**01.10.13**.

**A Thuismitheoirí, a Chairde,**

**School Closures Amended:**

* **Referendum voting in school on Friday October 4, school is closed.**
* **Summer holidays closure will take place on June 26, 14.**

**Céad Míle Fáilte** roimh gach duine ar ais chuig an Ghaelscoil, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil gach duine sona sásta ar ais arís. I wish to welcome everyone back to our Gaelscoil, and I hope that everyone is steadily progressing, agus cuirimid fáilte speisialta roimh na Naíonáin Bheaga nua agus a dtuistí. We wish to hear everyone in the school environs using their Irish. We encourage people to speak it and practice as example for our children from the gate entrance, until children vacate through the gate exit daily. We will be in touch with you in the event of children being negative re. speaking of Irish.

* We are hoping for no change to the pupil teacher ratio at budget time.
* We have managed to keep our two learning support teachers in our school.
* We are delighted with the new Castlebar Town Park, and new fence.
* Comhghairdeas le Gearóid R6 2012 “FÍS Awards 2013” for film-may be viewed on website “Cabhair-A cry for help”...re. school bullying.
* We wish to thank sincerely John McGovern-caretaker, for the panelling job in progress on the walls of the prefabs, the parents who painted the Naíonra prefabs, and we are looking forward to the new art work which is planned to be done through the Arts Squad, school pupils and naíonra.
* Our apologies regarding the delay with printing of the school diary. See the diary/website/texts re. S. R. Info.
* **Refer to Dialann Scoile, read up and please support school policies re:**
* **School Car- Park KEEP TRAFFIC FLOWING -Drop-off-Pick-up;**
* **Label Uniform/Track-suits.**
* **Healthy lunches-Four children with annapens and confirmed peanut allergies-NO NUTS ALLOWED in S.R;**
* **Absence/Lateness forms; Obair Bhaile checked signed by parent Mon-Thurs. R1-R6.**

**Sign form-back pages of Diary re: Data protection, photographs, trips, Internet,**

**NB-R6: Inform oifig na scoile should there be any changes re. Address, phone, email, new learning, health or other school related issues by e-mail to Laura at** [runaisraif@eircom.net](mailto:runaisraif@eircom.net)**. Let the Múinteoir know if child is attending any specialist. Pass on copy of any report relevant for use for child’s learning.**

* **Billí na Scoile:** **Book Bills**- issued in June 2013. Full/Part-Payment of bills asap. **Yearly Bill Reminder: Swimming and Insurance/handouts/rental bill due. Last date of Swimming Classes:** 4/10/13 6/10/13.
* **HeatingContribution/Síntiús Teasa:** €30 per family. (All Payments in an envelope clearly marked with the nature of the payment & Name to Laura in oifig)

* Amantaí Scoile: The school is open to receive pupils at 8:50am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. All pupils assemble at the main front doors where we expect to hear Irish conversation at doirsí na scoile. Classes commence daily 9am. Classes end daily at 1:30pm for Naíonáin Bheaga agus Naíonáin Mhóra, and at 2:30 pm for R1-R6. Latecomers disrupt class, and we are asking that parents ensure that their children attend school daily and on time. The school cannot accept responsibility for looking after children after school hours.
* **Fleadh na hÉireann: 2014 We wish to make parents aware of the fact that there will be no long journeys should children wish to participate in (INTERVIEWS PREP 60% marks Leaving Cert )Comhrá Gaeilge F9; F11; F13, as the County Fleadh will be held in Claremorris 1st weekend in May 2014; Connaught Fleadh will be held in Castlebar in July-competitions in Davitt College and Scoil Raifteirí; All-Ireland Fleadh will be held in Sligo! Comhghairdeachas le Séamus mac Meanman R6**, **Caitríona Ní Thighearáin R6, F12**, (céad áit as 24 iomaitheoirí sa damhsa-seannós;flúit/grúpa cheoil/trio; **Paidí Ó hÉineacháin** sa cheol craobh Chonnacht; Seán Ó Lochráin F12 Banjo; agus **grúpa damhseóirí na gcailíní** R6-Ciara Ní Annáin, Aoilbhe Ní Cheallaigh, Ciara Ní Mhaoilchiaráin, Sinéad Nic Suibhne, Deirdre Seoighe, Aoibhinn Ní Chonghaola, Cáit Ní Mhuirí agus Éilís Nic Lochnáin R5 a rinne go hiontach, chomh maith lenár iar-scólairí. Tús maith anois, don bhliain seo chugainn! **Comhghairdeachas le páistí páirteach** sna comórtaistí community games, Lúthchleasaíocht, Peil Ghaelach, Iomáint, Snámh, Damhsa, Credit Union Art, etc. Maith an obair!
* **Dialann Scoil Raifteirí:** Parents may contact us by e-mail, phone, appointment, and contact will be made with you should there be any concerns re. school matters. W**e ask that parents who wish to discuss any issue concerning their child to make an appointment with Laura, Rúnaí na Scoile, to see the class teacher in the first instance so that matters can be discussed in a spirit of openness and co-operation. Parents are advised not to interrupt class, and are forbidden to approach a child of another parent to solve an issue, it is imperative that parents use the proper channels. We appreciate a word from any parent at any time in the best interests of our school re. school related matters that they are concerned about. In the event of emergency, contact oifig by phone or e-mail, and we will make contact with you by phone/text, as needs determine.**
* **Trealamh/Equipment:** **To avoid unnecessary hassle, eg. car trips etc.**  we ask you to make sure that the children wear appropriate attire and have their bags, books, lunches, swimming, sporting and musical instruments **with them in the mála on the appropriate days.** Children have been asked to bring the min. req. with them to school-to promote walking/lightweight málaí scoile.
* **Sabháilteacht/Safety:** **we ask you to use extreme caution** when driving into the grounds. **To avoid fatalities/injuries all drivers are asked to follow policy in the Diary regarding the School Car-Park arrangements. Bus drivers, Naíonra have received copies. Staff and pupils aware of dangers.**
* **School Calendar/Feilíre na Scoile: See Dialann/Féilíre/Website**. Letters/Text/E-mail re. NB info. are sent home **with the eldest child in the mála scoile/Obair Bhaile in Diary. C**heck diary Monday-Thursdays.

**Dátaí Tabhachtach**:

* **Cruinnithe Aon-le-hAon**: 25+26/11/13 Children dismissed at 2.15pm. Meetings begin at 2.45-5.15pm.Time is appointed/limited to @ 10mins.
* **Coirmcheoil agus Aonach na Nollag: 10/12/13 GMIT 5.30pm-8.00pm**
* **Clár RSE/OCG:** Oideachas Chaidrimh Gnéis/Relationship and Sexuality Education ar fáil mar cuid don ábhar OSPS curtha ar fáil ag an tUasal Noel Ó Ceithearnaigh do bhaill an Bhoird, foireann na scoile agus tuistí Rang 6 ar an 07/05/14 ag 8-9:30pm agus ar fáil do pháistí R6+ a dtuistí ar an 14/05/14 8-10.
* **Seirbhísí Eaglasta**: **Aifreann Scoile-13/10/13 ag 10.30am: Páistí sa seipéal 10.15am: Cór na Scoile R3-R6 le Sainéide na Scoile.**
* **Rang 2: Parents invited: meeting school hall at 6.30pm on Thur. 3/10/13.**
* **Rang 2: Enrolment Mass for parents and children preparing for First Holy Communion on Sat. night OCT. 5, at 7pm Church of Holy Rosary.**
* An Chéad Fhaoistinn R2 le socrú Mí na Feabhra/Márta 2014 sa seipéal.
* An Chéad Chomaoineach Naofa R2 18/05/13 ag 12:00nóin sa seipéal.
* Comhneartú R5 agus R6, Aoine- 04/04/2014 ag 12 nóin.
* Cúrsa do Ranganna Gaeilge á socrú do thuistí. Eolas 094-9022444 (Conradh na Gaeilge beside Ulster Bank).
* **Rainbows Programme**, begins on 6/11/13-a support programme for children who have been bereaved due to death, separation or any painful transition is held in the Family Centre: **Info. night for parents OCT.16, at 8pm in Family Centre.**

***Clarú/Enrolment for School Years Ahead:* 2014/2015/2016, etc. You can let interested people know that wish their children to attend Scoil Raifteirí that places are open and available for prospective pupils and parents may avail of these places by making appointment with Rúnaí na Scoile so that Enrolment Form may be filled out.**

**Prospective brothers and sisters are enroled automatically by advising me by letter/e-mail: Ainm an pháiste/Name, Dáta BreitheDOB, School Year Placement, Concerns/Resources which may apply to your child. Original Birth/Baptism Cert. They will be returned ASAP.**

Contact me with all enquiries regarding available places in Junior Classes for 2014/15, 2015/16. Parents are asked to inform me should children be moving into the school or should they be leaving the area.

***Imeachtaí Scoile:* During our years in Scoil Raifteirí, fundraising has helped us through tough times, and have been a vital necessity. We appreciate the attendance of at least one parent/family member/friend to support any event organised. Cuntaisí Scoil Raifteirí 2012/13 to be available shortly for your information.** Contributions/donations/sponsorship is greatly appreciated. Múinteoirí, páistí and tuistí appreciate very much all the support since 1983. Our past pupils have done us proud in recent examination results, toradh sa Ghaeilge ach go háirithe, and in these difficult times we wish them well in their job seeking and studies. Coinnigh suas é! Beatha teanga í a labhairt!

***Lunches:* Cans/Fizzy drinks/glass bottles/lollipops/crisps/nutella/chocolate chewing gum/popcorn/bars/peanuts or anything in a coloured wrapper is not allowed in school. Prohibit E’s. Avoid excess sugar and salt intake. Unfinished lunches are brought home daily.**

***Rollai and Absences:* See Dialann/Reports to NEWB (20 days absences).**

***Guidelines and Procedures for Child Protection and Welfare:***

**“Children First Guidelines” operate in this school. If there is a matter of concern in relation to the neglect/abuse of children we are obliged to report this matter to the Health authorities, see pg 15 of Diary for further info.**

***Reminders:* No spray deodorants, hair-gel/hair dye, make-up, earrings (prevention accidents during playtime/sport/games), birthday invitations distributed in school, Yu-Gi-Oh/Match Attack/Football/Other cards, Wheelie shoes, Body diving/Volly Hall, Racing round school, #99ers, wedgies/jocking, unacceptable language, mobile phones, recording devices, electronic games, valuables not allowed in school. Children make their own cards as required.**

***Imeachtaí Scoile/School Activities:***

* **Damhsa gach Aoine (€2.50pp/€5 per Family) an cheachta. Bernadine,Louise.**
* **Snámh: 7 rang. R1-R6 Luan.**
* **Feadóg Stáin Múinteoirí R2-R6, tiúnacha don pharáid/website.**
* **Iománaíocht: Foireann Scoile R4-R6 le Conall.**
* **Iodálís: R6 Múinteoir Gearóid.**
* **Riamhairí Naíonáin-R6 lena múinteoirí féín.**
* **Cór agus Grúpaí Cheoil: Múinteoirí Conall, Gearóid agus Pádraig.**

***Ranganna Seach-Churaclaim/Extra/Optional Curicular Activities:***

* + - **Scileanna Peile/Iománaíochta: Tar éis scoile, 2:30-3:30.**

**Máirt Pádraig; Céadaoin Gearóid agus Michelle.**

* + - **Cleachtadh Piano Máirt/Deardaoin le Múinteoir Celine 086-3365103, €10 an cheachta, Lessons for R3-R6 and for R2 if space is available. Enquiries regarding spaces for R2 to Celine’s number, and parents are asked to confirm to Celine, if child is continuing piano classes.**
    - **Ceol Ghaelach: Múinteoir Nollaig Kilkenny 094-9366816 gach Céadaoin €30 (One child, €60 2+ Children) don téarma seo, R2-R6 Seomra Réamh-dhéanta, am lóin.**

**Mo bhuíochas le: Stiofán Ó Móráin agus le gach baill ar an mBord Bainistíochta; Máire Uí Shúilleabháin /Foireann na scoile;**

**Maria Dunlop /Coiste na dTuistí, agus le páistí agus tuistí na scoile don chomhoibriú. “Ní neart go cur le chéile”.**

**It is with regret that we have heard of the tragic road death in Scotland of our past pupil Johnathon Dunleavy/Ionatáin Mac Duinnshleibhe from Straide, Foxford, ar deis de go raibh a anam dilís.**

**Beir Bua agus Beannacht,**

**Máire Treasa Uí Dhálaigh.**

**Príomhoide.**