



Gaelscoil an Chaistil

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A thuismitheoir, a chara,

Mar is eol duit, bhí muid le bheith dúnta ó 26 go 30 Deireadh Fómhair do shaoire na Samhna. Ina theannta seo, beidh muid anois dúnta ó 19 go 23 Deireadh Fómhair chomh maith.

Is seachtain bhreise saor í seo ach ba mhaith linn cuid oibre a chur abhaile le do pháistí. Níl aon iachall ar pháistí oibriú le linn seachtain saor na Samhna ach is fearr é má dhéanann do pháiste obair gach lá sa chéad seachtain. Seo thíos an rud a ba mhaith linn do gach bliainghrúpa.

Tá mé buíoch as do chomhoibriú leanúnach.

As you're aware, we were due to be closed from 26 to 30 October for the Halloween holidays. Additionally, we will also be closed from 19 to 23 October.

This is an extra week's holiday, but we would like to send some work home with your children. Children are not bound to work during the Halloween week, but it would be better if your child completed some work every day of the first week. Below please find what we would like each year group to complete.

I appreciate your ongoing co-operation.

Firstly, we have purchased an online maths programme for all children from Rang 1 to 7 called Mathletics. We have also purchased an online spelling programme for Rang 4 to 7 called Spellzone. Rang 5 to 7 can access two literacy programmes via their My School logins - Seomra Nuachta and Newsdesk. I plan to upload all passwords onto the school website, in case anyone loses theirs.

How to log onto and use the various programmes

Mathletics – Rang 1 go 7

Site - login.mathletics.com

Each child has a username and password. When they log on to the site, work suited to their year group will come up. Children can click on any area that they wish to work on. Parents may need to assist at the start with the younger year groups.

Spellzone - Rang 4 go 7

Site - spellzone.com

This site needs to use **Google Chrome** to work properly. Each child has a username and password. They have all completed an initial assessment at school and the computer has compiled work suiting each individual child. Therefore, when each child logs on, they will be prompted to study a unit of work to suit their own level.

Seomra Nuachta and Newsdesk - Rang 5 to 7

Site – www.c2kschools.net

Each child has a username and password. They know how to access the two programmes, Seomra Nuachta and Newsdesk. We would like them to read a Gaelic article on Seomra Nuachta on Monday and Tuesday and an English article on Newsdesk on Wednesday and Thursday.

Naíscoil

Some books and pictures are being sent home with the children and Ráichéal will be uploading some items on Seesaw as well.

Rang 1

We would like Rang 1 to complete a page each day from their workbook and do a few work units on Mathletics. We've also sent home some additional Halloween pictures and worksheets that they can complete if they wish.

Rang 2

We would like Rang 2 to read their Gaelic reading book and do a few units of work on Mathletics. We've also sent home some additional Halloween pictures and worksheets that they can complete if they wish.

Rang 3

We would like Rang 3 to read their Gaelic reading book and do a few units of work on Mathletics.

Rang 4

We would like Rang 4 to read their Gaelic and English reading book and do a few units of work on Mathletics and on Spellzone.

Rang 5 to 7

We would like Rang 5 to 7 to read their Gaelic and English reading books

When they have read an article on Seomra Nuachta and Newsdesk, it would be great if children could type a comment about the articles that they read.

We would like them to complete a few units of work on Mathletics and on Spellzone

We would like them to complete some mental maths games on TopMarks. Quick recall of maths facts is very important for children to progress in all areas of maths. Pupils have been given a list of games to complete.

I'm sending home a practice paper and some sentences to those children planning to sit the GCSE exam.

If you would like access to more Gaelic reading books for **Rang 2 to 5**, you can go to

www.leighanois.com; click on Ulster on the map and then the book Leabhair. This will bring you to Banda 1 to 4. Click the band that your child is currently reading, and they can read some more books online.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Brídín

Nótaí Breise / Extra notes

Iarraim ort clárú le School Money muna bhfuil sé déanta agat cheana féin. Má bhíonn deacracht agat ag logáil isteach, cuir téacs chugam ar 07969212524.

Nuair a fhilleann muid, beidh muid ar Sheachtain 2 ar an chlár bia. Ní bheidh dinnéar an Luain mar atá luaite mar ní féidir an t-ordú a cheannach mar gheall ar dhianghlais.

Beidh cruinnithe scoil baile do Rang 1 go 7 ar siúl sa tseachtain dár tús 2 Samhain agus don Naíscoil sa tseachtain dár tús 9 Samhain. Beidh siad déanta ar an ghuthán. Beidh a thuilleadh eolais ag teacht chugat go luath.

Beidh na banaltraí áitiúla ag soláthar vaicsin ulpóige Dé Máirt 20 Deireadh Fómhair i bhfoirgneamh SureStart Bhaile an Chaistil agus beidh litir curtha in airde agam faoi sin.

I would ask you to register for School Money if you haven't already done so. If you have difficulty logging on, please send me a text on 07969212524.

When we return we will be on Week 2 of the dinner menu. Monday's dinner will not be what is stated on the menu, as the order can't be placed because of lockdown.

Rang 1 to 7 home school meetings will take place during the week beginning 2 November and the Naíscoil meetings will take place during the week beginning 9 November. These will be conducted on the phone. More information will be sent shortly.

The local nurses will be providing the flu vaccine on Tuesday 20 October in Ballycastle's SureStart premises next week and I will be uploading a letter about that.

And finally – if you have any difficulty accessing the online programmes, text me on 07969212524 and I will endeavour to help.