranganna 2-4 ar an gceist seo maidir le conradh ranga a shocrú nach gceannófaí fóin go dtí go bhfuil daltaí an

ranga sin ar aois ar leith. Tá eolas ag teacht chun solais go leanúnach ar an éifeacht a imríonn na meáin shoisialta ar fholláin agus ar mheabharshláinte an aosóig. Tá brú síoraí na meán sóisialta chomh maith le cibearbhulaíocht ag dul i bhfeidhm go láidir ar fholláin agus ar mheabharshláinte na hóige. Tríd aontú ranga i measc na dtuistí ar a leithead, chabhródh sé seo iad a chosaint óna leithead. Feicimid agus deir na daltaí iad féin go minic go mbíonn siad níos tapúla rudaí a rá ar líne nach ndearfaidís le haghaidh éinne. Bheifí ag súil le go gcabhródh sé seo caidrimh láidre i bpearsa a chothú agus a threisiú. Thabharfadh sé deis chomh maith eolas agus úsáid níos freagraí a leabú sna daltaí maidir le húsáid na meán srl roimh dóibh iad a fháil. Bheifí ag súil le go mbeadh tuiscint níos doimhne de réir mar a tá siad níos sinne ar na himpleachtaí a bhaineann le míúsáid a bhaint as meáin shóisialta agus go mbeadh roghanna cearta á dhéanamh i leith a gcuid úsáide.

Creidimid lena leithead de chur chuige ar bhonn ranga go dtugann sé tacaíocht do thuistí agus iad a iarraidh aois rochtán ar fhóin srl a chur siar tríd eolas a roinnt i measc na dtuistí go bhfuil tuistí eile ag cur siar aois rochtáin.

Tuigimid chomh maith nach cinneadh scoile é seo agus gur faoi tuismitheoirí atá sé cinneadh dá gcuid clann a dhéanamh ach bheimís ag súil tríd deis plé a chur ar fáil do thuistí go gcabhródh sé le muinín dhaoine an cinneadh sin a ghlacadh.

D'fháilteoimís go mór roimh aon ais eolas ar an gceist thábhachtach seo.

I am writing to you all regarding our Mobile Phone policy in Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín and to broach the wider question of phone usage amongst our young students today. As you are aware, all smart phones and/or camera phones are strictly forbidden in school. We would remind you that this includes smart watches or any other device which has a camera or access to the internet. I would like to explain the rationale for this and remind you of the importance of this in our school. We do also, however, understand that some children may need access to a phone as they walk/get the bus home. We would remind parents/guardians that they are welcome to have a phone that has no camera or internet access in this situation. Under no circumstances however may it be turned on or taken out during the day in school. If this does

happen, it will be taken and kept for the duration of the day. If this happens again, a parent or guardian will have to come and collect the phone from the office.

There is a Child Protection risk involved with children having access to phones with cameras or internet access while in school. It has happened, not only in our school, but in many many schools around the country, that inappropriate pictures, or indeed pictures of any type have been taken of other students (with or without their permission) and shared (again with sometimes, but often without permission) widely. There is also a danger that members of our school community may be recorded and again shared. This is a serious breach of school policy and will be dealt with through the code of discipline. This could have serious implications for any child partaking in such actions, up to and including contacting An Garda Síochána if necessary.

As a school we are committed to providing the best possible learning environment for our students. As part of this, we will be focusing on wellbeing throughout our school community over the coming years, in conjunction with the National Strategy which will be rolled out over the next while.

We are all aware of the continuous development and growth of smartphones, social media, and the ever evolving digital landscape. We all acknowledge and are grateful for the benefits of this for society, however it is important that we also recognise the potential dangers of the same. Continuous access to the internet and social media has a significant impact on young peoples' lives. We also appreciate that there is constant peer pressure (not just from peers but from society in general) for people to get phones at younger and younger ages. As a staff, we have been discussing this issue for a while and we are witnessing the negative impact of social media and the constant accessibility of young people through phones and smart watches etc. We have also discussed this with the Parents' Committee.

As you are aware the class meetings are taking place currently and we are grateful for your support in these. As part of these sessions the subject of phones will be discussed; especially in 2nd-4th class. There will be a discussion around the idea of creating a contract amongst parents to push back, collectively, on the age of getting phones for children. This would also be discussed in classes with the children,

highlighting the benefits. We know that there is more and more knowledge coming to the fore around the impact of social media on the mental health and wellbeing of young children. We see it here in school on a regular basis. The constant pressure from social media, in conjunction with cyberbullying is taking its toll on the mental wellbeing of our young students. We see and hear students themselves say things like that they would never say to someone's face comments that they would post on the likes of snapchat etc. We would hope that this initiative would help students strengthen their face to face communication. It would also give a chance to students to learn and be more responsible in their own usage of social media before getting a phone.

We also believe that this initiative will support parents who would like to push back the age at which their children get a mobile phone as there will be a collective support amongst parents in a class.

We acknowledge that this is not a school decision, rather it is a parents/guardians decision to make, however we would hope that this initiative will provide the opportunity for discussion amongst families around the use of phones at primary level.

We would welcome any feedback that you may have around this issue.