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Nuacht Litir na Nollag

A THUISMITHEOIRÍ/CHAOMHNÓIRÍ

Nollaig Shona! Seo chugaibh an nuacht is deireanaí ó Ghaelscoil Riada

Nóta Buíochas: Agus muid ag druidim le deireadh an chéad téarma scoile ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabhail le páistí, múinteoirí, tuismitheoirí agus bord bainistíochta na scoile as ucht bhur dtacaíocht agus gcomhoibriú le linn an téarma seo. Tá an-obair déanta ag na páistí agus múinteoirí agus is cinnte go bhfuil briseadh na Nollag tuillte agaibh go léir.

Suíomh idirlíne na Scoile.

We are delighted to announce that our new school website has gone live. It can be accessed at www.gaelscoilriada.com

We would like to extend a MÍLE BUÍOCHAS to our IT co-ordinator Martha Madden, who designed and customised our new website. It will be regularly updated giving parents fresh and new information on day to day school activities, policies and Governmental advice on school based issues.

Ligean Isteach Páistí/ School Enrolments 2022/23

The Application Form for Admissions for the 2022-23 school year is available on our school website and remains open until 31/01/2022.

Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application on 26/02/22.

The [Admission's Policy](#) is also available for viewing on the school.

The school's Covid Response Plan has been updated in line with recent government guidelines. All the latest information for parents is available on our school website under the Covid tab. We appreciate the efforts being made to keep our school a healthy and safe place for pupils, staff and parents.

Folláine

A strong emphasis was placed on Wellbeing this term. All classes engaged in lessons based on friendship & kindness (*cairdeas agus cineáltas*). The importance of exercise and healthy nutrition in maintaining a healthy lifestyle was explored throughout the term. Some classes participated in the *Food Dudes Programme* during which complimentary fruit and veg portions were given for sampling.

The teachers recently collaborated on reviewing the school's Anti-Bullying policy which is now available to view on the website. The new policy incorporates an *Anti-Bullying Campaign Programme* which raises awareness and assists schools in preventing and dealing with bullying using a structured and consistent whole school community approach.

Bailiúcháin Airgid

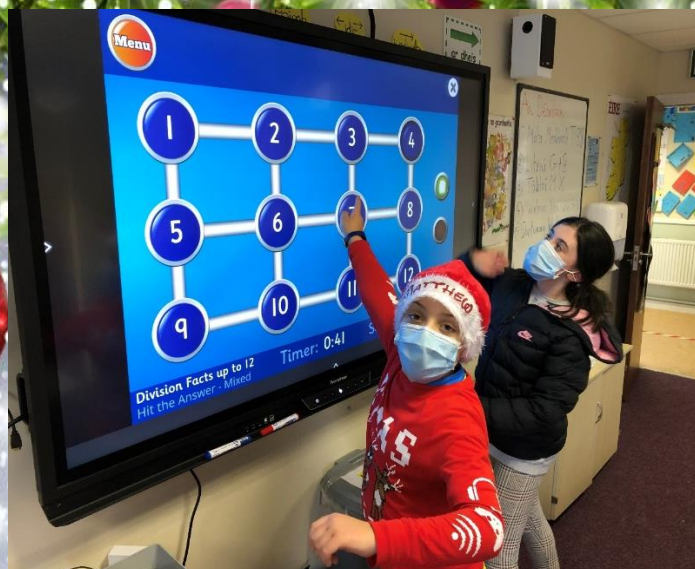
The following sums of money were raised since our last newsletter was issued in October. All charities and local organisations are extremely grateful for your support and generous contributions.

Jack & Jill Foundation: The children dressed up in their Halloween costumes and raised €270.10 for this fantastic charity.

Athenry Christmas Lights: An outstanding €861.90 was raised to support this local appeal.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht bhur dtacaíocht gcroíúil.

CÚRSAÍ TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA:



The Board of Management has invested in 4 new Interactive Boards for the senior classes to the delight of the children and teachers!!

We are delighted to announce that further funding for technology has very recently been allocated by the Department of Education. The Board of Management has ratified the purchase of two additional Interactive Whiteboards meaning that all classes will now benefit from this technology. We will also be purchasing additional tablets and laptops for school use.

Email: As always, all teachers can be contacted at name@gaelscoilriada.com. Please keep in regular contact with your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

Absenteeism: Please inform your child's class teacher via email if he/she is absent. It is important that all absences are explained.

Croí na Scoile:

In line with our multi-denominational ethos, both the Muslim and Christian faiths were explored this term. In November, the children learned about Mawlid, a Muslim celebration of the Prophet Muhammad's birth.

This month, the children have been learning about the Christian faith, Mary and the birth of Jesus Christ.

RANG 6 SÍLE



Gafa le cúrsaí STEM agus seactain na MATA!

Rang 6 were busy during maths week, engaging in maths and STEM tasks and challenges, such as a maths trail around the school.



LEGO WEDO, BEEBOTS & CODING!

Rang 6 interacted with lego wedo and beebot resources during this term which were used to further develop their coding skills.





RANG 5 AGUS 6 PAUL

Bhí daltaí RANG 5-6 gnóthach ag obair le Múinteoir Paul le linn cúrsaí díospóireachta, léitheoireachta, ceoil, ealaine, spóirt agus teicneolaíochta.

RANG 5-6 worked very hard during the first term, engaging in a wide range of curricular activities such as:

- **READING:** The MS Readathon and an Irish language novel entitled Amsterdam.
- **ART & DRAMA** lessons centred around reading content.
- **DEBATING:** The class participated in a debating competition.
- **CONSTRUCTION:** They explored the structure of buildings and challenged themselves to create the tallest tower possible using spaghetti!
- **CODING** with Makey-Makey devices.
- **MUSIC** was played and created using CODING /SCRATCH technology.
- **WELLBEING:** Bullying and Cyber-Bullying was a topic of discussion this term.



RANG 5 CAITRÍONA

Bhí Rang 5 gnóthach an téarma seo le linn an tSeachtain Eolaíochta agus Seachtain na Mata. Ghlac said páirt chomh maith sa gclár Junior Achievement agus san Ms Readathon.

RANG 5 engaged in lots of fun learning activities such as:

- **Junior Achievement** where their business ideas and skills were honed. Here, they were challenged to think of sustainable products or services they would like to sell, and created a business plan, logo and video to promote their ideas.
- **Science Week** prompted the children to focus on how to make Athenry more pedestrian, cycle, wildlife friendly. Moreover, they engaged in an array of science experiments.
- **ART:** Christmas art and crafts were the theme for December! They designed Christmas jumpers, made lovely Christmas tree decorations and crafted some lovely Christmas scenes.

RANG 5 wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



RANG 4 TOMÁS



Bhí RANG 4 gnóthach le linn an téarma seo ag foghlaim faoi cúrsaí eolaíochta, aimsire, stairiúla agus ealaíne. Ghlac siad páirt i gcaint meitéareolaíochta le Joanna Donnelly as teilifís RTE! Chomh maith le seo, fuair an rang clár bán idirghníomhach nua!

SCIENCE & GEOGRAPHY: The children were busy being young scientists this term engaging in experiments based on rockets, gravity and light and exploring weather phenomena with RTE's meteorologist Joanna Donnelly who gave a presentation during SCIENCE WEEK. They recorded the weather by measuring wind speed and rainfall using their own homemade devices.

TECHNOLOGY: RANG 4 are thrilled with their new interactive whiteboard in class which is in use throughout the day for all learning topics.

HISTORY & ART: The children designed and made cardboard aeroplanes and were inspired by Alcock and Brown's transatlantic flight which crash landed in the Derrigimlagh bog near Clifden.

Múinteoir Tomás's RANG 4 wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas 😊.

RANG 4 RÓNÁN

Seo "selfie" de Rang 4 Múinteoir Rónán ag caitheamh geansaithe na Nollag!



EOLAÍOCHT: Thóg na páistí bolcáin (Volcanoes) le cré a bhí ceangailte leis an STAIR (Pompeii)

TECHNOLOGY: RANG 4 are delighted their new interactive whiteboard!

SCIENCE & HISTORY & ART lessons were inter-linked through the study of volcanoes. The children learned about the history of Pompeii and they constructed their own clay volcanoes which will be part of scientific experiments when they have dried out!



RANG 3 LOUISE

Tá Rang a 3 ag fanacht go dian ar an Nollaig!! Bhí siad ag oscailt Féilire Aidhbhinte (Advent Calendar) sa rang gach lá agus rinne siad roinnt mhór maisiúcháin Nollag.





RANG 2 GRÁINNE NÍ FHÁTHARTA

Tá an Nollaig beagnach linn arís agus tá Rang a Dó ag baint taitneamh as a bheith ag foghlaim faoi. Tá scéalta a bhaineann leis an Nollaig á chloisteáil acu, chomh maith le bheith ag déanamh neart ealaíne agus ceol na Nollag. Tá siad ag foghlaim faoi thraidisiúin atá i dtíortha eile chomh maith. Tá téarma iontach curtha isteach acu agus tá briseadh tuille go maith acu.



Christmas is nearly upon us and Rang a dó are enjoying learning all about it. They have been listening to various stories, as well singing Christmas carols. They are also learning about Christmas traditions in other countries. They have worked very hard this term and they deserve a well-earned break!!



RANG 1 GEARÓID

Rinne Rang a 1 obair den scoth le cúpla seachtain anuas. Tá siad ag obair ar dhráma na 3 muicíní faoi láthair le é a chuir i láthair sa bhliain nua. Bhain siad an-sult as an tSeachtain Eolaíochta ag foghlaim faoi "Fuaim". Le linn an chepil, rinne siad a gcuid uirlisí fhéin ag úsáid rudaí éagsúla.

Bhí clár Food Dudes acu ar feadh seachtaine agus thaithin sé go mór leo a bheith ag blaiseadh na torthaí agus glasraí difriúla.

EALAÍN: Cruinneóga Sneachta/ Maisiúcháin don chrann Nollaig/Seachtain tógála nuair a rinne siad go leor rudaí iontacha le brící, márla agus na polydron.

Nollaig Shona dhaoibh go léir.



Rang a 1 did some wonderful work in the past few weeks. They are currently rehearsing their Drama The 3 Little Pigs and are really looking forward to presenting it to everyone later in the New Year.

MUSIC & SCIENCE: During Science Week the children learned a lot about "Sound". They explored different types of sounds and how sound travels. Through music learning, the children listened to many different orchestral sounds, from percussion to brass to stringed instruments. They made their own musical instruments using items such as bottles, rice, elastic bands and plastic boxes.

The **Food Dudes Programme** which promotes health eating was a great hit! The children spent the week tasting lots of different fruit and vegetables.

ART: Snow-globes, christmas tree decorations and construction using bricks, marla and polygon toys were the product of many fun filled art classes.

Happy Christmas Everyone!!



NAÍONÁIN MHÓRA MELISSA

Tháinig Elvis An Elf ar cuairt againn i Naíonáin Mhóra an mhí seo agus thóg sí páirt i Food Dudes le na páistí chomh maith 😊 Tá na páistí ag baint an-taitneamh as tabhairt faoi ealaíon na Nollag agus tá muid ag súil go mór ar Daidí na Nollag!



🎄 Nollaig Shona agus Bliain nua faoi mhaise agaibh ar fad.

Elvis the Elf came to visit earlier this month and even took part in the Food Dudes programme with the children 😊 We are all enjoying our Christmas art and activities and can't wait for Daidí na Nollag to come!! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

NAÍONÁIN BHEAGA GRÁINNE

Naíonáin Bheaga and Múinteoir Gráinne have had a busy 2 months with everything from Oíche Shamhna, Science week, Food Dudes and of course Daidí na Nollag! Halloween dress up was lots of fun and the children loved wearing their Christmas jumpers recently!

SCIENCE: The children learned lots about their hands and even made three volcanos erupt during an experiment!

HEALTHY EATING: Well done to all the children who are continuing to bring in a portion of fruit and veg every day in their lovely new Food Dudes lunch boxes.

AN NOLLAIG: In the run up to Christmas, the Naíonáin Bheaga have enjoyed finding Elfie in a different spot each morning, making lots of lovely artwork and of course singing Christmas songs. Finally, we had a lovely chat about all the toys we could possibly get from Santa and then wrote our letter. There was great excitement posting them in our special school post box.

Tá ag éirí thar cionn leis na Naíonáin Bheaga agus an teanga ó bhéal ag feabhsú gach lá! Bhí muid an-ghnóthach idir gléasadh suas agus na cluichí a d'imir muid d'Oíche Shamhna. D'fhoghlaim muid go leor faoin ár lámha san Eolaíocht agus rinne muid turgnamh eolaíochta le bolcán ag pléascadh! Rinne na páistí go hiontach leis na Food Dudes agus tá go leor torthaí agus glasraí ag teacht isteach sna boscaí lóin! Tá Elfie ag imirt cleas orainn gach lá agus téann sé i bhfolach áit éigin difriúil orainn gach mhaidin! Tá muid ag canadh gach lá agus tá go leor ealaín álainn déanta againn freisin. Scríobh muid litir chuig Daidí na Nollag freisin! Bíodh briseadh álainn agaibh go léir.



**NOLLAIG SHONA
DUTT**



Nollaig Shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise.

Le teann measa

Maeve

