



12ú Feabhra 2015

A Thuismitheoir(i)/Parent(s)

We are well and truly into the New Year and the preparation is underway for numerous activities/events taking place over the next few months with Seachtain na Gaeilge, GAA Training, Yoga, Hurling, Feis Maitiú, and First Holy Communion.

Bliain nua faoi mhaise daoibh go léir. Táimid go léir i mbun oibre anseo faoi láthair ag ullmhú gníomhaíochtaí don bhliain amach romhainn.

### Enrolment-Open Day

We will be holding an open afternoon in the school on March 10th from 3-5pm where all parents/guardians of new and perspective pupils and also existing parents are invited to view work done in the school. School will finish at 2.30pm on this day. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Clárú – Lá oscailte

Beidh lá oscailte againn i mí an Mhárta, an deichiú lá ó 3 – 5i.n. Beidh fáilte roimh chách teacht isteach agus bualadh linn chun féachaint ar cad tá ar siúl againn sa scoil. Críochnóidh na ranganna ar a leath uair tar éis a dó. Taimid ag tnúth le bualadh libh go léir.

## GAELSCOIL DHROICHEAD NA BANNDAN

*Ag Clarú/Enrolment – Open Day*  
Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
3:00pm – 5:00pm  
**All Very Welcome**  
Fón Scoile 023 88 43378

### Time of Formal Instruction

It has been brought to my attention that there has been quite a bit of interest from parents about changing the school times at Gaelscoil Dhroichead na Banndan. We feel that an earlier start in the morning would allow the children to finish earlier in the evening.

To facilitate all families, I feel a ballot would be the most appropriate form of decision. I would ask that all families put their vote forward.

*The suggested new school times would be as follows:*

<b>Start Time: 9:00am</b>	<b>Classes End: 1:40pm</b>	<b>(Junior and Senior Infants)</b>
<b>Start Time: 9:00am</b>	<b>Classes End: 2:40pm</b>	<b>(1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class)</b>

If the decision is passed by the majority of families, then the school times will change for the new school year (September 2015) and the school gates will open at 8.30am. If the majority of the vote is in favour of leaving the school times as is, the official time of formal instruction will remain at 9:20am. *Please fill in the form below and return it to school by Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> February*

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### Time of Formal Instruction/Change to School Times

I would like the school Start Time/Finish Times **to remain unchanged**

I would like the school Start Time/Finish Times **to change** from the new school year

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Class/Rang \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cursaí Airgid**

A thuismitheoirí, meabhrúchán beag faoi Chúrsaí Airgid. Tá géar ghá leis an airgead seo chun eachtraí seach churaclaim a chuir ar bun.

We are now collecting the second instalment of Cursaí Airgid. The amount is €50.00 per child with the maximum amount per family of €100.00. The money collected from Cursaí Airgid pays for extra-curricular activities for each child which takes place in the school.

### **Primary Online Database (POD)**

Please see attached note in relation to the Primary Online Database. We would ask that this form be filled out in either Irish or English and given back to the class teacher by Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Tá córas nua dar teideal an Bunachar Sonraí Ar Líne d'Iar-Bhunscoileanna (P-POD) ag an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna. Is bunachar sonraí lárnach le haghaidh sonraí daltaí agus le haghaidh roinnt sonraí scoile é an córas P-POD, atá faoi chúram na Roinne. Féach thíos ar an nóta ata ceangailte leis an nuachtlitir.

### **Seachtain Chineáltais/Friendship Week**

Children from all classes are invited to dress up in pink or red on Friday as part of our Friendship Week initiative. Friendship week was promoted throughout the past week with all pupils taking part in various activities.

Tá seachtain chineáltais ar siúl againn sa scoil an tseachtain seo. Ba mhaith linn dá bhféadfadh gach páiste gléasadh in éadaí bándearg nó dearg ar an Aoine. Bhí páistí ag glacadh páirt i ngíomhaíochtaí cinéalta an tseachtain go léir.

### **An Chéad Chomaoineach/First Holy Communion**

Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May in St Patricks Church, Bandon. A First Confession mass will take place in the school hall for Parents and children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

Beidh rang 2 ag glacadh a Céad Chomaoineach ar an Satharn an 16ú de mhí Bealtaine i séipéal Naomh Pádraig i nDroichead na Banndan. Beidh an chéad fhaoistin ar siúl i halla na scoile do thuismitheoirí agus páistí i rang 2 ar an 5ú lá de mhí an Mhárta ar a deich a chlog.

### **Péil agus Iománaíocht/GAA Training**

Is féidir le páistí culaith reatha a chaitheamh ar an gCéadaoin fad is atá cleachtadh agus traenáil peile ar siúl. GAA training will continue on Wednesdays for children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class. Children are reminded to wear their tracksuits while training is going on.

### **Iománaíocht/Indoor Hurling**

Boys from 3<sup>rd</sup> Class will travel to Riverstick on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> February for an indoor hurling competition. We will leave the school at 11am with a 12 noon start game. Any parent in a position to help out with lifts please contact the school.

Beidh páistí ó Rang 3 ag glacadh páirt i gcómortas iománaíochta fé dhíon ar an Aoine an 27ú lá de mhí Feabhra. Beimid ag fágaint na scoile ar a 11 a chlog agus ag tosnú ar a 12. Aon tuismitheoir atá in ann síob a thabhairt bheimis fíor bhuíoch.

### **Ióga/Yoga**

Yoga will continue on Thursdays from now until Easter Holidays for all classes. Leanfaidh Yoga ar aghaidh go dtí an Cháisc.

### **Briseadh Méan Téarma/Spring Mid-Term Break**

The school will close at 3pm on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> February for Spring Mid-Term and will re-open on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Beidh an scoil dúnta ar a 3i.n. an Aoine an 13ú de mhí Feabhra agus beidh sé á oscailt arís ar an Luan an 23ú.

### **Club Obair Bhaile/Homework Club**

Homework Club takes place in the school from Monday-Thursday from 3pm-4pm at a cost of €10.00 per child per week. If a child would like to attend for one day the cost is €3 per day. The club is open to children from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class. Anyone interested in joining after the Mid-term are very welcome.

Beidh an club obair bhaile ag leanúint ar aghaidh ón Luan go dtí an Déardaoin ó 3-4i.n. agus beidh costas 10 euro air. Má tá suim ag éinne a páiste a sheoladh lá amháin sa tseachtain, beidh costas 3 euro air.

### **Feis Maitiú**

Children from Rang 3/4/5/6 will take part in the Feis Maitiú. Pupils from Rang 3 and Rang 4 will travel to Cork by Bus on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and Children from Rang 5 and Rang 6 will travel to Cork by Bus on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Both Groups will perform a Choral Verse piece and a poem. Children are reminded that a full school uniform is to be worn on the day.

Beidh páistí ó rang 3/4/5/6 ag glacadh páirt i bhFeis Maitiú. Beidh páistí ó rang 3/4 ag dul ar an mbus ar an 5ú agus páistí ó rang 5/6 ag dul ar an 24ú. Beidh ar gach páiste a chulaith scoile a chaitheamh.

### **Seachtain Na Gaeilge**

Deis iontach dúinn go léir is ea Seachtain na Gaeilge chun ár dteanga féin a cheiliúradh. Gan dabht ar bith is beatha teanga í a labhairt.

This year Seachtain na Gaeilge will run from 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March. Seachtain na Gaeilge is a wonderful opportunity for us here in the Gaelscoil to celebrate our native language and culture.

### **Snámh/Swimming**

Beidh Snámh ag tosú do rang a dó ar an Aoine seo ag a 11.00 ag an Grove. Tá costas €40.00 ar 6 cheacht.

Swimming classes will begin for Rang 2 on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> February starting at 11am-12 noon at the Grove Leisure Centre, Bandon. The cost per child for these 6 lessons is €40. Any parent in a position to help with lifts to and from the swimming pool please contact the school.

*The swimming dates are as follows:*

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.</b>

### **Junior Infants -HSE Immunisations**

Parents from Junior Infants are reminded that the Health Nurse will visit the school on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February for immunisations.