

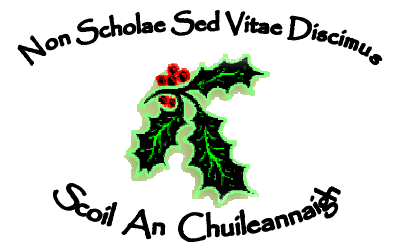
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Ath Bhliain Nua faoi mhaise do chách ó fhoireann na scoile uilig



A Thuismitheoirí

Fáilte ar ais do bhliain scoile nua.



Welcome back to all the children of Cullina National School especially the Junior Infants and the new children enrolled in other classes.

We realise that there are many demands on your money at this time of year, so thanks to all parents for your co-operation in the collecting of monies at the beginning of the school year – your response and support was greatly appreciated.

School Uniforms :

Please try to ensure that children have proper school uniforms and that each item of clothing is clearly labelled.

Fáilte isteach Comhghairdeas :

We wish to welcome the following people to our staff.

- Ms Rosaleen O'Connor – Sub – Temporary Part-time Learning Support Teacher (Interviews for the position to go ahead shortly)
- Mrs Mary Moore – Final year Teaching Practice 6th Class
- Ms Kathleen O'Sullivan – 5 Hours Resource Teacher

A full list of teachers and classrooms has been included with this Newsletter.

Swimming :



Swimming lessons will begin once again in the Aura Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre for 3rd to 6th classes – starting this term. These lessons will be in blocks of six weeks. Lessons will commence for Ms McLaughlin's 3rd class on **Friday 20th September**. A more detailed note will follow later.

Basketball :



Basketball will be commencing once again for 3rd / 4th / 5th / 6th classes this term on Tuesday afternoons. We are fortunate to have Brian Clarke back again as our coach and hope it will be well supported as part of our healthy life style initiative. It will take place after school commencing **Tuesday October 1st** 3rd/4th classes (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) 5th/6th classes (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) Further details will follow.

Autumn Mini Tours :

6th class - Boat/Gap of Dunloe Trip to take place shortly

5th class - Stricken Mountain weather permitting

The teachers from the remaining Classes are looking into a number of shows and outings for their classes between now and Christmas



Dancing & Aerobics :

Dancing will commence on **September 24th** and **Aerobics** will commence on **September 25th** for classes Junior Infants – 5th Classes and Autism Classes. Please wear tracksuit and suitable shoes on these days



Our School Garden

The children will have Green Finger Projects on-going for our School Year 2013-2014 and its all thanks to Denis Galvin Beaufort who has Grandchildren attending our school and has volunteered to come on board and give us a hand. Denis is a very enthusiastic Gardener and has volunteered to oversee a number of projects including Vegetable, Grain and Herb patches in our Biodiversity Corner. So Children – wellies and spades at the ready!

Music – Ceoltas Ceoltoirí Éirinn in the Classroom



Classes begin Monday 16th September.

We are delighted to welcome Roisín back again with us this year! You may have seen Roisín on Stage in the I.N.E.C. this summer if you went to the show 'Celtic Steps'. It is a privilege to have someone so talented to take charge of and influence our musicians. We encourage this activity as we feel that it gives the children a love for playing music without the stress of exams.

No doubt you'll be in for a musical treat at our Christmas Mass. This year we want to encourage a large variety of instruments to take part in our School Music Group. To do this we will be encouraging any child that plays an instrument outside of school to do so with the group. Roisín will facilitate you along the way. There is a real sense of togetherness and enjoyment when the children play together as a group. See and Hear it for yourself at the end of the year.

Thank you for the positive response in contributing towards these classes. It was greatly appreciated. Where contributions are still outstanding please feel free to contribute at any stage throughout the year and it will be very much appreciated.

Health Promoting School

Please encourage your children to bring a healthy lunch to school. Taytos are not allowed and we would appreciate little or no sugary foods. **'Is fear an tslainte ná an tainte – Health is better than wealth'.**

We would also appreciate if you would encourage your child to dispose of rubbish sensibly. What comes to school in the lunch box should be eaten or brought home again. Your co-operation is always welcome and fruitful.



Library

Our Library is now well up and running. I wish to thank all those parents who donated reading material to the school over the past twelve months – this will benefit all children from Junior Infants to 6th Classes.

Computers – I-pads

All teachers are incorporating I.T. – using I-pads into their school curriculum plans. We are currently in the process of purchasing several worthwhile apps. These will be of benefit to all children in the school and will relate to tasks in Literacy and Maths. All I-pad activities are highly supervised by our teachers.



S.S.E. (School Self Evaluation)

This emphasis this year in accordance with Department of Education Guidelines is on **Maths**. Several Maths Related activities will take place throughout the year in the school.

We ask your co-operation in helping us to gather information on Maths related queries in our school. You will receive a questionnaire from the school and your co-operation would be appreciated in getting information back to us. More details on this matter together with questionnaires will follow shortly. Your children will also receive a questionnaire relating to Maths in class.

A SCOT Analysis will be drawn up by the staff to diagnose any maths-relating problems which are currently in our system and to find possible solutions to remedy these problems.

Our emphasis for this year in **Maths** will be in the following categories.

1. Problem Solving
2. Mathematical Language
3. Collaborative Learning



We are pleased to announce that this year there was an overall improvement in the scores recorded from our end of year Drumcondra Standardised Tests, (English). We feel that measures and plans put in place for Literacy may have contributed to this improvement for the year 2012/2013 as per Department Guidelines

Maths / Literacy related activities in the classroom 2013 – 2014

An emphasis once again will be placed on 'Station Teaching' and 'Buddy Systems'. We will give advance notice of any changes to the format of your child's homework as we undertake these activities.

A team effort to incorporate Station Teaching on a more regular basis will take place within each classroom for the school year 2013 / 2014.

The Learning Support Teacher will also be spending an increased amount of time in the classroom with the Class Teacher helping children who are experiencing difficulties in Maths and English rather than removing them from their classroom. She will still however be conducting one-to-one lessons as well as group work on a daily basis in the Learning Support room.

G.A.A. Kerry Board – Football in Schools Initiative

Martin Horgan (School Football Co-ordinator with the Kerry Board) will be coaching 6th class on Mondays from now on during School Hours.

Killarney Credit Union:

Once again Killarney Credit Union are running the School Savings Scheme in our school this year commencing on Wednesday 11th September and each Wednesday thereafter. Application forms will be available to anyone wishing to open a new account. (Senior Infants to 6th Classes)



Mr John Michael Doyle (Author)

I have invited Mr. John Michael Doyle – Native of Beaufort and author of the Books -

This Bitter Land The Last Coachman Shake Hands with a Connaught Ranger

to speak to 6th class on Thursday 12th September on his work as a writer and also on the historical content of his Novels.

*Maire Bx Uí Chroinín
Príomhaide*

Teachers / Classes 2013 - 2014

Room	Class	Number	Teacher
8	Junior Infants	23	Alison Tuohy
2	Senior Infants 1 st Class	17 8 Boys } 25	Catherine O'Shea
4	1 st Class B 2 nd Class	12 Girls 15 Boys } 26	Ellen Doyle
1	2 nd Class B 3 rd Class	7 Cailíní 19 } 27	Michelle McLaughlin
3	4 th Class	27	Lisa Stack
Prefab	5 th Class	20	Marie Murphy
5	Rang 6	30	Pat Fitzgerald
7 11	Resource		Jemma Doyle Siobhán Hayes
6	Learning Support		Úna Costello
9	Junior Autism Unit	5	Sandra Walsh
10	Senior Autism Unit	6	Lorraine Counihan