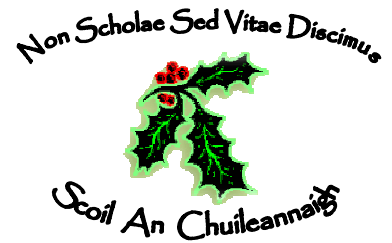


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## NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> September 2015



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.**

A lot of jumpers have been found in the vicinity of the school. Unfortunately if you haven't labelled these jumpers clearly it is very difficult to locate owners for them. We do our best at school to find owners for these items but children forget what type of jumper etc. they brought with them to school. Jumpers are taken in error also by young children. Please label each item of clothing clearly otherwise we cannot be responsible for the safe return of your child's uniform. This will be of special significance when swimming classes begin shortly.

### Fáilte isteach Comhghairdeas:

We wish to welcome the following people to our staff.

- Miss Seódhna Cronin – Junior/Senior Infants Teacher
- Mr Con O'Mahony – 1<sup>st</sup> Class Substitute Teacher for Mrs McLaughlin on Maternity Leave
- Mr Brendan Delaney – 4<sup>th</sup> Class Substitute Teacher for Mrs Stack on Maternity Leave
- Ms Coleen O'Sullivan – Substitute S.N.A. for Mrs Fogarty Murphy on Maternity Leave.

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

### Autumn Mini Tours / Local Educational Tours:

The school year got off to a very busy start with the senior classes heading into the outdoors of our local environment

- 6<sup>th</sup> Class had an enjoyable day making their way by boat through the Lakes of Killarney and completing their journey by walking down through the Gap of Dunloe
- 5<sup>th</sup> Class took a bird's eye view of all of us from the top of Strickeen Mountain.

Don't forget to go to our website [www.cullinaschool.ie](http://www.cullinaschool.ie) where all our activities are encaptured with an array of photographs from all our recent escapades.

### Health Promoting School



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Scoilanna Cothaithe Sláinte

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 fearr 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.

## School Activities Within School Hours

1. Football Coaching
2. Rugby Coaching
3. Swimming: Begins for 3<sup>rd</sup> Class on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Note included for 3<sup>rd</sup> class
4. Aerobics: Junior Infants to 5<sup>th</sup> Classes
5. Hurling Coaching
6. Comhaltas Music Lessons

Not all classes will be doing all of these activities. These activities will be staggered with an emphasis on the senior classes. These classes will take place over a period and within the Department Time Allocation Guidelines for P.E. It will also be a part of our School Self Evaluation Plan for P.E.

## Dancing & Aerobics

This year there is a change in the arrangement for Dancing & Aerobic Classes over the school year. We will have one class per week of Aerobics (Wednesdays) for Term 1. We will have one class per week of Dancing Classes (Tuesdays) for Term 2.

Since Dancing & Aerobics are now spread over 2 terms no further collection of money will take place for these activities after Christmas



## Music – Ceoltas Ceoltoirí Éirinn in the Classroom

**Classes will resume next Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.** This year we have the very talented Brendan O’Sullivan to coach the children. Brendan plays the fiddle and bodhrán and several other instruments. Brendan is part of a well-known traditional group and we are very privileged to have him on Board.

All children participate in these Ceoltas Classes from Senior Infants – 6<sup>th</sup> Class. I’m encouraging as many children as possible to branch out using different instruments in the Middle / Senior Classes. If your child plays an instrument other than tin whistle please bring it along on Mondays if possible and Brendan will facilitate you by providing you with the cords / keys to all his tunes. Let’s build on what we have and move it along this year!!!

Thank you for the positive response in contributing towards these classes. It was greatly appreciated.

## School Activities Outside of School Hours

A number of school activities outside of school hours will begin shortly. If you are interested in any of the following activities notes will follow from the specific coaches in the next few days.

1. Basketball Coaching
2. Golf Coaching
3. Art Classes
4. Piano Lessons
5. Set Dancing
6. Athletics Training
7. Football Training

## S.S.E. (School Self Evaluation)

As a requirement by the Department of Education you may remember that all schools undertook a S.S.E. Plan for English and Maths. This plan will continue to be built on for 2015 / 2016. Department guidelines stipulate that we introduce a third subject in 2015/2016. The chosen subject is Physical Education (P.E.).

P.E. will have a fun element to it and all children will be encouraged to take part. We will be working within Department of Education Guidelines and undertaking a plan of action which will involve Evaluating, Reporting and Creating a P.E. Plan to suit all children. Our Objective will be to promote a more active and healthy environment within our school.

## Anti Bullying week



This year our Anti Bullying Week is from Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our Parents' Association have invited a Guest Speaker Mr. Ger Brick to carry out some workshops with the children from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. These workshops will concentrate on the whole area of Cyber Bullying.

Ger Brick gave a talk on Cyber Bullying to parents and staff in our school last June and left a lasting impression on everyone present on the night.

All costs for these workshops will be covered by the Parents Association.

## New Extension

Our new extension is looking splendid at the moment. It consists of a new senior classroom, sensory room for our autistic units, learning support room, toilet for junior autistic unit, two extra toilets for our school hall and a large, bright, and cheerful atrium.

### INVITATION

We want to extend an open invitation to everyone in our community especially those with children in the school to come along and join our official opening celebration on

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00 p.m. as part of our tape cutting Ceremony.

Otherwise come and browse at your own leisure. Please let us know in advance. We will be happy to facilitate you.

A special thank you to Killeggy Construction & Associates, Mosc & McGillicuddy & Associates Engineers, the Board of Management of Cullina National School and to Mike our Caretaker for all their hard work and dedication in this project.

## Scór na bPáistí

Now is the time to start practising for Scór na bPáistí and Community Games Music Dance and Singing Competitions. These competitions take place after Christmas but the practise needs to start **NOW**. Parent groups in every parish community are organising their children for set dancing, group instrumentals music and singing. If your child wishes to take part please join a group and start practising. The children may have the school hall under supervision to practise after school. Please contact the school in advance for permission. Organising these groups is up to you but the school will assist wherever possible. I would advise getting a teacher who has competed in Scór competitions – himself/herself. There is so much musical talent in the school that it would be wonderful to see it coming together in the future. Beir Bua (Good Luck)

## Stephen O'Connor RIP

Sincere sympathy to the O'Connor family on the sad passing away of Stephen RIP

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam.

## Appointments

If for some reason you wish to speak to a teacher please make an appointment in advance of your visit as we cannot have classes interrupted without prior notification.

## Parents Association: Guess the Score Competition

Please have all Score Cards returned to the school on or before Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Good Luck to everyone.

## Killarney Credit Union:

Once again Killarney Credit Union are running the School Savings Scheme in our school this year commencing on first Wednesday in October.



## No Uniform Day

Children may wear the Green & Gold on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> prior to the All-Ireland Football Final

Please do not go to any expense for this. Your child may come to school in their school uniform if preferred.

## Clean Sweep

Now that the children have gone back to school how about doing a clean – sweep in your house. Please donate all your new & used mens/womens & childrens clean unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linens, household textiles, stuffed toys, etc. Please drop them into the school and not in the clothes bin in the car park on or before Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.

*Máire Bx Uí Chroíinín*  
*Príomhoide*

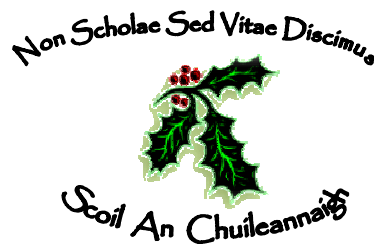
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

**Please take time to read carefully the following, as it is a matter of serious concern to us all – the safety of the children attending our school.**

This letter will clarify the responsibilities of the school and parents with regard to pupils arriving and leaving the school.

Please note that the school bears no responsibility for children arriving before the official opening time or remaining on in the school ground after official closing time. Neither does the school take responsibility for children on their way to or going home from school.

The following school timetable Monday – Friday inclusive :

- The school will open to receive pupils at **9:10 a.m.** approximately
- No responsibility can be accepted for children arriving before that time
- School will commence each day at **9:20 a.m.**
- Classes will commence each day at **9:30 a.m.** allowing for assembly etc.
- **Classes will end for Junior and Senior Infants at 2:00 p.m.**
- All other classes will end at **3:00 p.m.**

Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements to have them met at the school gate / car park and the person to escort them should be at the school gate **no later than 2:00 p.m. for Junior/Senior Infants and 3:00 p.m. for all other classes.** The school cannot accept responsibility for looking after children beyond that time. In the case of children travelling on the school bus – the school cannot accept responsibility for escorting them from the bus to the school or from the school to the bus.

**These arrangements are in line with the I.N.T.O. guidelines.**

Parents may of course collect a child from school during school time for medical / dentist appointments, etc. Please inform the class teacher as a matter of courtesy.

Thanking you for cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

*Griffith John Griffiths*

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Chairperson Board of Management

## School Year 2015- 2016

Room	Class	Numbers	Teacher
8	Junior Infants	11 (7 Boys 4 Girls)	Seodhna Cronin
	Senior Infants	16 (7 Boys 9 Girls) } 27 + 1 Integrated	
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	23 (12 Boys 11 Girls)	Michelle McLaughlin
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	9 Boys 9 Girls 18 + 1 integrated	Catherine O'Shea
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	10 Boys 15 Girls 25 + 2 Integrated	Úna Costello
4	4 <sup>th</sup> Class	14 Boys 9 Girls 23 + 2 Integrated	Lisa Stack
14	5 <sup>th</sup> Class	24 (10 Boys 14 Girls)	Marie Murphy
	6 <sup>th</sup> Class B	6 ( 6 Boys) } 30 + 2 Integrated	
5	6 <sup>th</sup> Class	13 Boys 13 Girls 26 + 2 Integrated	Pat Fitzgerald
12	Resource		Jemma Doyle
6			Siobhán Hayes
13	Learning Support		Alison Tuohy Donal O'Sullivan
9	Junior Autism Unit	3 Boys	Sandra Walsh
10	Senior Autism Unit	4 Boys 1 Girl	Lorraine Counihan

Míle Buíochas

*Máire Bn Mí Chroinin*