

Cóineartú./Confirmation

Beidh daltaí na scoile ag dul faoi lámh an easpaig ar an 30ú lá Márta i Séipéal na Croise Naofa ag 11:30.

Clárú Náionáin Nua / Enrolment of New Infants for September 2012

Más suim leat do pháiste a chlárú do Náionáin Bheaga 2012 ní foláir iarratas a bheith istigh i rith Mí Feabhra. Fíú iad atá tar éis foirm a líonadh cheana féin táimid ag iarraidh orthu an t-iarratas ar chlárú a dheimhniú i scríbhinn arís. Gheobhadh iad san a réamh-chlárú foirm nua le líonadh sa phost.

Déan deimhin go bhfuil teastas breithe leis an bhfoirm iarratais. Tá fáil ar fhoirm clárúithe ó oifig na scoile nó ó www.pilibbarun.com. Má bhaineann aon chritéir luaithe sa pholasaí clárúithe leis an iarratas cuir sinn ar eolas faoi.

Baineann seo le coimniolacha leagtha síos ins an [Polasaí Clárúithe](#) atá le rochtain ar an suíomh idirlíon.

Tá fáilte roimh fíorruithe faoi chlárú agus oideachas lánghaerlach ach glaioigh isteach ar an scoil.

Parents wishing to enrol children in Junior Infants for next September are being asked to submit applications for enrolment during the month of February. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or alternatively may be downloaded from www.pilibbarun.com. Applications must have a birth certificate attached.

Those who have pre-enrolled must confirm their application in writing by filling out a new form which they will receive by post.

All applications will be processed in March and places will be offered according to procedures outlined in the enrolment policy. If your child's application falls within criteria outlined in the [enrolment policy](#) please indicate this on your application. For example if he/she has a sibling in the school already. This policy can be viewed on the website.

Queries about enrolment and education in an all-Irish school can be made to the school office. We will be more than happy to answer any questions.

Caighdeán an Bhéarla agus an Mhata sna scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge os cionn an mheáin náisiúnta

The standard of English and Mathematics in Irish-medium Schools above the national average

GAELSCOILEANNA TEO. Welcome the announcement by the Education Research Institute that the standard of English and mathematics in Irish-medium schools is well above the national average. Speaking at the Annual Education Conference 2011, which opened today in Tullamore, Dr. Gerry Shiell, chief researcher with the ERC confirmed that this was the first time that the majority of Irish-medium and Gaeltacht primary schools were assessed on their achievement levels in English and mathematics as an independent cohort.

D'fhailigh GAELSCOILEANNA TEO. roimh fhógairt an Fhorais Taighde inniu gur léirigh torthaí na dtástálacha náisiúnta ar chaighdeán an Bhéarla agus an mhata sna bunscoileanna lán-Ghaeilge go bhfuil siad i bhfad os cionn an mheáin náisiúnta. Ag labhairt ag Comhdháil Bhlantúil agus Oideachais 2011 a doscail inniu ar an Tulach Mhór, dheimhniú príomhthairneoir an Fhorais Taighde, an Dr. Shiell gur é seo an chéad uair riamh a rinneadh tástálacha ar thurmhór na scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge agus Gaeltachta mar aonad samplaigh iontu féin ar ghnóthachtáil sa Bhéarla agus sa mhata.

NUACHT NA GAELSCOILE

EANAIR

25/01/2012

Creid é nó ná Creid é

Foireann dearaidh nach mór ceaptha

Design Team Appointment Imminent

Bhuail toscaireacht ón mBord Bainistíochta leis an Roinn Oideachais is Scileanna, Tulach Mhór, ar an nDéardaoin seo caite agus deannadh iniúchadh ar na haighneachtaí ó chomhluchtaí seirbhísí tógála. Tá an próiseas ceapúcháin don fhoireann dearaidh faoi lánseol agus táthar ag súil le é a thabhairt chun críche go luath. Tá an Roinn ag gníomhú go tapaigh ar ár son faoi láthair agus táimid dóchasach go mbeimid ag dearadh foirgnimh bhuan go luath.

appointment process is progressing swiftly and it is hoped that a design team will be appointed within weeks. We are very happy that the project is being progressed actively by the DES officials and we hope to begin the design process in the next few weeks.

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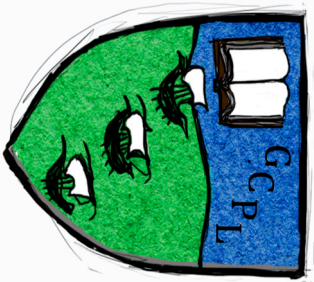
A delegation from the Board of Management met with the

Yoga agus Oráidíocht is Drámaíocht

Department of Education and Skills, Planning Section, Tullamore last Thursday, 19th of January 2012, to view the submissions received from building services providers in reply to the eTenders advertisement last month. The

Tá naionáin bheaga agus mhóra faoi láthair ag baint sult as ranganna ioga atá ar siúl gach maidin Céadaoin. Tá Déaglán Turaoin ag múineadh oráidíocht aigús drámaíocht gach go Rang 5 agus 6. Tá na ranganna seo urraithe ag Coisíe na dTuistí. Coisíe na dTuistí yoga, speech and drama classes continue in Junior and Senior Infant classes fifth and sixth. These are sponsored by the parents association.

Turas go dtí an Gaelcholáiste.



Trip to Gaelcholáiste.

Inné an Déardaoin, chuaign rang a 6 isteach go dtí an Gaelcholáiste le blas a fháil ar an iarthunoidreachas. Beidh deis acu taitní a fháil ar na hábhair éagsúla agus ar mhalarú muinteoírí. Táimid frothútoch as an nGaelcholáiste as an deis seo a thabhairt dúinn.

Last Thursday the 26th pupils from 6th class went to the Gaelcholáiste to spend the day in a secondary school. They experienced the different classes and subjects offered and learnt about the routine, homework, study and exams. We are very grateful to Nollaig Ó Cionnath, Principal of the Gaelcholáiste, for this opportunity.

Rang 5 ag Bailiú airgid do Haiti
Bhí lá gruaig ghrána ag rang 5 agus bailiúch airgid an Aoine seo caite. Go dtí seo tá beagnach €70 bailithe

Aíochainteoír / Guest Speaker

Tiocfaidh ionadaithe ó Ghaelcholáiste Phort Láirge go Gaelscoil Philib Barún ar an 31ú lá Eanáir 2012 ag 7 i.n. Is é ábhar na cainte ná an iarthunoidreachas ianghaeile agus freagrófar ceisteanna ag tuismitheoirí go bhfuil suim acu a bpáisti a sheoladh ar aghaidh go dtí an Gaelcholáiste. Is deis mhaith í seo do thuisifí nach bhfuil aon chineadh déanta acu i leith an iarthunoidreachais go fóill tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoi roghanna.

Music

Ceol sa scoil

Múineann Pauline Kennedy piano sa scoil chomh maith le teorice ceoil. Piano lessons and music theory classes are available in school from Pauline Kennedy. Contact 0894167289

Veidhín traidisiúnta ar fáil chomh maith. Traditional fiddle lessons available from Gráinne Murphy. Contact 0860407044

Tá Tommy Keating ag múineadh giotáir gach Céadaoin tar éis scoile.

Guitar lessons are available with Tommy Keating after school on Wednesdays 0861759122

Quiz an Comhair Creidmhéasa

Beidh Quiz an Chomhair Creidmhéasa ar síal ar an Luan 6ú lá Feabhra ag 7.00 in Óstán an Grand. Bhí quiz cailithe an tseachtain seo caite agus roghnaíodh foime fé 11 agus fé 13

The Credit Union Quiz will take place in the Grand Hotel Tramore on Monday the 6th of February at 7.00.

Last week we ran qualifying quizzes and chose our #11 and #13 teams

Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí freagracht a ghlacadh as a bpáistí a sheachadh agus a bhreith abhaile.

Fé 13: Lunni Kanwei; Duána Ní Chodlatáin Lachtna; Antóin MacAmhlaóibh; Liadain de Paor

Daitní Ó Cinnéide; Fínn Ó Conchubhair; Seán Ó Briain; Siomann Ní Mhurchú Fé 11: Cian Denton; Tom Ó Broin; Róisín Mac Carthaigh; Liam Óg Ó Cuidithe.

Cruinniú Choiste na dTuisifí
Dé Céadaoin seo 1 lá Feabhra 7pm sa scoil

Coiste na dTuisifí / Parents Association

The Parents Association will host a guest speaker on varying topics of interest to the school each year.

This term the committee has invited a number of representatives from [Gaelcholáiste Phort Láirge](#) to present a talk in Gaelscoil Philib Barún at 7pm on Tuesday, 31 January 2012. The purpose of this informal Q&A session is to provide interested parents with information about potential options for Irish language education at Secondary Level. This is particularly for parents of 1st class to 4th class pupils who have yet to make their minds up about secondary school for their children.

Miontuairisc / Minutes of Parents

Association Meeting by James Merrin

Apologies: Helen Kealy

Treasurers Report: Jim handed out copies of report and discussion was had on the amounts raised. Daitní had news re an old account in AIB containing c. €400 which was to be transferred to our account. Extra curricular activities were also discussed and Daitní confirmed that many parents had already paid in full for the activities and that the cost to PA may only be 30% of total costs. Daitní also noted that some parents opted out of Yoga for personal reasons.

School Concert Review

Daitní explained that the noise levels at the concert was a bit of an issue for some people, perhaps because of extra class (Rang 2) and the fact that admission was free. Other than this, the event was extremely well-attended and supported. Agreed to send a letter of thanks to the staff for their efforts and Beth will organise a complimentary packed lunch for the staff from the PA.

Guest Speaker – January

A number of representatives from Gaelcholáiste Port Láirge will present a talk in the school at 7pm on Tuesday, 31 January 2012. This will be a completely informal Q&A session, conducted entirely in English. Daitní will include in newsletter and James will post a blog article. **Charity Event - JanuaryA** "No Uniform Day" will be held in the school and used to raise funds for charity.

Confirmations

It was confirmed that the Confirmations will be held in Tramore for all local Gaelscoilleana, and

that each year the venue will change between Tramore, Ballygunner and Ballybricken. The Bishop would be in attendance and may or may not be involved in the ceremonies. There will be no reception following the ceremonies.

Building Campaign

Formal tenders process will close on Thursday, 12 January 2012. No further developments expected for another 4-6 months but will start making inquiries from March onwards. Officials in DES will assess and evaluate each submission and mark them accordingly (full criteria unknown). Need to provide an official reaction to recent Government announcement about unspent monies in 2011 (€363 million). John Breen to distribute article.

Parent's Handbook

Would like to have an official launch, perhaps around formal enrollment in February. James to think about press release for it's launch.

Parent's Volunteer Survey

Being championed by Beth O'Leary and aimed at eliciting the support of more parents and understanding why more people don't attend monthly meeting.

AOB

Daitní will include date/time of next PA in next newsletter, but no need to continually reference meetings being entirely in English as this may send the wrong message.

Graffiti on ESB substation at entrance to the school. John Breen to write to ESB and notify them of same, requesting removal of Graffiti. Pippa enquired about Golf classic fundraiser. John Breen to confirm status with Carmel Carroll.

Fógra ó James Merrin, Rúnaí Choiste na dTuisifí

National Parents Council Update

The Parent's Association are in the process of renewing its annual membership of the National Parents Council and have been invited to nominate parents of families from the following categories to represent our school in related NPC Special Interest Groups. The categories are:

- Special Educational Needs
- Migrant Community
- Traveller Community
- Gaelacht or Irish Medium School
- Minority Religion