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Eolas do Thuismitheoirí

Information for Parents



Is bunscoil ilchreidmheach í Gaelscoil Riabhach faoi Fhoras Pátrúnachta na Scoileanna Lán-Gaeilge
Gaelscoil Riabhach is a multi-faith primary school under the Patronage Body for All-Irish schools



Plean 2016



Uasdátú: Mí an Mheithimh 2016: Tá ceadúnach pleanála faighte. De réir phlean na Roinne beidh an scoil tógtha do Mheán Fómhair 2016. Is tionscadal mear-sheachadadh atá i gceist leis an tógáil rud a chiallaíonn go dtógfar é laistigh de hocht mí.

Update: June 2016 Planning permission has been granted for the construction of a 12 classroom building for Gaelscoil Riabhach. According to the Department's plan the school will be built during 2016/17. This will be a Rapid Delivery Project which means that the construction should be completed within eight months.

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Cumarsáid / Communication

Seoltar fillteán abhaile gach coicís le nuachtlitir na scoile, clúdach don síntiús deonach agus eolas eile do thuismitheoirí ann. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí an fillteán a fhilleadh ar an múinteoir rangalá arna mhárach.

Tá córas againn de théacsanna do thuismitheoirí. Mura fhaigheann tú iad tar i dteagmháil linn.

Is féidir dul i dteagmháil le oifig na scoile ag oifig@gaelscoilriabhach.ie

A folder goes home every fortnight containing the school newsletter, an envelope for the voluntary contribution and other information for parents. Parents are asked to return the folder **the following day** to the class teacher.

We have a text-a-parent system in the school. If you are not receiving texts please contact us

The school office can also be contacted by email: oifig@gaelscoilriabhach.ie

Má bhíonn cruinniú ag teastáil le múinteoir ranga nó príomhoide na scoile ní mór glaoch a chur ar hoifig na scoile chun coinne a dhéanamh. Is féidir ríomhphost a chur freisin chun seo a eagrú. Ní ghlacfar le cruinnithe múna bhfuil sé eagraithe tríd an oifig. Seolfar iarratais um chruinniú ag doras an tseomra ranga nó trí nóta chuig an oifig.

If you wish to meet a class teacher or the school príomhoide parents/ visitors to the school must call the school office at 091 847865 to make an appointment. This can also be arranged by email. Meetings not arranged through the office will not be facilitated. Requests for meetings at the door of the classroom or by note will be directed to the office.

Labhraíonn 'chuide dhuine an Ghaeilge atá acu!

Gaeilge sa Scoil/ The Irish language in the School

‘Sí an Ghaeilge gnáth-theanga laethúil na scoile agus múintear gach ábhar, seachas an Béarla trí mheán na Gaeilge. Tumtar na páistí sa teanga agus foghlaimíonn siad an teanga go nádúrtha sna blianta tosaigh ar scoil. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí agus gach éinne a thagann ag an scoil an Ghaeilge atá acu a úsáid sa scoil. Mar chuid d’ár gCód Scoile labhraíonn daltaí Gaeilge i gcónaí ar scoil, seachas i rith ceachtanna Béarla.

The daily language of the school is the Irish language and all subjects, except English, are taught through the medium of Irish. The children are immersed in the language and learn the language naturally as they progress through their early years in school. Parents and all visitors to the school are asked to use the Irish they have in the school. As part of our School Code all children speak Irish while at school, except during English lessons.



Foireann/ Staff



Príomhoide Riarachán/ Admin. Principal

Dora Uí Challanáin

Múinteoir Ranga/Class Teacher:
Naíonáin Bheaga (Junior Inf.)

Caroline Ní Mhiadaigh

Múinteoir Ranga/Class Teacher:
Naíonáin Mhóra (Sen. Inf.)

le ceapadh

Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher:
Rang 1

Máire-Treasa Ní Dhubháin

Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher:
Rang 2

le ceapadh

Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher:
Rang 3

Maria Ní Laoire

Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher:
Rang 4

Brian Ó Meacháin

Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher
Rang 5/6

Síle Nic Spaidín

Múinteoir Tacaíocht Foghlama
Learning Support Teacher

Dee Nic Gabhann

Múinteoir Acmhainneacha
Resource Teacher

Áine Ní Fhlatharta

Múinteoirí Tacaíochta/ Acmhainne Páirtaim.
Part-time Support/ Resource teachers

Dairine Mac Crosain

Rúnaí na Scoile/ Cúntóir Ranga

(Ní bhíonn oifig na scoile ar oscailt Déardaoinr/ The school oifig is not open on Thursdays)

Caitríona Nic Lochlainn

Cúntóirí Ranga

Emma Rosbotham-Nic an Bhaird

Micléinn ar Shocrúcháin

Cassandra Ní Mhistéal
Laura Ní Phóirtéir
Chloe Ní Riain
Cionnaith Ó Cuana
Cathal Ó Broinn

Airíoch Scoile

Mícheál Breathnach



Croí na Scoile/ Core Curriculum:

Mar chuid d'ár sainspioraid ilchreidmheach múintear 'Croí na Scoile' mar ábhar i rith am scoile. Is Curaclam Eitice agus Staidéar Reiligiún é Croí na Scoile.



Croí na Scoile: Seo a leanas na codanna de Chroí na Scoile: Creidimh an Domhain, Eitic, Laethanta Speisialta, Cearta Páistí agus Oideachais Sóisialta, Pearsanta agus Sláinte. Deirtear Dán na Scoile gach lá ar scoil mar chur i gcuimhne ar luachanna na scoile.

Téamaí 2016/17: Críostaíocht: Naoimh/Laethanta Féilte, daoine speisialta i moshaoil; **Ioslam: Ramadan,** troscadh/ag gabháil leithscéalta; **Daonnachas: Cearta Páistí,** cearta agus freagrachtaí; **Págántacht: Grianstad an Gheimhridh,** an ghrian agus an nádúr; **Sínteachas: Shogatsu,** bliain úr/ ag cothú sonais; **Críostaíocht: Toirbheart Íosa,** tréithe daonna, ag feiceáil an rud laistigh; **Comparáideach/Gach creideamh: Cinnirí Creidimh,** cinnireacht; **Giúdachas: Cáisc na nGiúdach,** an teaghlach, béile teaghlaigh; **Búdachas: Wesak,** Laethantaspeisialta imo shaol; **Críostaíocht: Cincís:** an pobal Críostaí.

Croí na Scoile/ Tá am faoi leith do theagasc Chroí na Scoile i ngach seomra. Dhear na comhpháirtithe uilig i mbunadh na scoile an curaclam agus tá luachanna an churaclaim le comhtháthú le 'chuile ghné de shaol na scoile. Tá cláir ar Mhí-úsáid Substaint, Féinmhuinín, Sábháilteacht Pearsanta agus Oideachais Caidrimh agus Gnéasachta (OCG) san áireamh ann freisin. Cuireadh an clár OCG le chéile ag coiste de mhúinteoirí agus thuismitheoirí.

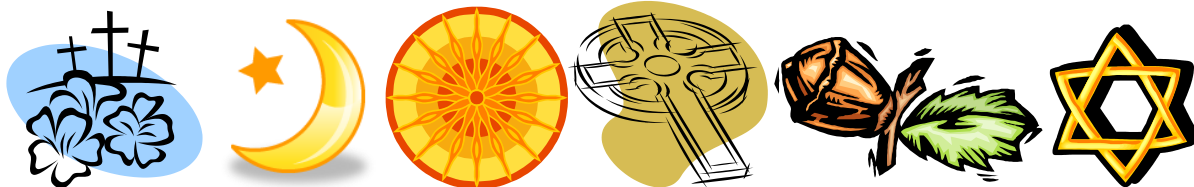
Coiste Buí/ Tá an coiste seo ag feidhmiú le trí bhliana anuas ar chuimsiú a láidriú sa scoil agus an t-ilchineálachas sa scoil a cheiliúradh. Tá sé i gceist ag an gcoiste leanúint leo ag bualadh le chéile gach ráithe chun tacú le Croí na Scoile.

Aireachas: An bhliain seo chugainn, leanfar le tuilleadh forbartha ar chleachtaí aireachais sa scoil.

Amhrán na Scoile/ Cantar an t-amhrán seo gach lá mar chur i gcuimhne de luachanna na scoile.

Dán na Scoile

Is scoil ilchreidmheach í Gaelscoil Riabhach.
Le spórt is le foghlaim bíonn na páistí gníomhach.
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Istigh sna seomraí 's amuigh ag spraoi.
Is áit í seo atá slán sábháilte.
Roimh 'chuile dhuine cuireann muid fáilte.
Do gach cultúr taispeánann muid meas.
Le gach aon duine bíonn muid deas.



Croí na Scoile:

As part of our multi-faith ethos Croí na Scoile (Our Core Curriculum) is taught during the school day. Croí na Scoile is an Ethics and Religious Studies Curriculum.



Croí na Scoile: The Core Curriculum consists of the following areas: World Faiths, Ethics, Special Days, Children's rights and Social, Personal and Health education. Amhrán na Scoile (the school song) is recited every day as a reminder of our school values.

Themes for 2016/2017: Christianity: Saints/Feast Days, significant people in my life; **Islam:** Ramadan: fasting/forgiveness; **Humanism:** Children's Rights, rights and responsibilities; **Paganism:** Winter Solstice; the sun/nature; **Sintoism:** Shogatsu, New Year, fostering happiness; **Christianity:** Feast of the Presentation, human attributes; **Comparative/All Faiths:** Leadership; **Judaism:** Pesach, the family/special meals; **Buddhism:** Wesak, special days in my life; **Christianity** Pentecost, the Christian community.

Croí na Scoile/ The Core Curriculum has a set time each day. The Core Curriculum was designed by all the school partners and its values are carried through all experiences in school life. It also includes programmes on substance abuse, confidence, Stay-safe and RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education). The RSE programme was drawn up by a committee of staff and parents.

Coiste Buí/ Yellow Committee: This committee has worked over the last two years at promoting inclusion and the celebration of diversity in the school. This committee is going to continue to meet each term and support the school's Core Curriculum.

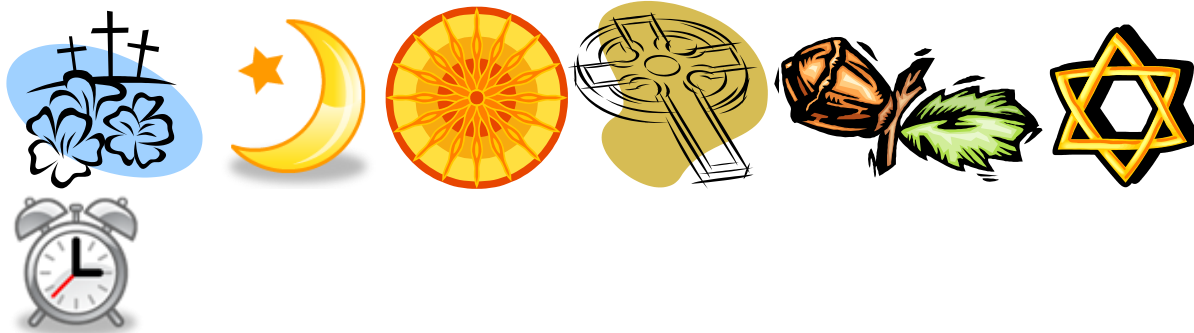
Mindfulness: Mindfulness practices will be further developed in classes this year.

Amhrán na Scoile/ The school song is sung by the children each day as a reminder of our school's values

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(Gaelscoil Riabhach is a multi-faith school, With fun and games we love being active, Irish is our language and we speak it, In the classrooms and out at play. This is a place that is safe and healthy, To everyone we extend welcome, To all cultures we show respect, To all people we extend a hand.)



Amanna Scoile/ School Times:

Tosaíonn scoil ag 8.40am agus críochnaíonn sé ag 1.30pm do Naíonáin agus 2.30pm do Rang 1-6.

School begins at 8.40am and finishes at 1.30pm for Naíonáin and 2.30pm for Rang 1- 6.

Ní chóir go mbeadh páistí ar scoil roimh 8.40 agus ní mór dóibh bheith bailithe ag an am cheart. Ní chlúdaíonn árachais na scoile páistí ar scoil taobh amuigh de na hamanna sin.

Children should not be at school any earlier than 8.40 and should be collected at the correct time. School insurance does not cover children outside these times.

Téann na Naíonáin Bheaga abhaile luath go dtí an 19ú Meán Fómhair

The Junior Infant class finishes at 12pm until the 19th September

Laethanta Saoire/ School Holidays:

Tosaíonn scoil ar an 30^ú Lúnasa 2016/ School commences on the 30th August 2016

Tús na Ráithe/ Beginning of Term: 30 August and 1st September

(Leath laethanta Dé Luain/ Dé Máirt) Half days on the 30th/31st August and 1st September

Laethanta Saoire/School closures:: 31st October 2016 to 4th November 2016

22nd December 2015 to 6th January 2017

: 23rd – 24th February 2017

17th March 2017

10th – 21st April 2017

(Ma bhíonn drochaimsire agus dúnadh scoile i gceist i rith an gheimhridh beidh an scoil ag oscailt ar an.10ú/11ú Aibreán. *If the school is forced to close during the winter due to weather there will be school on the 10th/11th April.*)

Dúnadh/ End of Year

23th June 2017

Ar laethanta a bhfuil cruinnithe oidí tuistú ar siúl téann na páistí abhaile ag 1.30pm Children go home at 1.30 on days when there are parent-teacher meetings.

Creatlach Ama Seachtainiúil Inmholta/Suggested Weekly Time framework

Gaeilge	Irish	5 uair/ hours
Béarla	English	5 uair/ hours
Mata	Maths	4 uair/ hours
OSIE	History/ Geography/ Science	3 uair/ hours
Corp Oideachais	PE	1 uair/ hour

Na healaíon	Music/ Art/ Drama	3 uair/ hours
Croí na Scoile/ OSIE	Religious/ Ethical/ Social/ Personal/ Health Ed.	3 uair/ hours
Sosanna	Recreation	3 uair 20 nóim.
Tionól	Assembly	1 uair/ hour

Rannpháirtíocht Tuismitheoirí/ Parental Participation

Ar Scoil/ Help in school

Tús Maith: opening meeting for new parents only NUA!!

- a) **Sept. 7th** : Meetings for parents of new students...Naíonáin Bheaga especially
- b) **Sept. 28th**: **Cruinniú Bhliantúil na Scoile**/ Annual School Meeting (all parents)

Attend meetings: *In November there will be a meeting with your child's teacher and follow-up meetings can be arranged if necessary.*

Visiting School: *During the school year fun days are held and parents are encouraged to come along.*

Gaeilge/ Irish language

Ranganna/ Irish language classes are available through the local Irish office- Gaeilge Locha Riach 091 870718. Parents are encouraged to participate in classes. Parents are asked to use what Irish they have in the school e.g. When greeting: 'Dia duit'; when leaving children to school: 'Bíodh lá deas agat'....watch newsletter

Nótaí/Notes: Irish should be used when writing cards, invites, notes etc amongst Gaelscoil Riabhach students. The school blog has a list of phrases which parents can use when writing notes to class teachers. Parents are encouraged to use these little phrases as it can have a great positive effect on children's attitude to the language and to writing in general. The homework 'dialann' (diary) should be used where possible to send notes.

Please see Nótaí on the Gaelscoil Riabhach website for terms 'as gaeilge'.

Leigheas/ Medical Issues:

Any students who have any form of chronic illness (asthma, anaphylaxis, epilepsy) or are taking medication on a continuous basis should complete a medical care form **annually** and return it to the office. Forms available from the office.

Coiste na dTuistí/ Parents Council

Coiste na dTuistí has gone from strength to strength each year and new members will be elected to the coiste this year from the Naíonáin Bheaga class. This will be discussed at the September meeting in the first term. Many thanks to the committee for their hard work – everything from Mid-winter party, school policies to Fête Scoile. The committee holds regular meetings on a broad range of issues. Keep an eye on the noticeboard/ blog/ newsletter. Parents reps are also needed on the following committees:

- **Coiste Glas/ Green School's Committee:** This committee will be responsible for various initiatives in the area of environmental awareness and care. It has a key role in school planning in many related areas.
- **Coiste Bui/ Yellow Committee:** This committee has worked over the last year at promoting inclusion and the celebration of diversity in the school. This committee is now going to meet each term and support the school's Core Curriculum.
- **Coiste Gaelbhrataigh** (Gael-flag): The school garnered its first Gaelbhratach in 2016. The coiste will continue with the Gaelbhratach project, which aims to support Gaelscoileanna with their Irish language ethos and their literacy and learning in Irish.

Sa mBaile/ Help at home

Each night your child will be assigned **obair baile/ homework**. Please make sure your child finishes this and that you sign his/ her diary.

Mata/ Maths at home – teaching maths eg, time, days, weight at every opportunity at home – children from Rang 2 should have watches.

Leabharlann:

Parents in Rang 1 – 3 will be invited to come along on trips to the library and to partake in shared reading at home and at school.

Tiomsú Airgid/ Raise Funds

Cairde Gaelscoil –The school fundraising committee is working extremely hard at the moment and aim to raise over €70,000 in funds. Money raised will be invested in the new school and go towards a library, sports equipment, special needs equipment, etc..

Síntiús Deonach/ Voluntary Contribution – The school asks parents to contribute to school funds through this scheme. Envelopes go out fortnightly. At present the Board recommends ten euro per fortnight or €180 for the year.



Straitéis Náisiúnta Litearthachta agus Uimhríochta/ National Literacy and Numeracy Strategy:

Mar chuid de fheachtas náisiúnta tá roinnt chuspóirí ceaptha ag an scoil chun caighdeán na litearthacht sa scoil a ardú. Tá tuilleadh eolais faoi ar bhlag na scoile, ach seo a leanas cuid de na modhanna atá i gceist sa straitéis.

As part of a national campaign the Gaelscoil has formulated a number of objectives to raise the literacy standards in the school.. Further information on the strategy can be found on the school blog www.gaelscoilriabhach.ie:

Targets:

- Increase library membership and regular attendance from 63% to 95% of students.
- Less than 5% of students under the 20th Percentile (STEN 1/2) (English and Maths)
- Less than 30% of students under the 50th Percentile (STEN 3/4/5) (English and Maths)
- 70% of children in classes over the 50th Percentile (STEN 6 – 10) (English and Maths)
- No child with more than two STEN points between Irish and English reading.
- Increase the percentage of students who ‘like’ maths from 64% to 80%
- Increase the percentage of children who can quickly read analog and digital time in senior classes to 75%

The following are some of the methods that are being employed:

- Regular library visits encouraging children to read in both English and Irish
- Ensure that all parents register their children in the library and attend regularly
- Involvement in reading initiatives: ‘Leabhra Feabhra’, Lá na Leabhar, Summer Reading Competitions (Irish and English), shared reading schemes in school
- Increased use of class novels and focusing on comprehension skills
- Parental support when fundraising for books and literary aids for school
- Early Literacy: : From February onwards in junior infants, we will be using the early learning reading programme from the *Áisaonad* The school continues to use this programme in senior infants.
- Time: reading the clock both analogue and digital; reading timetables, television schedules, cinema listings; using a calendar.
- Measurement: involving children in baking/cooking and reading recipes; using rulers/measuring tapes
- Information night for parents regarding Maths teaching/ learning in school
- Children’s watches as prizes and gifts in school/ home
- Visitors emphasising the importance of Maths during Seachtain Mhata
- Continuous assessment of time, equations and graphs in all classes.



Frithbhulaíocht/ Antibullying Policy:

- Our school policy in this area aims to encourage children to disclose and discuss incidents of bullying behaviour, to raise student awareness, to record and tackle bullying when it does occur and to ensure adequate supervision and monitoring.
- Bullying can take many forms: verbal, social, mental, material, physical, identity based or technological. Name calling, exclusion, not talking to another child, hitting, stealing or damaging, sending abusive messages/ texts etc could all be viewed as bullying behaviour if carried out in a continuous, ongoing, systematic way.
- The school policy, which is available on the school blog, details some warning signs which parents, teachers and peers should watch out for to identify whether children are bullying or being bullied.
- Gaelscoil Riabhach has identified the following areas/strategies which are central to our anti-bullying policy: positive approach to discipline and communication in the school, celebration of differences, rewarding good behaviour, modelling good listening skills, discussing feelings, continuous use of Circle Time, developing school relationships based on mutual regard, respect and trust, the implementation of the Stay Safe Programme, STOP, IMIGH, AB AIR (Say stop, leave and tell) as agreed school approach to incidents of bullying and giving the anti-bullying policy a high profile in school...newsletter, blag, leabhrán eolais...
- A copy of the full anti-bullying policy is available on the school blog, under the Tuistí/ Parents tab



Bord Bainistíochta/ Board of Management:

Cathaoirleach

Chairperson:

Pádraig Ó Baoill, Gleann na Scéiche, Baile Locha Riach

Baill Eile

Other members:

Verena Ní Choimín ,Dora Uí Challanáin, Dee Nic Gabhann, Noel Hackett, Eoghan Mac Cormaic, Isabelle Ní Dhuinn, Móirín Ní Dhonnabháin

Tá an Bord Bainistíocht freagrach as bainistiú na scoile don Phatrún agus do phobal na scoile. The Board of Management is responsible for the management of the Gaelscoil for our Patron and the school community.

Coiste na nDaltaí/ Student Council

Buaileann an coiste le chéile gach trí sheachtain um ábhair scoile a phlé leis an bpríomhoide. Student's Council meets every three weeks to discuss school issues with the principal. 'Coiste na nDaltaí' elections will be held in September.

Caidrimh le foireann/ Contacting Staff

Faoi láthair, déanann an Ghaelscoil 'chuile iarracht caidreamh maith a spreagadh i measc phobal na scoile. Buaileann coistí lena chéile go minic agus iarrtar ar bhaill Choiste na nDaltaí, Choiste na dTuistí agus Foirne na Scoile aon ábhar ginearálta is cúram dóibh a ardú leis an bPríomhoide, Múinteoir Pól.

Má bhíonn buairt faoi leith ag tuismitheoir, ba chóir na céimeanna seo a leanas a bheith tógtha láithreach agus san ord seo, más féidir.

- 1. Eagraigh cruinniú leis an múinteoir chun an t-ábhar a phlé**
- 2. Iarr, ag an gcéad chruinniú seo, le haghaidh cruinnithe eile chun an dul chun cinn a iniúchadh.**
- 3. Pléigh an t-ábhar le Príomhoide na Scoile- fios a bheith ag an múinteoir go bhfuil tú chun é seo a dhéanamh.**
- 4. Muna bhfuil an t-ábhar réitithe, is féidir le tuismitheoirí an t-ábhar a phlé le Cathaoirleach na Scoile**
- 5. Muna socraítear í ag an bpointe seo is féidir an t-ábhar a chuir i scríbhinn chuig an mBord Bainistíochta.**

The Gaelscoil constantly strives to ensure good communication between all members of the school community. Committees meet regularly and members of Coiste na nDaltaí, Coiste na dTuistí and staff are asked to communicate any general issues of concern to Príomhoide na Scoile, Muinteoir Dora.

In situations where parents have a particular issue the following steps should be taken immediately :

- 1. Arrange a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss the issue further.**
- 2. Ask at the initial meeting for another meet to follow up on issues raised.**
- 3. Discuss the issue with the school principal – it's better to let the teacher know you'd like to do this.**
- 4. If the issue is still unresolved parents are able to discuss the issue with the school Chairperson**
- 5. If the issue is still unresolved put the issue in writing to the Board of Management.**



Cód na Scoile/ School Code:

Tá Cód na Scoile agus Polasaí Frithbhulaíochta na Scoile an-thábhachtach chun éiteas na scoile a chosaint. Tugtar cóipeanna amach ag CCB na Scoile agus pléitear iad, i gcomhpháirt leis an gConradh Baile-Scoile

Seo a leanas roinnt phointí ach ní mór an cáipéis ar fad a léamh:

1. Labhraíonn daltaí an Ghaeilge atá acu ar scoil, ach amháin ag am Béarla
2. Ní mór do pháistí a bheith ar scoil ag a 9am...nóta má bhíonn siad déanach
3. Ní mór do pháiste a bheith ar scoil gach lá...nóta má bhíonn siad as láthair
4. Ní mór do pháistí atá déanach nó a bhí as láthair dul go hoifig na scoile sula fhilleann siad ar a seomra ranga.
5. Ar scoil taispeántar meas dá chéile, do fhearais na scoile agus fearais a chéile
6. Ní ghlactar le aon drochteanga sa scoil
7. Ní mór cead a fháil ón múinteoir chun aon bhréagán nó fearais leictreonach a thabhairt ar scoil.
8. Tugtar obair baile ó Luan go Déardaoin...ní mór é a bheith sínithe ag tuismitheoirí
9. Caithear éadaí scoile gach lá...muna bhfuil sé agat ní mór duit nóta a scríobh faoi
10. Ithtear bia sláintiúil ar scoil...torthaí don sos...deoch sláintiúil...ní cheadaítear bia saillte/cnónna
11. Déanann muid gach iarracht gan éinne eile nó muid féin a ghortú ar scoil.
12. Má fheiceann éinne iompar nó eile atá in aghaidh Cód na Scoile, m.sh. glaoch ainmneach nó gortú ba chóir dóibh é a thuairisciú le duine fásta
13. Má bhíonn éinne ag piocadh ort nó I mbun ní ar bith nach bhfuil tú sásta faoi tá trí chéim ann: abair STOP/ IMIGH/ ABAIR le duine fásta
14. Ní dháiltear cuiridh nó cártaí i rith am scoile ar chor ar bith muna bhfuil ceann do gach éinne sa seomra ranga.

The **School Code and Anti-Bullying Policies** are very important to ensure the ethos of the school is being upheld. The following are some points from the Code but parents are asked to read the full document:

1. Students must speak the Irish they have in school, except at English time
2. **Children must be in school by 9am...please give note if they are late**
3. **Children must be in school each day...please give a note if they are absent**
4. **Children who are late or who are returning after absence must report to the office prior to returning to class.**
5. In school we show respect for each other, for school property and for each other's possessions.
6. Bad language is not acceptable in school
7. Toys or electrical devices are not allowed in school without the permission of the class teacher.
8. Homework is given from Monday to Thursday...it (or the homework diary) should be signed by parents.
9. School uniform is worn each day and if not a note should be given to explain.
10. Healthy food only is allowed in school...fruit for break...healthy drinks etc...junk food and nuts are not allowed.
11. We don't hurt others in school and we don't do anything that might hurt ourselves
12. If anyone sees behaviour which is against the school Cód, eg. Name calling, hurting etc. they should report it to an adult.
13. If someone is picking on you/ doing anything that you don't feel good about we have three steps: Say STOP/ IMIGH (get away)/ ABAIR (tell a grown up)
14. Invitations/ cards are not given out during school time if there isn't one for every child in the classroom.

Éadaí Scoile / School Uniform:

Éadaí Dúghorm le léine bán

Plain Navy Jumper /Cardigan with school crest

Plain White Shirt/T shirt/polo shirt

Plain Navy skirt/trousers/ tracksuit

Ní cheadaítear éadaí le suaithentais spóirt srl mar chuid de na héadaí scoile. No clothes with logos e.g. adidas/canterbury etc are acceptable as school uniforms

Má bhíonn bríste gearrtha á chaitheamh ní mór dóibh a bheith dúghorm.

If children are wearing shorts they must also be navy.

Déanaigí cinnte go bhfuil ainmneacha na bpáistí ar na héadaí/

Please ensure all jumpers/coats have your child's name on it.

NB. Suaithentas scoile/ School Crest must be on Jumper/Cardigan

School crests available from Hills Shop or school oifig for €4 each. Oifig reopens 30th August.

Obair Baile/ Homework

Aims:

1. That the children learn to organise themselves
2. That the children learn to take responsibility for their work.
3. That the children form good work habits.
4. That the children develop work and study skills on a gradual basis aiming at independent work and study by senior classes.
5. That the children will consolidate what is learnt in class, practise skills and further their understanding of concepts.

Duration of Homework:

Junior Infants: 10/ 20 mins

Senior Infants: 20 mins.

First/ Second: 30 mins.

Third/ Fourth: 40 mins.

Fifth/ Sixth class: 50 mins/ 1 hour

The time taken to complete homework will be longer if your child moves about or is distracted by other things. If the work takes longer than the above times and the parent is satisfied that the child has applied himself/ herself a parent can write a note. This should not be a regular occurrence. The parent's role should be supervision and checking. If your child doesn't understand something please talk to your child's teacher



Iompar Scoile/School Transport:

Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí a chónaíonn thar 3km ón scoil teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an scoil maidir le iompar scoile. Cuirtear iompar ar fáil ó trí cheantar éagsúla go Gaelscoil Riabhach: Cill Chríost, Coill Breac agus Creachmhaoil. Má bhíonn eolas uait faoi tar i dteagmháil leis an oifig. Is féidir foirm ar líne agus tuilleadh eolais a fháil ag www.buseireann.ie

Parents that live over 3km from the school are asked to contact the school regarding school transport. Transport is provided from three areas to the Gaelscoil: Kilchreest, Kylebrack and Craughwell. Applications for school transport are made online through www.buseireann.ie.

Iompar an Bhaile/ Loughrea Town Transport:

Cuireann Maddens Buses seirbhís iompair phríobháideach ar fáil do pháistí go bhfuil cónaí orthu laistigh de cheantar an bhaile. Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil ó Denise Madden ag 0862716357

Madden's Buses operate a private bus service for children living within Loughrea Town area. This is dependent on sufficient numbers. For further details contact Denise Madden at 086 2716357



Cosaint Leanaí/ Child Protection:

- **Glacann Gaelscoil Riabhach le na Treoir Náisiúnta um Chosaint agus Leas Leanaí (Tús Áite do Leanaí) agus na Treoirlínte agus Cur Chuige um Chaomhnú Páistí na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna agus cuirtear iad i bhfeidhm sa scoil.**
- **Úsáidtear acmhainní ar nós Bí Sábháilte chun scileanna na bpáistí a fhorbairt agus chun eolas a thabhairt dóibh faoi shábháilteacht pearsanta.**
- **Is í Dora Uí Challanáin an Duine Caidrimh Ainmnithe agus ní mór d'éinne a bhfuil buairt acu faoi leas pháistí í a chur ar an eolas.**
- **Is é Brian Ó Meacháin an Leas DCA agus is í Verena Ní Choimín an Oifigeach Sábháilteacht agus Sláinte ar Bhord na scoile. Muna féidir teagmháil le Múinteoir Dora ar fháth ar bith, ní mór teagmháil le duine acu sin.**
- The Gaelscoil follows the National Child Protection Guidelines (Children First) and the Guidelines on Child Protection of the Department of Education and Skills and they are implemented in the school.
- Resources such as Stay Safe are used to develop children's skills and to give information in relation to personal safety.
- Dora Uí Challanáin is the Designated Liaison Person and anyone who has a concern regarding any child's welfare should inform him.
- Brian Ó Meacháin is the Deputy Designated Liason Person and Verena Ní Choimín is the Health and Safety Officer on the school board. If it not possible or appropriate to contact Múinteoir Dora please contact either.



Spórt agus Spraoi:

Anuas ar iománaíocht, (camógaíocht!!) eitpheil, luthchleasaíocht, sacar, unihac, cluife an Rí, scipeáil, Euroball srl beidh béim mhór curtha an bhliain seo ar damhsa, gleacaíocht agus rianadóireacht. I rith Mhí na Samhna agus Mhí na Nollag beidh Ranganna 1 – 6 ag dul chuig ranganna sa Halla Temperence.

In addition to hurling, (camogie!!) volleyball, athletics, soccer, unihoc, skipping, Cluiche an Rí Euroball etc we will be putting big emphasis on dance, and orienteering this year. During November and December ranganna 1-6 will be going to the Temperence Hall for PE.



Tinneas/ Illness

Má bhíonn tinneas tógalach m.sh. deilgneach nó míoltóga gruaige iarrtar orthu teacht i dteagmháil le hoifig na scoile láithreach. Cuirtear gach tuismitheoir sa seomra sin ar an eolas láithreach. Ní mór scagadh a dhéanamh do mhíoltóga ghruaige go rialta agus pléigh leo mar is gá.

Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí go bhfuil ailléirgí ar a bpáistí nó go bhfuil dáileadh leighis i rith am scoile de dhíth ar a bpáistí teacht i dteagmháil leis an oifig Meán Fómhair agus é seo a dhéanamh gach bliain le cinntiú go bhfuil cuntais agus modhanna na scoile thuas chun dáta.

If any child has a contagious illness eg. chicken pox or headlice parents are asked to contact the school office immediately. All parents in that classroom will then be notified. Headlice must be checked for regularly and treated as necessary.

Any parents whose children have allergies or require medication in school are asked to contact the school in September and to do so each September to ensure that school records and procedures are up to date.

Scéim Leabhair/ Book Scheme:

To allow the school purchase a broader range of textbooks and to reduce the cost of books on families the school has a Book Rental Scheme. Children receive their books in September and are expected to cover them with transparent contact and label them. A bill is sent to each house before the summer holidays for the books **and only those books paid for will be bought.**

Parents are asked when paying cash to come to the office themselves. Cheques/drafts/postal orders can be given to children to take to the office. Email the school at oifig@gaelscoilriabhach.ie for banking details to pay online.

Copies will be purchased this year by class teachers.

Parents are asked to ensure children have the following every day:

3 Pencils (Staedtler Learners Pencil Tri-Plus for infants from Loughrea School & Office)

Colouring Pencils

Ruler

Erasers

Glue Stick

Ullamh don scoil? / Prepared for school?

The following is a checklist for the first day.....and some for every day!The Irish terms which are highlighted should be used over the summer as you are preparing for school to show your positive attitude to the language.

Ainm an Pháiste: All books and clothes, including coats should be clearly marked with your child's name **as Gaeilge**...if you are not sure of your child's full name as Gaeilge please ring the office.

✕ School books (**Leabhair Scoile**)covered when my child gets them in September (Contact paper)

✕ Lunch box and bottle (**Bosca Lóin agus Buidéal**) with healthy food (Can my child open them unaided? Is the child able to eat the fruit unassisted? If not maybe cut up the orange for your child. Frubes are messy in Naíonáin so best avoided. Is the food healthy?)

✕ Correct uniform (**Éadaí Scoile**) with crest (available in Hills) and name on it.

✕ Two plastic A4 folders (**Fillteán**)

✕ Change of clothes for junior infants (accidents do happen!)

✕ Hurley and helmet(**Camán agus Clogad**) (First class on if weather is suitable)

✕ Is school bag (**Mála Scoile**)tidy with homework in and toys out?

✕ Does my child have a prit-stick, pencils (Staedtler Learners Pencil Tri-Plus for Naíonáin!!), eraser, topper, ruler (atlas, calculator, dictionaries) etc.

Coiste na dTuistmitheoirí Chaitliceacha

A committee of Roman Catholic parents run after-school Roman Catholic classes in the school to prepare children to receive sacraments in the Loughrea Parish. Interested parents are asked to contact the committee members:

Valerie Reilly 086 6630782 – Louise Hynes 087 7937925

Páirceáil/ Parking

