11.10.10.

**A Thuismitheoirí, a Chairde,**

**Céad Míle Fáilte** roimh gach duine ar ais chuig an Ghaelscoil, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil gach duine sona sásta ar ais arís. Fáilte roimh Múinteoir Philomena, agus Múinteoir Máire, comhghairdeachas leo mar gheall ar bhreith a leanaí, Éilís agus Ciarán. Buíochas lenár iar-scólairí/mic-léinn ar thaithí mhúinteoireachta, Máiréad Ní Dhomhnaill, Michelle Ní Cheallaigh, agus Brian Ó Dufaí, ionadaí. I wish to welcome everyone back to our Gaelscoil, and I hope that everyone is settling in and steadily progressing, agus cuirimid fáilte speisialta roimh na Naíonáin Bheaga nua agus a dtuistí. Tá an Ghaeilge le clóisteáil ar fud na scoile……..coinnigh suas é!!!!!

Important information is included in this letter for you.

* **Refer to Dialann Scoile, read/sign policies re: School Car-Park**

**School trips; Photographs; Acceptable Use Policy.**

* + **Return Filled and Signed Grey Form to Class teachers: Info. is important for pupils re. health, learning. Let the Múinteoir know if child is attending any specialist. Copy of report is useful.**

**Billí na Scoile:** **Book Bills** have been issued in June 2010. Payment by Oct.20,10.

**Yearly Bill Reminder: Cíos na Leabhair/Book Rental**, Phonics,Feadóg, Handouts

**Swimming Bills:** One Child €35; Two €45; Three+ €52. Eight lessons+bus hire.

**HeatingContribution/Síntiús Teasa:** €30 per family. All payments are made by putting the exact amount in an envelope with the child’s name, nature of payment, and class printed on envelope. It may be sent to school with the eldest child to be delivered to Padraigín,Rúnaí na Scoile, who will issue a receipt which the child brings home. Children are trained to bring the airgead to the oifig first thing in the morning.

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 doirsí na scoile ag labhairt Gaeilge! 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. The school cannot accept responsibility for looking after children after school hours.

**Fleadh na hÉireann 10:Comhghairdeachas le Eóin Mac Meanman R4 F9 agus Victoria Ní Chéírin/Ní Bhriain R6 F11**, (4ú áit), a ghlac páirt sa Chomórtas Labhairt na Gaeilge ag Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann sa Tulach Mhóir. Buíochas agus moladh dá dtuistí agus múinteoirí Máire, Nóirín agus Elaine. Bhí scór duine i ngach comórtas and bhí an chaighdéan ard. Bhí an-áthas orthu beirt bheith páirteach i gcraobh na hÉireann, chomh maith le **Séamus Ó Tighearáin F12**, (dara áit), Melodion; **Ciarán Mac Meanman** **F15** mandolin. Tús maith anois, gach páiste scoile ó Rang 2-Rang 6 don bhliain seo chugainn! **Comhghairdeachas le páistí páirteach** sna comórtaistí Mosney, Lúthchleasaíocht, Peil Ghaelach, Iomáint, Snámh, Damhsa, Credit Union Art, Tidy Towns, Book Labels, etc. Maith an obair!

**Dialann Scoil Raifteirí:** Apologies for delay. We wish to ask parents to read and use the school diary/website for information regarding our school, rules, uniform, appointments, car-park, absences, lateness, holidays, policies, and as a vital home/school link for communication and keeping in touch with the children and school. We ask you to check homework and sign Dialann daily. We appreciate your co-operation regarding implementation of our school policies and rules. Contact will be made with you should there be any concerns (Gaeilge, dropoff/collection times, labels, full-uniform/tracksuit must be worn at all times, healthy lunches/fruit, meat, veg. sandwiches, juice, yogurts only, Health/Personal Hygiene headlice, threadworms, obair scoile, obair bhaile/parental signature, healthy lunches, behaviour, anti-bullying, accidents, incidents etc.), and **we are asking parents who wish to discuss any issue concerning their child to make an appointment with Pat, Rúnaí na Scoile, to see the class teacher in the first instance and to follow the policy in the diary. 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. In the event of emergency, contact oifig.**  Inform us should there be any changes regarding three contact numbers, change of address,e-mail etc. by making sure that the **Grey Emergency** form is signed/filled out and presented to the class teacher. At this time of the year, most children are settled and are able to go into/leave their classrooms independently in the mornings/afternoons, and should be encouraged to continue this practice. Children know the areas for assembly/dismissal/bus or other pickup/drop-off arrangements.

**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 minimum requirements with them to school. We are trying to promote walking by having lightweight málaí scoile.

**Sabháilteacht/Safety:** In the interest of 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 and the Naíonra have received copies. Staff and pupils are aware of the dangers.**

**School Calendar/Feilíre na Scoile: See Dialann/Féilíre/Website**. Letters when necessary are sent home **with the eldest child in the mála scoile.** Mála should be checked for **Notaí** on Monday-Thursdays. School text is a vital home-school link. You will be informed of changes, etc.

**Dátaí Tabhachtach**:

* **Cruinnithe Aon-le-hAon**: 23/02/11 Children dismissed at 12:00pm. Meetings begin at 12:30-3:00pm.Time is limited (3mins./child). Avoid queue jumping.
* **Cruinniú na Múinteoirí**: **11/11/10. All Páistí abhaile 12:00.**
* **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 04/05/11 8-9:30pm agus ar fáil do pháistí R6 agus a dtuistí ar an 11/05/11 ó 8-10pm.
* **Seirbhísí Eaglasta**: **Aifreann Scoile 17/10/10+28/11/10 10am: Páistí sa seipéal 9:45am: Cór na Scoile R3-R6 le Sainéide na Scoile.**
* An Chéad Fhaoistinn R2 le socrú Mí na Feabhra 2011 sa seipéal.
* An Chéad Chomaoineach Naofa R2 15/05/11 ag 12:30in. sa seipéal.
* Cúrsa do Ranganna Gaeilge á socrú do thuistí. Eolas 094-9022444.
* **Rainbows Programme**, 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 see family centre webiste.**

***Clarú/Enrolment for School Years Ahead:* 2011/2012/2013, 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: 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 2011/12, 2012/13. 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 2009/10 to be issued 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/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. Child Abuse exists because of one or more of the following: Neglect due to lack of food, warmth, shelter, nurturance, safety, absences from school, whereby the child suffers significant harm; Emotional Abuse due to child’s needs for affection, approval and security being unmet by parent/carer; Physical Abuse where child is assaulted/injured deliberately; Sexual Abuse/child is used for sexual gratification of another.**

***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, valuables not allowed in school.**

**Children make their own cards as required.**

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

* **Damhsa gach Aoine €2 an cheachta. Bernadine,Louise.**
* **Snámh: 8 rang. R2-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 Gearóid/Tríona; Céadaoin Pádraig**

* + - **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 €40 don téarma seo, R2-R6 Seomra Ríomhaireachta, am lóin.**

**Mo bhuíochas le: Stiiofán Ó Móráin agus le gach baill ar an mBord Bainistíochta; Máire Uí Shúilleabháín /Foireann Iomlán na scoile; Jacqueline Uí Mhaolruaidh /Coiste na dTuistí, agus le páistí agus tuistí iomlán na scoile don chomhoibriú. “Ní neart go cur le chéile”.**

**Beir Bua agus Beannacht,**

**Máire Treasa Uí Dhálaigh.**

**Príomhoide.**