



gaelscoil bhaile brigín

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Fáilte ar ais/Welcome back

Ba mhaith liom ar dtús fáilte Uí Cheallaigh a chur roimh gach duine ar ais ar scoil. Bhí muid uilig chomh sásta na daltaí ar fad a fheiceáil arís théis an tsamhraidh!

Rud amháin a tháinig chun solais ná; agus tuist ag fágáil láthair na scoile ar maidin go bhfuil beagáinín de tranglam timpeall ar na clóis ina bhfuil na hardranganna sna línte. Chuige sin, iarraidimid ar thuismitheoirí láthair na scoile a fhágáil tríd an siúltán in aice le Wavin seachas siúl síos taobh leis na clóis.

Ba mhaith linn a mheabhú freisin nár cheart do thuismitheoirí Rang 3-6 bheith ag bailiú timpeall na clóis ar maidin.

Meabhraímid arís nár cheart d'éinne bheith ar thalamh na scoile roimh 8.45. Ciallaíonn sé seo, **nach féidir bheith ag páirceáil ar thalamh na scoile roimh 8.45 chomh maith. Níl cead páirceáil ar an áit 'set down' ar thaobh na scoile ar chor ar bith, taobh Bracken san áireamh.** Tá trí scoil ar an gcampas agus caithimid meas a thabhairt ar na scoileanna eile chomh maith. Tá easpa áiteanna páirceála ar shuíomh na scoile, mar sin molaimid daoibh páirceáil ar an mbóthar thíos (áit nach bhfuil líntí buí ann) nó i gcarrchlós an tséipéil agus siúl suas.

Meabhú freisin cloí le rialacha an bhóthair agus gan páirceáil ar na línte buí dúbailte taobh amuigh de gheataí na scoile.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school. We were all so happy to see our wonderful students coming back to school after the summer break.

*We would ask parents to exit the school campus by walking down the walkway between Wavin and the basketball yards. 3rd -6th class will leave the yards and walk up the walkway by the hall so if parents leave via the other walkway it will reduce the amount of people passing each other. Also, just a little reminder for parents of children from 3rd-6th that they are to enter the school grounds on their own. Parents are not to come onto the campus. No one is to be on the school grounds before 8.45 (Múinteoir Clodagh will be at the basketball yards from 8.45 each morning). **This means that there is no parking on the school campus before 8.45 either. There is no parking allowed in the set down area on the school side at any time. This includes outside Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín, Bracken Educate Together & in between.** There are 3 schools on the campus and we need to be aware of this and respect the start times of the other schools too. Please ensure that your child is not on the school grounds before then. There is very little parking on the school campus, therefore, we would encourage you to park on Hamilton Rd (where there is no double yellow line)/Church car park and walk to the school.*

Reminder also to adhere to the rules of the road and not to park on the double yellow lines outside the school gates.

Córas Dhul Abhaile/Collection times

Tá iarrta ag Bracken ET le cur i gcuimhne go mbeidh a gcuid daltaí ag fágáil na scoile suas go dtí 2.10 gach lá, mar sin, iarraidimid oraibh gan a bheith ar thalamh na scoile roimh 2.15 má tá tú ag bailiú ó ranganna 1-6.

Daoibh atá ag bailiú ón ngeata thíos, beidh Rang 3 agus rang a 6 ag an ngeata siúlóide agus beidh Rang 4 agus rang a 5 amuigh ag an ngeata mór ar dheis agus tú ag féachaint ar an mbóthar.

Iarraidimid ar dhaoine gan seasamh ar an talamh ós chomhair na barriers. Má sheasann tuistí siar, siúlfaid amach ar an gcosán an rang agus scaoilfear ó sin iad. Beidh carranna fhoireann Bracken ET ag fágáil na scoile ó 2.10 ar aghaidh. Iarraidimid freisin ar dhaoine gan siúl faoin barrier.

Bracken ET have asked to remind our parent body that their students will be collected until 2.10 everyday so anyone who is collecting from 2.20 please do not come onto campus until 2.15.

For those collecting at the gates, 3rd & 6th class will exit the pedestrian gates. We would ask parents from 3rd wait there. Please ensure that you wait back from the gate to ensure that children can come out.

4th & 5th class will come out the gate at the barriers and walk to the right. Please ensure that you do not block the barriers as staff from Bracken ET will begin leaving from 2.10 on. 4th class will be walked out to the footpath on the left (as you look at the barriers) so if you are picking up a child from 4th, please wait on that side. Please wait back a bit. 6th class will come out from the pedestrian gate after 3rd and 5th class will come out after 4th class. We would strongly encourage children from 5th&6th to be collected from church car park. It will take us all a few days to get used to the system again. Thank you for your patience.

Dóibh siúd atá ag tiomáint isteach ar an gcampas ar maidin, ba mhaith liom a mheabhrú nach bhfuil AON áit pháirceála ar fáil. Tá an carrchlós ann d'fhoirní na 3 scoileanna agus is "set-down" amháin atá sna háiteanna eile. Ní féidir bheith thuas taobh amuigh roimh **8.40 ar a luaithe. Tá 3 scoil ag feidhmniú as an gceantar sin ar maidin agus caithfidh muid ar fad comhoibriú lena chéile chun gur féidir leis an gcampas feidhmniú. Tá amanna ar leith leagtha amach don 3 scoil - tá tuismitheoirí Bracken ET ag baint úsáide as suas go dtí théis 8.30 ansin, is féidir linn tosú ag teacht isteach théis é sin. Níl sé cothrom ar na scoileanna eile má tá na háiteanna "set-down" tógtha mar áit pháirceála ag an nGaelscoil. Tá dualgas ar an 3 scoil a bheith ag comhoibriú i leith seo.**

For those who are dropping children to the school doors and are driving into the campus, I would like to remind everyone that there are NO parking places available. The carpark is used by the staff of the 3 schools. The rest of the places are "set-down only". No one from the Gaelscoil is to enter the campus before 8.40 (in car, on foot before 8.45). 3 schools are operating in a very small area every morning and we must all cooperate in order to ensure the smooth operation of the campus. Each school has been allocated times - parents and guardians of children in Bracken ET will be using the set down area until after 8.30. The Gaelscoil can use it from 8.40 on. It is not fair on the other schools if the set-down area is in use as parking spaces by the Gaelscoil. It is creating a bottle neck with people letting small children out in the middle of the road. Each school has a duty to ensure that we are all adhering to the agreed arrangements. We appreciate your ongoing support in this matter.



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Sonraí Teagmhála/ Contact Details

Má tá aon athrú ar shonraí teagmhála tá sé rí-thábhachtach an scoil a chur ar an eolas faoi. I gcás práinne caithfidh bheith in ann dul i dteagmháil libh. Is féidir leat é seo a dhéanamh ar Aladdin. **Tabhair faoi deara nach féidir le tuismitheoirí ach amháin a gcuid eolais féin & sonraí loco parentis a fheiceáil.** Mar shampla ní féidir le Mam eolas Daid a fheiceáil agus a mhalairt. Seo de bharr chúrsaí príobháideachais. Tá an t-eolas ar an gcóras agus is féidir linn é a fheiceáil. Mar sin, iarraimis oraibh gan tuismitheoir a chur mar teagmhálaí éigeandála.

If there is any change in your contact details it is of the utmost importance that you inform the school. Contact details are needed in case of emergencies. This can be now be done on Aladdin. Please note that parents can only see their own information & the information of the loco parentis. For example, Mam cannot see Dad's information and vice versa. This is due to privacy. The information for both parents is on the system, however and can be seen by us. Therefore, we would ask that you do not change the emergency contact details to include another parent.

Cúrsaí Poncúlachta/Tinrimh/Attendance and Punctuality:

Ba mhaith liom a chur i gcuimhne do gach duine go bhfuil dualgas reathúil ar pháistí freastal ar scoil. Níor choir páistí a choinneáil sa bhaile ón scoil ach amháin má tá siad tinn. Sa chás go bhfuil do pháiste tinn, is gá scéal a chur chuig an scoil, trí ghlaoch ar scoil, rphost a chur chuig an múinteoir nó nóta a chur ar Aladdin nó litir ag tabhairt cúis na hasláithreachta. Tá dualgas ar an scoil tuairisciú chuig TUSLA nuair a chailleann aon pháiste níos mó ná 20 lá. Bíonn míniú le tabhairt chucu chomh maith ar chúiseanna na n-asláithreachtaí.

Tá sé tábhachtach chomh maith go mbíonn do pháiste ar scoil in am. Tosaíonn an scoil ag 8.50 ar maidin. Ba chóir go mbeadh do pháiste sa líne ag an am sin (**NB NÍ FÉIDIR LE PÁISTÍ A BHEITH AR SHUÍOMH NA SCOILE ROIMH 8.45**). Má bhíonn páistí déanach ar bhonn leanúnach msh ag teacht isteach ag 9.10 gach maidin sin beagnach 2 uair a chloig de scolaíocht caillte acu gach seachtain. Ar maidin, clúdaítear go leor gnéithe tábhachtacha ó litearthacht, ceartú an obair bhaile, spraoi struchtúrtha agus go leor eile. Chomh maith leis sin, tá sé tábhachtach go dtuigeann páistí an tábhacht le poncúlacht don todhchaí, is deis é seo dóibh anois dea-nósanna a chothú a sheasfaidh dóibh don chuid eile dá saoil.

I would like to remind everyone that there is a legal responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly. Children should only be kept at home if they are sick but should return when they are better. If your child is sick and is unable to attend school, you must inform the school by phone and by letter/ e-mail. Please ensure that there is a reason given for the absence. The school has a legal obligation to inform TUSLA- Child and Family Agency when a child misses more than 20 days school. We also have to provide an explanation for those absences.

It is also extremely important to ensure that your child is on time for school. School begins at 8.50am.

Your child should be in his/her line at that time. (NB NOBODY IS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PREMISES BEFORE 8.45 – THEY WILL NOT BE COVERED BY INSURANCE). If a child is late regularly, eg arrives at 9.10, that would mean that he/she has missed nearly 2 hours of school a week. Lots of important areas of the curriculum are covered in the morning, ranging from literacy, to structured play to correction of homework. Punctuality is also an important life skill which your child will need to learn for the future. This is an opportunity to instil this skill in them from an early age. If your child is late, he/she must sign in in the office and if you are collecting your child early you must sign them out at the office. No parent may go further than reception. Please ring the office or notify via Aladdin in advance of arriving.

Rothair srl/ Bikes etc

Tabhair faoi deara nach bhfuil cead ag aon duine rothair, scútar nó bugaithe a fhágáil lastigh den scoil. Tá áit ann taobh amuigh do na rothair & scútar. Is gá duit iad a chur faoi ghas anseo.

Please note that bikes, scooters, buggies etc cannot be left inside the school for the day. There is a designated bike rack outside for these items. Please ensure that you lock your belongings as the school cannot be held responsible for any items stolen.

Billí Scoile/ School Bills

D' iarrfaimis oraibh iad seo a íoc roimh dheireadh mhí Mheán Fómhair. Tá na sonraí ar na leabharliostaí. Is féidir íocaíochtaí a dhéanamh ar Aladdin amháin. Rachaidh iarratas abhaile an tseachtain seo. Mura bhfuil fáil agat ar an aip, is féidir dul chuig suíomh idirlín na scoile agus íoc anseo. Mura féidir leat íoc faoi láthair de bharr chúrsaí airgeadais, déan teagmháil linn le socrú eile a dhéanamh. Má tá deacrachtaí agat le Aladdin, cuir scéal chuig Aisling agus beidh sí lánsásta cabhrú leat.

We would ask that these be paid by the end of September. Details are on the booklist. Payments can be made via Aladdin. A payment request will be sent this week. If you do not have the app visit the payments page on the website and follow the link. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan. If you are having difficulties with Aladdin, contact Aisling and she will be happy to help you.

Lóin Folláin/ Healthy Lunches

Ba mhaith linn cur i gcuimhne de ghach tuismitheoir faoi pholasaí na scoile maidir leis an lón. Tá cóip de ar shuíomh na scoile & sampla thíos. Tá leabhrán eolais faoi chonas lón folláin a ullmhú ceangailte leis an nuachtlitr chomh maith.

We would like to remind all parents of our healthy eating policy. A copy is available on the school website & a section is below. A leaflet on how to prepare healthy lunches is also attached with this newsletter.



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Food which can be part of lunch:

All healthy foods are encouraged for lunch e.g. sandwiches, fruit, yoghurts, crackers (tuc crackers are allowed), vegetables etc.

Popcorn is allowed, home baking is allowed e.g. scones/fruit scones/breads/ flapjacks (without chocolate), - however no desserts e.g. cakes/pies/tarts etc.

Drinks: milk/water/fruit juices

Not allowed:

There is a ban on any chocolate product – this includes chocolate milks, yoghurts, spreads, cereal bars with chocolate etc.

All sweets are not allowed – including fruit winders. No biscuits are allowed – this is to include digestives, rich tea etc.

Cereal bars are not allowed, No crisps are allowed.

Drinks: fizzy drinks and monster/powerade/lucazade drinks are not allowed.

Leigheas/ Medication

Má tá leigheas le fáil ag do pháiste ar scoil is gá duit cead a fháil ón mBord. Tá foirm ceangailte leis an bpolasaí dháileadh leighis atá ar fáil ar an suíomh idirlíne. Tá sé seo le déanamh gach bliain. Déan cinnte go bhfuil na foirmeacha ar ais roimh dheireadh na seachtaine seo chugainn. Má tá epi-pen de dhíth ar do pháiste, tá an dualgas ar an tuismitheoir an scoil a chur ar an eolas faoi agus na epi-pens a chur ar fáil le sonraí do pháistí orthu. Ba chóir duit freisin 2 cóip den phlean ailléirgeacha le grianghraf a sheoladh chun na scoile. D'iarraimís oraibh é seo a dhéanamh láithreach.

If your child needs to have any medicine in school (inhalers included), you must have permission from the Board of Management. The form is attached to the administration of medication policy, which is available on the school website, you can also request a hard copy from the office. This must be done each school year. Please ensure that all forms are returned by the end of next week. If your child requires an epi-pen, it is your responsibility to ensure that the school is made aware of this and for epi-pens to be provided with your child's details on it. You should also send 2 copies of an allergy action plan with your child's picture on it to the school. This should be done immediately.

Alléirgeachtaí/ Allergies

Ba mhaith linn meabhrú daoibh go bhfuil an-chuid páistí sa scoil le hailléirgeacha, go háirithe do chnónna. Mar sin, iarraimís oraibh gan aon chnónna a chur sa lón, ach go háirithe sa dá rang a 1, i rang a 4 múinteoir Lára, R5 Múinteoir Tom, R6 Múinteoir Cillín. Níl uibheacha nó iasc ceadaithe i R6 Cillín. Mile buíochas as ucht bhur dtacaíocht leis seo.

We would like to remind you all that there are several children in the school with life threatening nut allergies and as a result, nuts and all nut products are banned from school, this includes pesto etc.

Therefore, we would ask that nuts are not included in lunches particularly in both 1st classes, Múinteoir Lára's 4th class, Múinteoir Tom's 5th class, Múinteoir Cillín's 6th class. Eggs or shellfish are also not allowed in Múinteoir Cillín's 6th class. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Cóisir, Cártaí, Cuireadh/ Parties, Invites, Cards.

Ba mhaith linn meabhrú daoibh nach bhfuil aon chead cuireadh/cártaí a thabhairt amach ar scoil. Níl aon chead ag aon duine cácaí/milseáin nó eile a thabhairt isteach ach oiread. Cuirfear abhaile iad má thagann tú leo. Tá an rogha agat bheith ar an liosta teagmhála do thuismitheoirí ar Aladdin.

*We would like to remind you that party invitations/cards are not allowed to be given out at school or in the lines. Birthday cakes/sweets etc are not allowed at school. **Please do not arrive with cakes as the teacher will have to turn them away.** You can join the class list on Aladdin if you so wish other parents to see your contact details.*

Meabhrúchán: Má tá aon rud le fágáil isteach agat i rith an lae lón srl, caithfear é a fhágáil ar an seif i bhfáiltiú na scoile le lipéad air. Le bhur dtoil, déan iarracht gan é seo a dhéanamh ró-mhnic .

Reminder: *If at any stage you need to leave anything into your son/ daughter during the school day ie. lunch, it should be left on the shelf in the foyer with a label on it. Please try to ensure that this does not happen often in order to reduce school contacts.*

Féilire Scoile/ School Calendar

Tá an féilire scoile ar fáil ar an suíomh idirlíne. Tagann na dátaí aníos ar Aladdin chomh maith.

The calendar is available on the website. These dates also show on Aladdin.

Club na Naíonán/ Infant Club

Tá an club seo ar siúl ó 1.30-2.30 gach lá sa halla. Ní bheidh ach méid áirithe spásanna ar fáil gach lá. Beidh ort clárú roimhré le do pháiste a sheoladh ann. Ní chóir go mbeadh aon athrú le linn an leath téarma ar laethanta. Os rud é nach mbeimid ag glacadh ach le méid áirithe páiste, beidh ort íoc as aon laethanta atá do pháiste cláraithe lena haghaidh. Tá costas €20 don tseachtain ar an gclub nó €4 in aghaidh an lae. Cuirfear an bille don leath téarma suas ar Aladdin roimh dheireadh mhí Mheán Fómhair. Is féidir é seo a íoc píosa ar pháisa ach tá sé le bheith glanta faoin mbriseadh mheán téarma. Tabharfar tús áite dóibh siúd a thagann i dteagmháil chun tosach. Má thagann aon laethanta ar fáil ag aon phointe, cuirfear scéal amach ar Aladdin. Beidh an Club taobh amuigh má tá an aimsir go deas nó sa halla má tá sé ag cur báistí. Tosóidh an club ar an 12 Meán Fómhair.

This club runs from 1.30-2.30 in the hall. There are only a limited number of places available each day. You will need to register your child in advance for the club. There will be no change to days mid-term. As we are only allocating a small number of places per class, any days that your child is registered for must



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be paid for, regardless of whether he/she attends. The club costs €20 per week or €4 per day. The bill for the half term will be added to Aladdin by the end of September. This can be paid in installments of €5 or more but should be paid in full before mid-term break. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. If places become available for certain days at any stage, a message will be sent via Aladdin. The club will be outdoors when the weather allows and in the hall if it is raining.

Laethanta Corpoideachais/PE days

Thíos faoi, gheobhaidh tú lá chorp oideachais do pháiste.

Please find below the allocated day for PE for your child.

Dé Luain/Monday:

9.00-9.45 NB Elaine (Junior Infants)

9.45-10.30 - NM Sinéad (Senior Infants)

10.55-11.40 - Rang 1 Maria

11.40-12.20 - Rang 2 Gráinne

12.45-1.30 - Rang 3 Gráinne

Dé Máirt/Tuesday:

9.00-9.45 Rang 4 - Lára

9.45-10.30 - Rang 5 Tom

10.55-11.40 - Rang 6 Cillín

11.40-12.20 - An Cuan Sóis (Neasa)

12.45-1.30 - An Cuan Sins (Doireann)

Déardaoin/Thursday:

9.00-9.45 NB Helena (Junior Infants)

9.45-10.30 - NM Laura (Senior Infants)

10.55-11.40 - Rang 1 Sinéad

11.40-12.20 - Rang 2 Róisín

12.45-1.30 - Rang 3 Síle/ Áine

Dé hAoine/Friday:

10.55-11.40 Rang 4: Dearbhla

11.40-12.20 - Rang 5 Colm

12.45-1.30 - Rang 6 Donagh

Ag fanacht istigh ag am lóin/ Staying in at lunch time.

Ní féidir le páistí fanacht istigh ag am lóin ach amháin sa chás go bhfuil a leithead de chos/lámh briste nó i gcás éigeandála eile (is gá don tuiste seo a phlé leis an múinteoir).

Pupils are not permitted to stay in at lunch time except in the case of a broken limb or other emergency situations (This will need to be discussed with the class teacher).

Aladdin

D'iarrfaimis oraibh d'uimhir a chinntiú ar an aip ionas go bhfaigheann sibh teachtaireacht ar an aip seachas an gnáth bhealach.

We would ask that all parents please verify their mobile number on the aladdin app. This will ensure that you will receive messages in the app rather than via text.

Fáilte/ Welcome

Ba mhaith linn fáilte is fiche a chur roimh na baill nua den fhoireann scoile. Múinteoirí Donagh, Gráinne agus Sinéad. Táimid ag súil go mór le bheith ag obair leo i mbliana agus sna blianta amach anseo.

Is le tromchroí atá muid ag fágáil slán le Múinteoir Deirdre agus múinteoir Daithí.

Bhí Múinteoir Deirdre anseo linn le 7 mbliana anuas. Tá meas an domhain againn uirthi as an méid atá déanta aici don scoil. Thosaigh sí foireann peile na gcailíní ón tús agus bhí sí sásta i gcónaí an traenáil a dhéanamh leo & freastal ar na cluichí ar fad as a stuaim féin. Is múinteoir agus ball foirne tuisceannach, tacúil agus díograsach í. Is cara mór don scoil í agus ní bheidh an áit mar a chéile gan í. Guímis gach rath uirthi ina post nua.

Cé nach raibh múinteoir Daithí linn ach ar feadh bliana, chuaigh se i bhfeidhm go mór ar an scoil. Chuir sé tús le scéim drámaíochta ó thaobh labhairt na Gaeilge de agus thug sé aire mhaith don gháirdín scoile. Is múinteoir cruthaitheach agus tiomanta é Bhí cur chuige deas séimh aige a chuaigh i bhfeidhm go mór ar dhaltáí agus ar chomhleacaithe araon. Guimís gach rath air ina ról nua.

We would like to warmly welcome our new members of staff. Múinteoirí Donagh, Gráinne and Sinéad. We look forward to working with them this year & in future years.

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing also to inform you that both Múinteoir Deirdre and Múinteoir Daithí have finished up in GSBB over the summer.

Múinteoir Deirdre has worked in GSBB for 7 years. She has done so much for GSBB over the years including starting the girl's football team and being involved in athletics. She put in so much work, from establishing training, liaising with the training fields, arranging and attending matches. She is an understanding, helpful and studious teacher and member of staff. Although we will miss her, we wish her all the best in her new job.

Although Múinteoir Daithí was only with us for a year, he influenced the school greatly. He started the drama scheme to improve language and took great care of the school garden. He is a creative and dedicated teacher. He has an extremely calm approach to all her interactions, student and colleague alike. We wish him all the best in his new post.



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Míolta Ghruaige/ Head Lice

Is fadhb í seo i ngach pobal scoile. De bharr sin, tá polasaí mhíolta ghruaige ag an scoil. Tá cóip de ar fáil anseo. <https://www.gsbhailebrigin.ie/rialacha-na-scoile>. Feicfidh sibh sa pholasaí go bhfuil ar aon phásite le gruaig fhada í a cheangailt siar ar scoil. Tá sé seo mar an gcéanna do bhuachaillí & do chailíní.

This is a problem in every school community. For this reason, we have a head lice policy. A copy of which can be found here. <https://www.gsbhailebrigin.ie/rules-policies>. You will see in the policy that all pupils with long hair have to tie it back while in school. This applies for both boys & girls.

COVID-19

Feicfidh tú thíos slacht ó shuíomh an FFS maidir le COVID-19. Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ag www.hse.ie.

Below please find a section from the HSE website in relation to COVID-19. Further information is available at www.hse.ie.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, they need to isolate from other people (stay at home) until 48 hours after their symptoms are mostly or fully gone.

Positive test result

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 and has symptoms, they need to stay in isolation until when both of these apply:

- ***they have not had a high temperature (38 degrees Celsius or over) or other symptoms for 48 hours***
- ***it has been 7 days since they first developed symptoms***

It's OK for them to stop isolating after 7 days if they only have a mild cough or changes to their sense of smell – these can last for weeks after the infection has gone.

If they tested positive but did not have symptoms, they need to isolate for 7 days. This is from the day they got tested.