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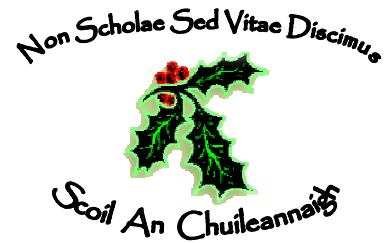
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## NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> September 2016



**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.

### **Dancing / Aerobics / Gymnastics / Other forms of Dance / Games**

I would like to inform you that we have extended the Physical Activity Programme in the school to include Gymnastics and other forms of Dance along with Irish Dancing. We have therefore reduced the time allotted to Irish Dancing / Aerobics for 2016/17. 'Action Kingdom' will be coming to the school with active physical education classes which will include Athletics, Gymnastics, Net Games, Invasion Games, etc.

Our P.E. Programme will unfold as the year progresses but I want to remind you that your voluntary contribution (already paid to us) will cover all expenses entailed in our P.E. Plan. The school will cover any shortfall in payments towards the end of the year.

Please make sure that your child is wearing suitable footwear coming to school beginning this Tuesday.

We are a 'Pro-Active School' with an 'Active Flag' to prove it.

Aigne Slán I gCorp Folláin – Healthy Mind – Healthy Body

Learning should be an active process and not passive.



### **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 Elaine McGuire – New Permanent Junior Infants Teacher  
Tá súil again go mbainfidh tú taithneamh agus sonas as do chuid ama i Scoil an Chuileannaigh.
- Ms Niamh O'Sullivan – Substitute Teacher covering Maternity Leave for Ms Sandra Walshe in the Junior Autism Unit
- Mr Michael Fell – A student from Mary Immaculate Teacher Training College who will be on Teaching Practise with Ms Una Harmon's 3<sup>rd</sup> class from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October to to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. During this period Mr Fell will be inspected by the Department of Education inspectorate on three occasions. We wish him well. Go néirí go maith leat a Mhichíl.

**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

- 4<sup>th</sup> class heading into the outdoors to visit Dunloe Castle and Ogham Stones to gain a knowledge of their historical environment.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class will be making their way shortly by boat through the Lakes of Killarney and completing their journey by walking through the Gap of Dunloe.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Class will be heading off on foot through the beautiful and rugged Gap of Dunloe to learn about the historical remains of an Old Royal Ulster Constabulary Barracks and Kiernans Inlay Furniture Workshop/House. In this workshop the craft of inlaying furniture was practised. This furniture is currently being sold worldwide for thousands of euros. Sample pieces can be viewed in Muckross House.

### The History of the Gap of Dunloe Furniture

The Gap of Dunloe dates back two million years, when slow-moving ice carved a narrow mountain pass between MacGillycuddy's Reeks to the west and Purple Mountain to the east. The name Dunloe comes from the Gaelic Dún Loich, meaning the fort or stronghold of Loich, the first leader of an ancient tribe called the Fir Bolg ("men of bags"), who ruled Ireland before the Tuatha de Danaan and the Milesians.

The Gap became an important landmark in every tour of Killarney, a fashionable destination for tourists from the 1860s, when Queen Victoria visited. Its reputation grew in the early 20th century, with the advent of films shot in the area, including the travelogue *On Horseback Through the Gap of Dunloe* and Canadian director Sidney Olcott's 1911 project *Colleen Bawn*.

Entrepreneurs including photographer Louis Anthony launched flourishing enterprises based on the tourist trade to the Gap of Dunloe, which was a must-see element in any trip to Killarney by the early 1900s.

Tourism has been the mainstay of the Gap of Dunloe ever since, and it gave rise to another enterprise that thrived for a time: Furniture inlaid with arbutus wood was much in demand for souvenirs, and the production of arbutus furniture moved from Killarney town to the Gap of Dunloe in 1929. There, the Kiernan family operated a workshop until it was destroyed by fire in 1952.

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.



HealthPromotingSchools  
Scoileanna Cothaithe Sláinte

## 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 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.

## Food Dudes Initiative

We are delighted to announce that the Food Dudes Healthy Eating programme is back. Our school has been selected for participation in the upcoming school year and this will begin on Monday next 26<sup>th</sup> September.

The Programme is comprised of positive **role models**, **repeated tastings** and **rewards**. This increases children's consumption of fruit and vegetables in the long term.

The key elements of the original Food Dudes programme will be made available for pupils in **Junior Infants to Second class**. This includes;

- 16 days of prepared fruit and vegetables, in individual portion packs
- Stickers and rewards for every child and
- Food Dudes DVDs

The **senior classes** in the school will be provided with fruit and vegetables for eight tasting days, and will receive four rewards as well as their Food Dudes lunchboxes.

**In-Service training** has been provided to train a teacher from our school in the Food Dudes Programme.

**Ms Áine Moran (Project Manager)** will be assisting with implementation of Food Dudes in our school, and all fruit and vegetables, materials and rewards will be supplied and delivered to our school free of charge. The programme in Ireland is organized by Bord Bia and is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the EU School Fruit Scheme. In Cullina National School we are very happy to be a part of this fantastic programme.

### School Activities Within School Hours

1. Football Coaching – started today
2. Rugby Coaching – started today
3. Swimming: Commenced for 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September
4. Dance / Aerobice / Gymnastics – Dancing begins tomorrow 20<sup>th</sup> September
5. Hurling Coaching
6. Comhaltas Music Lessons will start Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

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.

### Music – Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éirinn in the Classroom



**Classes will resume next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.** Once again 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!!! Please make sure your child has a tin whistle in school.

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

**Comhaltas** is now available on line to practice and re-inforce what is being taught at school.

Trad Time (Comhaltas) have launched the latest version of our **Tradtime™** Interactive Learning software.

**All pupils can now log in and use their software to practice at home as well as in school. Will text Username and Password shortly.**

### 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** – Basketball begins Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October (A note will follow)
2. **Art Classes**
3. **Piano Lessons**



4. **Set Dancing**
5. **Athletics Training**
6. **Football Training** - We are delighted to have Amy Foley coaching our Girls Football Team once again this year. Training takes place after school 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. every Friday (indoors if necessary). Last year, with Amy as our Coach, we managed to reach the Mid Kerry Final in Fitzgeralds Stadium, Killarney. Perhaps we can do the same this year!  
Táim buioch duit Amy and lean ar aghaidh leis an dea – obair. (Thanks Amy and keep up the good work)



**Playball** – Cullina School has given Playball Ireland access to the school hall for after-school activities. This will begin at 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m for Jnr/Snr Infants. 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Classes. This activity will be run independently from our school and all correspondence (relating to cost etc.) is to be made directly with the organisers.  
Tel. No: 0877943220 [www.playballkids.com](http://www.playballkids.com) Leaflet enclosed

### *Signed Photo of our Olympic Heroes*

Our School was delighted to receive a signed photograph from Paul and Gary O'Donovan – Silver Medalists – Rio Olympics this Summer.

I would like to thank Mr Con Cronin, chairperson of Rowing Ireland, for remembering us with this gift. It will take its Pride of Place next to the Usain Bolt signed Flag in our school 'Hall of Fame' .

### *New Families*

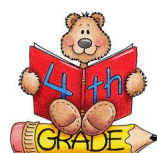
A number of new families have joined our school this September. These families have children enrolled in classes from Junior Infants – 6<sup>th</sup> Class. We hope that they will have a pleasant transition and that they will enjoy the on-going activities in our school community. I am depending on the more established families to engage with all new-comers and make them aware of the many activities and societies in our busy community. Let me compliment you on your children and their kindness and ever readiness to include new children in their classrooms.

## Team Teaching

Team Teaching / Station Teaching will continue as part of our School Self Evaluation plan. Our school has invested heavily in Graded Readers and Graded Comprehension Cards for all classes. This Graded System was introduced last year and differentiates the Curriculum to provide for a Progression Continuum for each individual child with regard to their ability and learning.

Team Teaching / Station Teaching will further this initiative to afford children the opportunity to work in small groups with a teacher.

Please be patient with changes in homework, assignments, etc. in English. As a staff we are very confident in the success of the programme and we look forward to introducing it to your children over the next few weeks.



Key factors in the success of this programme are -

- Careful planning
- Co-operation from parents
- Good Resources

### Anti Bullying week

This year our Anti Bullying Week is from Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Further details and information to follow.

### Contacting the School

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.

### Killarney Credit Union:

Once again Killarney Credit Union are running the School Savings Scheme in our school this year commencing tomorrow 20<sup>th</sup> September.



### 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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.



- a - Parent :

If you have not received a text in conjunction with this newsletter please contact the school immediately as you may not be included, inadvertently, in our list for Text – a – Parent.

### Head Lice

We have been contacted that the problem of Head Lice is back again. I have included a leaflet on the subject also I have been advised that Vosene Kids 3in1 Conditioning Shampoo and Vosene Kids Extra Shine Detangler Spray is an excellent repellent. I also enclose leaflet.

### Dates for your Diary

**Confirmation 6<sup>th</sup> Class - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

**First Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

*Maire Bx Uí Chroíin*  
*Príomhaide*

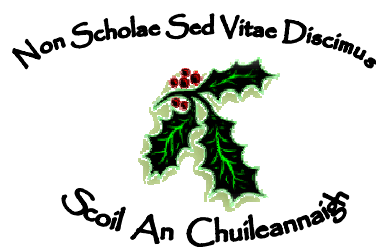
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19<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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*  
*Chairperson BOM*

## School Year 2016 - 2017

Room	Class	Numbers	Teacher
8	Junior Infants	16 (6 Boys 10 Girls)	Elaine McGuire
3	Senior Infants	11 (7 Boys 4 Girls)	Michelle McLaughlin
	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	19 (8 Boys 11 Girls) + 1 integrated	
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	22 (12 Boys 10 Girls) + 1 integrated	Catherine O'Shea
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	19 (10 Boys 9 Girls) + 1 Integrated	Úna Costello
4	4 <sup>th</sup> Class	26 (11 Boys 15 Girls) + 1 Integrated	Lisa Stack
14	5 <sup>th</sup> Class	23 (14 Boys 9 Girls) + 1 integrated	Pat Fitzgerald
5	6 <sup>th</sup> Class	25 (9 Boys 16 Girls) + 2 Integrated	Marie Murphy
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 Bu Uí Chroinín*