



gaelscoil bhaile brigín

NUACHTLITIR 15

08/01/24

Athbhliain Faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh go léir/ Happy New Year to you all.

Ba mhaith linn fáilte uí cheallaigh a chur romhaibh ar fad ar ais théis na saoire. Tá súil againn go raibh sos deas ag gach duine. Tá muid ar fad ag súil le tabhairt faoin gcéad téarma eile le fonn agus guímid gach rath ar chuile dhuine don chéad tréimshe eile.

We would like to welcome everyone back after the break and we hope that everyone had a peaceful holiday. We are all looking forward to our next term and we wish everyone well.

Tógáil an tsínte/ Building of Extension

Tá scéal tagtha go mbeidh an obair tógála ag tosú an tseachtain seo chugainn. Tá muid ag súil go mbeidh na tógálaithe ar shuíomh na scoile ón Luan ar aghaidh ag réitiú an talúin. Chuige sin, beidh na bealaí nua isteach/líneáil suas/dul abhaile ar fad i bhfeidhm ón Luan. Tuigimid go dtógfaidh sé lá nó dhó dul i dtairní air. Meabhraím daoibh go bhfuil an fiseán (thíos) ann leis na sonraí ar fad (tuigim go ndeachaigh sé amach roimh an Nollaig agus seans go bhfuil na sonraí dearmadta!). Beidh muid ag dul tríd leis na daltaí iad féin le linn na seachtaine agus ba cheart, mar sin, go mbeidh a fhios acu féin.

<https://youtu.be/SZW25zYsKdY>

We have just received word that the building work is due to commence officially next week. We expect the builders to be on site from Monday preparing the grounds for the upcoming work. Therefore, from Monday onwards, the new entrance/collections/line-ups will be in use. We are aware that it may take a few days to get used to the new setup and there may be a need for a few tweaks as we go along. We would remind everyone that the video is still available at the link below - I do appreciate that it was sent out before Christmas and so therefore the details may be a bit hazy! We will go through it with the students during the week so they should be clear by Monday.

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Searmanas an tSolais/ Service of Light

Beidh searmanas an tSolais ar siúl ar an 25 Eanáir @ 7.30in dóibh siúd i rang a sé a bheidh ag déanamh an Chóineartaithe. Beidh coinneal bhaiste de dhíth ar do pháiste an oíche seo.

The Service of Light takes place on 25th January @7.30pm for those who are making their Confirmation. Your child will need a Christening candle on the night.

Brú na Bóinne/ Newgrange

Beidh Rang a 5 ag tabhairt cuairt ar Bhrú na Bóinne le linn mhí Eanáir. Beidh rang múinteoir Síle ag dul ann Déardaoin na seachtaine seo agus beidh rang múinteoir Tom ag dul ann ar an 25 Eanáir. Déan cinnte go bhfuil cead tugtha ar Aladdin agus go bhfuil táille an bhus íoctha comh maith.

5th class will be visiting Newgrange during the month of January. Múinteoir Síle's class will go this Thursday and múinteoir Tom's class will go on the 25th. Please ensure that permission has been given and that the bus fare has been paid via Aladdin.

Fighting Words

Beidh daltaí rang a haon ag freastal ar cheardlanna de chuid Fighting Words i lár na cathrach le linn mhí Eanáir. Beidh rang múinteoir Tomás ag dul ann ar an 18 Eanáir agus beidh rang múinteoir Maria ag dul ann ar an 25 Eanáir. Tá gach eolas ar Aladdin faoi. Má tá tuismitheoir ar bith ar fáil le dul leo, déan teagmháil leis an múinteoir ranga.

1st class pupils will take part in workshops with Fighting Words in the city centre during the month of January. Múinteoir Tomás' class will go on the 18th and múinteoir Maria's class on the 25th January. All details are available on Aladdin. If there are any parents free to go along with them, please contact the class teacher.

Cruinniú Foirne/ Staff Meeting

Beidh an chéad chruinniú foirne eile ar siúl ar an 29 Eanáir @ 1.30. Críochnóidh gach dalta sa scoil ag 1.30 an lá seo. Ní bheidh aon chlubanna ar siúl. Ní bheidh club na naíonán ar siúl.

The next staff meeting takes place on Monday 29th January @1.30pm. There are no after school clubs on that day. There will be no infant club.

Leathanach Folláine/ Wellbeing Page

Tá uasdátú déanta ar an leathanach folláine ar shuíomh idirlín na scoile. Is féidir é a fheiceáil anseo. <https://www.gsbhailebrigin.ie/copy-of-wellbeing>

Our wellbeing page on the school website has been updated. You can find here <https://www.gsbhailebrigin.ie/leathanach-follaine-wellbeing-page>

Clubanna Iarscoile/ Afterschool Clubs

Beidh clubanna iarscoile ar siúl ón tseachtain dár dtús 15/01/24 ar feadh tréimhse deich seachaine. Beidh siad ar siúl ó 2.30-3.30. Tá na clubanna thíos luaite ar fáil don téarma seo. Má theastíonn uait go nglacfaidh do pháiste páirt in aon cheann dóibh, is gá rphost a sheoladh chuig an seoladh rphoist atá luaite in aice le sonraí an chlub. Mura bhfuil do pháiste cláraithe don chlub, ní bheidh sé/sí in ann freastal air. Má tá ró-éileamh ar chlub faoi leith, tabharfar tús áite dóibh siúd a chláraíonn ar dtús. Mura bhfuil a dhóthain suime i gclub faoi leith, ní rachfaidh sé ar aghaidh. Beidh costas €40 ar an gcuid is mó de na clubanna. Beidh costas €50 ar an gclub ealaíne de bharr chostais an fhearas. Beidh íocaíocht le déanamh díreach chuig an múinteoir atá i mbun an chlub. Beidh táille an chlub le híoc faoin 26 Eanáir.

After school clubs will start on the week beginning 15th January for a 10 week term. They will run from 2.30-3.30pm. The clubs listed below are on offer this term. If you would like your child to take part in any of these clubs, you will need to register him/her by sending an email to the address shown beside the club details. If your child is not registered, he/she will not be able to attend the club. Please register by this Friday. If there is too much demand for any club, then priority will be given to those

who have registered first. If there are insufficient numbers for any club, then it may not go ahead. Most clubs will cost €40 with the exception of the art club which will cost €50. This is due to the price of materials. Payment is to be made directly to the teacher who is running the club. Payment should be made in full by 26th January.

Dé Luain		
Obair Bhaile/ Homework	€40	colm.ofatharta@gsbhailebrigin.ie
Dé Máirt		
Lego Naíonáin Bheaga- Rang a 6	€40	neasa.nibhriain@gsbhailebrigin.ie
Ukulele		Tosóidh an club Ukulele ar ais théis na Cásca. Ukulele will resume after the Easter break.
Dé Céadaoin		
Ealaín Shóisearach/ Junior Art Naíonáin Mhóra - Rang a 2	€50	roisin.scollard@gsbhailebrigin.ie
Ealaín Shinsearach/ Senior Art Rang 3-6	€50	dearbhla.nichonchoille@gsbhailebrigin.ie
Déardaoin		
Feadóg Stáin/ Tin Whistle Rang a 2-Rang a 6	€40	maria.nolan@gsbhailebrigin.ie
Ukulele		Tosóidh an club Ukulele ar ais théis na Cásca. Ukulele will resume after the Easter break.

[Peil le Anto/ Football with Anto](#)

Beidh Anto ó CLG Uí Dhuibhir anseo ar feadh tamaill eile le rang a 2 agus rang a 3. Is féidir le daltaí na ranganna seo an culaith reatha scoile a chaitheamh ar an gCéadaoin.

Anto from O' Dwyers GAA club will be continuing football skills with 2nd & 3rd class for a number of weeks. Pupils in these classes can wear the school tracksuit and runners on a Wednesday.

Fóin/ Phones

Ba mhaith liom a chur in iúl go mbeidh plé á thosú sa téarma seo maidir leis an bpolasaí ó thaobh fóin phóca de. Faoi láthair, mar a sheasann sé níl cead ag daltaí fóin a bheith acu ar scoil. Tá an iomad cúiseanna ag baint leis an bpolasaí seo, ach an rud is mó ná sábháiltheacht na ndaltaí ar líne. Mar a thuigeann sibh, tá mé cinnte, tá an oiread baol ag baint le rochtán ar an idirlíon agus na meáin shóisialta. Tá baol ann go ndéanfaí taifead ar dhaltaí agus foireann agus é a roinnt ar na meáin, go mbeadh teagmháil míoiriúnach á dhéanamh le daoine agus iad ar scoil agus go leor eile nach iad.

Tuigeann muid áfach go bhfuil deacracht ann do chlainnte toisc go mbíonn siad ag iarraidh go mbeidh siad in ann teacht ar a gcuid páistí théis am scoile má tá siad ag siúl abhaile srl. Mar scoil áfach, an príoracht is mó atá againn ná a chinntiú go bhfuil daltaí na scoile sábháilte agus iad ar scoil mar sin is gá dúinn aghaidh a thabhairt ar an bpolasaí seo. Lorgófar ionchur an phobail scoile uile maidir leis seo nuair atá sé ag tarlúint.

Ba mhaith liom a mheabhrú do gach duine nach bhfuil aon chead ag AON dalta uaireadóir cliste a bheith acu ar scoil. Bíonn rochtán go mínic ar an idirlíon ag na huairadóir seo agus bíonn siad in ann taifead a dhéanamh. Déanfar teagmháil le tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí má tá na huairadóir seo ar scoil.

I would like to inform everyone that we will begin the process of reviewing our Mobile Phone Policy. Currently, as it stands no student is allowed to bring a smart phone into school. There are many reasons for this policy, but the biggest is to help ensure the safety of all of our students, including online. As you are all aware, internet and social media access create huge problems. There is a danger that recordings of both staff and students are made and can subsequently be shared. (This is dealt with as a serious breach of our behavioural code and will be dealt with accordingly). We do however, acknowledge that parents/guardians need to be able to contact their children before/after school, especially when traveling to/from school on their own. Our priority as a school however is to ensure the safety of our students while in school and therefore we will look to review the current policy. We will welcome input from all of our school community.

I would remind everyone that there is a complete ban on smart watches and no student may wear one in school. There is internet connectivity and often camera access on them. Therefore we would remind everyone that they are to be left at home. We understand that many students got one for Christmas but again, please ensure that your child leaves it at home. If one is in school parents will be contacted and reminded to leave it at home.

Leitheoireacht Roinnte/ Shared Reading:

Go raibh míle maith agaibh dóibh siúd atá tar éis cabhrú linn go mór mhór roimh an Nollaig mar chuid den léitheoireacht roinnte. Má tá aon tuismitheoir eile atá ar fáil maidin Mháirt agus/nó Déardaoin ó 9-10, is féidir ríomhphost a chur chuig M.Doireann ag doireann.nighiobuin@gsbhailebrigin.ie

Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered as part of the shared reading initiative in the school before Christmas. If there are any other parents who would like to become involved and volunteer from 9-10 am on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, please contact M.Doireann at doireann.nighiobuin@gsbhailebrigin.ie

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