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3ú Bealtaine 2019

Cursaí Airgid

Nóta meabhrúcháin beag chun a chur in iúl do dhaoine go bhfuilimid fós ag lorg an dara bhabhta de chúrsaí airgid. Bheimis fíor-bhuíoch dá bhféadfadh an t-airgead go léir a bheith istigh roimh an Aoine an **17ú Bealtaine**. Tá costas €50 ar pháiste amháin agus €100 ar gach clann.

*This is a reminder for those who have not yet contributed their instalment of Cursaí Airgid, we would be grateful if all monies could be in by Friday, **17th May** The amount is €50.00 per child with a maximum of €100.00 per family. This money goes towards extra-curricular activities during the school year.*

Go raibh maith agaibh! Thank you -Parents Association

Ba mhaith linn buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le Coiste na dTuismitheoirí a d'eagraigh Tráth na gCeist sa Copper Grove don scoil le déanaí. Bailíodh os cionn €1500 agus bhain gach éinne ardtaitneamh as an oíche.

We would like to thank the Parents Association for all of their help in organising the recent Table Quiz and Raffle. The night was a tremendous success. Also a big thank you to everyone who supported the quiz or helped out in anyway on the night. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

Clasaic Gailf / School Golf Classic

Beidh Clasaic Gailf na Scoile ar siúl ag Gailfchúrsa Dhroichead na Banndan ar an Aoine, an 17ú lá de Bhealtaine ar mhaithe le hairgead a bhailiú don scoil. Má tá aon tuismitheoirí ag iarraidh páirt a ghlacadh ann ar mhiste libh dul i dteagmháil leis an oifig chomh luath agus is féidir.

The school will be holding a Golf Classic in Bandon Golf Course on Friday, May the 17th to fund school resources. If interested please contact the school as soon as possible.

Comórtas Rugbaí Leaiste/Tag Rugby Blitz

Ghlac leanaí ó Rang 4, 5 & 6 páirt i gcomórtas rugbaí leaiste sa chlub rugbaí áitiúil le déanaí. Bhain na leanaí sár-taitneamh as i ndiaidh na traenála ar fad le cúpla seachtain anuas.

Pupils from R4, R5 & R6 took place in a Rugby Blitz in the Bandon Rugby Club Many thanks to the Bandon Rugby Club for organising the event.

Agri Kids

Mar is eol dúinn go léir is am fíor-ghnóthach é an t-am seo den bhliain ar an bhfeirm. Tháinig Alma ó Agrikids chun eolas tábhachtach a roinnt leis na leanaí mar gheall ar chúrsaí feirmeoireachta trí chéile agus conas a bheith sábháilte amuigh ar an bhfeirm.

A very big thank you to Alma from AgriKids who spoke to all pupils in the school regarding the importance of Farm Safety.

Seachtain Ghníomhach/Active School Week

Beidh an tSeachtain Ghníomhach ar siúl i mí an Mheithimh. Tá neart gníomhaíochtaí spóirt éagsúla ar siúl faoi láthair agus sinn ag ullmhú don tSeachtain mhór.

Active School Week is taking place in the school in June. Many sports initiatives are already underway in preparation for the week.

Córas Nua Labhairt na Gaeilge / New Spoken Irish Policy

Is Gaeltacht bheag í an scoil agus is í an Ghaeilge teanga na scoile. Mar chuid den Phlean Féinmheastóireachta Scoile i mbliana beimid ag díriú isteach ar labhairt na Gaeilge mórthimpeall na scoile. Beimid ag cur tús leis an gcóras nua díreach i ndiaidh bhriseadh na Cásca. Ba mhór againn bhur gcabhair agus tacaíocht tríd an cúpla focal a úsáid. Éagrófar Cóisir Píotsa do na hardranganna agus Cóisir Pitseamaí do na bunranganna ar an Aoine, an 10ú lá de Bhealtaine, don rang is fearr chun Gaeilge a labhairt.

As part of our School Self-Evaluation Plan sa Ghaeilge we will be focusing in on spoken Irish in the school. We have re-introduced an updated version of the green, yellow and red ticket system. We'd appreciate your support in implementing the programme.

Naíonáin Nua/New Infants
Beidh na Naíonáin nua ag teacht chugainn ar an **5ú Meitheamh** ó 1:00in-2.00in. Críochnóidh Naíonáin Bheaga agus Naíonáin Mhóra go luath an lá sin - ar a **12.00.**

The Junior Infant induction day is Wednesday, ***June 5th*** *from 1.00pm-2.00pm. Please note that Junior and Senior Infants will finish at* ***12:00 noon*** *on this day.*

An Chéad Chomaoineach / First Communion – Satharn 4ú Bealtaine ar 10.30r.n.

Beidh páistí ó Ranganna 3-6 ag canadh sa chór don Chéad Chomaoineach ar an Satharn 4ú lá Bealtaine ar 10.30r.n. Beidh na leanaí sa chór gléasta in éide scoile iomlán agus ní mór dóibh a bheith ann ar 10.15r.n. ar a dhéanaí.

Children from Ranganna 3-6 are practising with the choir for the First Communion Ceremony on Saturday May 4th. We would appreciate if all pupils from Ranganna 3-6 are present to sing in the choir on the day. Children should arrive at the Church by 10.15am in their full school uniform. Parents can collect after the ceremony at 11.20am.

As with previous years it is important for the other classes who are not receiving the sacrament to assist with the choir on the day. This will further ensure that a school choir will be present on the day your child receives their sacrament.

I would like to draw your attention to the church's policy on photography during the Communion ceremony. It is not permitted to take photographs during the ceremony itself but there will be ample opportunities to do so once the mass has ended. Fr. Kingston has asked especially that we respect this.

An Brat Gorm / Blue Flag Programme
Tá an t-uafás oibre ar siúl sna ranganna faoi láthair agus sinn ar thóir ár gcéad Bhrat Gorm. Is feachtas é seo a bhaineann leis an Aontas Eorpach. Beidh an feisire Eorpach Seán Ó Ceallaigh ag teacht ar cuairt chugainn an Déardaoin seo chugainn chun níos mó eolais a roinnt linn mar gheall ar thíreolas agus stair an Aontais Eorpaigh.

An Bleaist Eolaíochta in Ollscoil Luimnigh / ESB Science Blast in UL
Fourth and fifth class will be presenting their science project at the ESB Science Blast Exhibition in the University of Limerick on the 22nd of May. As part of the day's activities the children will get to participate in various different science based workshops on campus. A cost of €10 per child is required. A full school uniform is to be worn on the day.

Leadóg Bhoird/Table Tennis
Beimid ag cur tús leis an gClub Leadóig Bhoird gach Máirt, ón a 3 a chlog go dtí a 4 a chlog, sa halla i ndiaidh na Cásca. Cuirfimid fáilte roimh éinne ó Rang a 4 go Rang a 6 go mbeadh spéis acu páirt a ghlacadh. Tá an t-ádh dearg linn go mbeidh traenálaí den scoth, Con Ó

hUigín ó UCC, ar fáil dúinn. Tosnóidh an chéad seisiún traenála ar an Máirt, an 7ú lá de Bhealtaine. Is costas €3 in aghaidh na seachtaine a bheidh air.

The Table Tennis Club will take place every Tuesday from 3 to 4 o'clock in the hall after the Easter Break. Table tennis is open to students from fourth to sixth class. We are delighted that Con Ó hUigín, UCC's head coach, will be available for our weekly training sessions. The first training session will take place on Tuesday, the 7th of May. The cost per child is €3 per week.

Ficheall / Chess

Beidh an Club Fichille ar siúl gach Luan i ndiaidh am scoile, ón a 3 go dtí a 4 a chlog. Beidh sé ar siúl i Rang Nollaig thuas staighre ar an dara úrlár. Tá fáilte roimh éinne ó Rang a 3 go Rang a 6 páirt a ghlacadh ann. Is costas €3 in aghaidh na seachtaine a bheidh air.

The Chess Club will meet each Monday after school from 3 to 4 o'clock. Practice will take place in Nollaig's classroom on the second floor. Children from 3rd to 6th class are welcome to attend. The cost per child is €3 per week.

An Club Códála / Coding Club

Cuirfear tús leis an gClub Códála gach Déardaoin ón a 3 go dtí a 4 a chlog ag tosú ar an 9ú lá de Bhealtaine. Úsáidfear an clár Scratch 3 ar na hIpadanna agus is iad Múinteoir Amy agus Múinteoir Mhaitiú a bheidh i bhfeighil air. Ar an drochuair, ní féidir linn glacadh ach le 20 páiste. Ní bheidh aon chostas air.

The school's Coding Club will meet every Thursday from 3 to 4 o'clock beginning on the 9th of May. Múinteoir Amy and Múinteoir Mhaitiú will be using the Scratch 3 programme on our Ipads to learn all about coding. Unfortunately, spaces are limited to 20 places due to the number of Ipads available to us. Five pupils from each of the following classes have been selected to participate in the programme, R3, R4, R5 & R6. There isn't a fee for this class.

Lá Spórt na Cathrach/ Cork City Sports

Beidh Spórt na Cathrach ar siúl i CIT arís i mbliana ar an Deardaoin 30/5/19. Guímid gach uile rath ar ár lúthchleasaithe ar an lá.

Cork City Sports will take place in the CIT grounds Cork on Thursday, May 30th. We wish all the athletes the very best of luck.

Gradam Scoileanna Digiteacha ar Leith / Digital Schools of Distinction Award

D'éirigh leis an scoil gradam speisialta a bhuachaint le déanaí de bharr úsáid na teicneolaíochta sa scoil. Tháinig an Dr. Daithí Ó Murchú chun na scoile chun labhairt leis na leanaí mar gheall ar thábhacht na teicneolaíochta. Comhghairdeachas leis na múinteoirí go léir a dhéanann tréaniarracht an teicneolaíocht a úsáid go laethúil ar scoil.

The school was recently awarded a Digital Schools of Distinction Award for our daily use of technology throughout the school. Dr. Daithí Ó Murchú visited the school before the Easter Break and was highly impressed with widespread use of technology on a daily basis. Congratulations to all the teachers and students who presented their work on the day.

Ríomhairí Glúine / Laptops

Ba mhaith linn buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le Liam Reddy agus *Pepsi Ireland* as ríomhairí glúine a bhronnadh orainn le cur le húsáid na teicneolaíochta sa scoil.

A big thank you to Liam Reddy and Pepsi Ireland for sourcing refurbished laptops for the school. We would welcome any further donations in order to promote the use of technology in the classroom.

Turas Scoile/School Tours

- Rang 1,Rang 2, Rang 3 — Mardyke Leisure - May 22nd
- Rang 4, Rang 5 Rang 6 — Zip IT Farran - June 12th
- Naí Bheaga & Naí Mhora — Mardyke Leisure - June 7th

West Cork Sciath na Scol

Children from Rang 4-Rang 6 are currently taking part in the West Cork Sciath na Scol. Well done to both the boys and girls team who will both be progressing to the final stage of the competition.

Gairdín na Scoile

Tá an t-Earrach buailte linn agus bhí Rang a 4 agus a 5 fíor-ghnóthach le seachtain nó dhó anuas ag cur plandaí agus glasraí ar chúl na scoile a bhuíochas do Sheán Browne ó Bandon Co-op agus tuismitheoirí na scoile. Míle buíochas daoibh go léir!

Fourth and fifth class were busy planting vegetables in our school garden recently. Many thanks to Seán Browne from Bandon Co-op on providing us with a wide variety of vegetables and the parents who helped out on the day.

An Brat Glás/Green Flag

We were delighted to receive confirmation of our second Green Flag for Energy. Congratulations to everyone involved in this initiative and a big thank you to Muinteoir Marguerite Breathnach and Muinteoir Maitiu.

Food Dudes / Gaiscígh an Bhia

Cuireadh tús leis an gclár bia Gaiscígh an Bhia le déanaí. Tugtar deis do na leanaí torthaí agus glasraí sláintiúla a bhlaiseadh gach lá i gcomhair trí seachtaine mar chuid den scéim. Tá an clár seo ag teacht leis an gClár Cothaithe Sláinte. Bronnfar ár dara brat orainn roimh bhriseadh an tsamhraidh.

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The Food Dudes healthy eating programme has started in the school and will continue for 3 weeks. This is being run in conjunction with our Health Promoting Schools (HPS) initiative. We will be presented with our second HPS flag before the summer break.

Spórt na Scoile/School Sports Day
Beidh lá Spórt na Scoile ar súil ar an Ceadaoin an 26ú lá de mhí an Mheithimh

The School Sports Day will take place on Wednesday, 26th June 2019 (weather permitting). Children are reminded to wear their school tracksuit/shorts with suitable footwear. Children are to be dropped to school at the normal time.

Caint Ranga RSE Rang 6
A speaker will visit the school on Monday, June 17th at from 1:25pm-3:00pm to deliver a component of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) within the context of Social Personal and Health Education to 6th class students and parents.

Rang 6 Aifreann / 6th Class Mass
The 6th class end of year Mass will take place in the school hall on **Thursday, June 20th at 7.00pm**. Parents/Grandparents are invited to attend

Scoláireacht Choláiste na Mumhan / Scolarship to Coláiste na Mumhan Irish College
Bronnadh dhá leath-scoláireacht ar bheirt chun freastal ar Choláiste na Mumhan sa Ghaeltacht i mBéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh ar feadh coicíse ag tús mhí Iúil. Déanfar an bronnadh go hoifigiúil i gColáiste na hOllscoile ar an 17ú Bealtaine ar Lá na nGaelscoileanna.

Two half-scholarships for a two week course in Ballingeary Irish College were awarded to two members of fifth class recently in recognition of their hard work throughout the year.

Suíomh Idirlín/School Website
Coimeád súil ar an suíomh idirlín dó na grianghrafanna, fógraí agus nuachtlitreacha is déanaí – www.gsbanndan.ie *Please check our school website on www.gsbanndan.ie for the latest photos, notices and newsletters.*

Féilire na Scoilbliana/School Calendar 2019/2020
Please find attached School year calendar for 2019/2020 attached.

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Turas Scoile/School Tours 2019

Turas Scoile/ School Tour –22/05/19

Rang 1 & Rang 2 & Rang 3

Beidh páistí ó Rang 1 & Rang 2 & Rang 3 ag dul ar thuras go Mardyke i gCorcaigh. Beidh sé ar siúl ar an 22ú lá de mhí an Bealtaine. Beidh na páistí ag fágaint na scoile ar a **9.10r.n**. agus ag filleadh roimh a 3:30i.n. Caithfidh an t-airgead **(€27)** a bheith istigh roimh an 15/05/19.

*This year children from Rang 1 & Rang 2 Rang 3 will travel to the Mardyke Arena Cork on May 22nd. The bus will depart from the school at **9.10am** sharp and return to the school at 3:00pm. The cost of the trip is (€27) per child. **Children are asked to bring a packed lunch with plenty of drinks**. Money for the outing is to be returned to the class teacher **before** 15/5/19. Children are to wear their school tracksuit with suitable footwear on the day.*

Tugaim cead do mo pháiste dul ar an dturas seo / I give permission to my child to go on this excursion.

Ainm an pháiste : _____ Dáta: _____

Síniú tuismitheora/caomhnóra: ----------

Turas Scoile/School Tour- 12/06/19

Rang 4 – Rang 6

Beidh na páistí ó ranganna 3-6 ag dul an Zip it, ar bhus dá dturas scoile. Beidh sé ar siúl ar an 12ú lá, ag fágaint na scoile ar a **9.20r.n**. agus ag filleadh ag a 3.20i.n. Tá costas **(€25)** ar gach páiste. Caithfidh an t-airgead a bheith istigh roimh an 31/05/19. **Beidh athrú éadaí ó na páistí ar an lá.**

*This year children from 3rd - 6th Class will travel to Zip It on June 12th departing from the school at **9:20am** sharp and returning at 3:20pm (approx.). The cost is **(€25)** per child. Money for the outing is to be returned to the class teacher **before** 31/05/19.* Tugaim cead do mo pháiste dul ar an dturas seo / I give permission to my child to go on this excursion.

Ainm an pháiste : _____ Dáta: _____

Síniú tuismitheora/caomhnóra: ----------

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Turas Scoile/ School Tour – 7/06/19

Naíonáin Bheaga/Naíonaín Mhóra

Beidh páistí ó ranganna Naíonán ag dul ar thuras go i Mardyke gCorcaigh. Beidh sé ar siúl an 7ú lá de mhí an Mheithimh. Beidh na páistí ag fágaint na scoile ar a **9.15r.n**. agus ag filleadh roimh a 2:00i.n. Caithfidh an t-airgead **(€25)** a bheith istigh roimh an mhí 24/05/19.

*This year children from Junior and Senior Infants will travel to the Mardyke, Cork on June 7th. The bus will depart from the school at **9.15am** sharp and return to the school at 2:00pm. The cost of the trip is **(€25)** per child. Money for the outing is to be returned to the class teacher **before** May 24th. Children are to wear their school tracksuit with suitable footwear on the day. **Children are asked to bring a packed lunch with plenty of drinks**.*

Tugaim cead do mo pháiste dul ar an dturas seo / I give permission to my child to go on this excursion.

Ainm an pháiste : _____ Dáta: _____

Síniú tuismitheora/caomhnóra ----------

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Féilire na Scoilbliana School Calendar 2019 – 2020

Ag Oscailt	**29ú Lúnasa - (Déardaoin, an chéad lá ar ais!)**
*Back to Schoo*l	*29th August (Thursday, first day back!)*
Briseadh na Samhna	**Aoine 25ú Deireadh Fómhair – Ath-oscailt Luan 4ú Samhain**
(October Mid-Term)	*School Closing Friday, 25th October & Re-Opening Monday, Nov 4th*
Briseadh na Nollag	***Aoine 20ú Nollaig –Ath-oscailt Dé Luain 6ú Eanáir**
(Christmas Holidays)	*Closing Friday, 20th December & Re-Opening Monday, 6th January*
Briseadh Feabhra	**Aoine 14ú – Ath-oscailt Luan 24ú Feabhra**
(February Mid-Term)	*School Closing Friday 14th February & Re-Opening Monday 24th Feb*
Scoil Dúnta	*Scoil Dúnta – 16ú Márta*
(School Closed)	*School Closed Monday, 16th March*
Lá Saoire Poiblí	**Scoil Dúnta - 17ú Márta (Lá Fhéile Pádraig)**
(Public Holiday)	*School Closed Tuesday, 17th March (St Patricks Day Holiday)*
Briseadh na Cásca	***Aoine 3ú Aibreán –Ath-oscailt 20ú Aibreán**
(Easter Holidays)	*School Closing Friday, 3rd April & Re-Opening Monday, April 20th*
Lá Saoire Poiblí	**Scoil Dúnta - 4ú Bealtaine**
(May Public Holiday)	*School Closed Monday, 4th May*
Lá Saoire Poiblí	*Luan 1ú Meitheamh*
(June Public Holiday)	*School Closed - Monday, 1st June*
Laethanta Saoire an	***Aoine 26ú Meitheamh**
tSamhraidh	*School Closing Friday, 26th June (Summer Holidays)*

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**20th December2019*	*(Christmas Holidays)*	*school closes at 12.00 noon*
**3rd April 2020*	*(Easter Holidays)*	*school closes at 12.00 noon*
**26th June 2020*	*(Summer Holidays)*	*school closes at 12.00 noon*