

Féilire – Calendar of upcoming events

7ú DF	7 th October	Oíche Oscailte Coláiste Dáibhéad	Opening Evening – Coláiste Dáibhéad 7 th October @ 7.00pm – Parents and children of 5 th and 6 th class welcome.
17ú DF	17 th October	Díolacháin Cístí Rang Jean agus Aoife	Cake Sale – Rang Jean & Aoife €1 an pháiste
24ú DF	24 TH October	Cóisir na Samhna sa Halla	Halloween Party in school Hall
22ú DF	22 nd October	Oíche Oscailte: Coláiste an Phiarsaigh	22 nd October@ 7pm Opening Evening Coláiste an Phiarsaigh, Parents and children of 5 th and 6 th class welcome.
24ú DF	24 TH October	Laethanta Saoire na Samhna	Halloween holidays
3ú Samhain	3 th Nov.	Athoscailt na Scoile	School Reopens
25-26ú Samhain	25 th /26 st Nov.	Cruinnithe le Tuistí	Parent Teacher Meetings – Schedule to follow.

Ceardlann Ceoil – Percussion Workshop: Tionólfar ceardlann percussion san halla ar an Máirt 7ú Deireadh Fómhair ag 10.00am. Beidh deis ag an ranganna go léir bheith páirteach. A percussion workshop with Alex Petcu and Clare O’Keeffe will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 7th October @ 10.00am as part of the West Cork Music Initiative. All the children will be involved in the workshop. Some classes have been busy making their own percussion instruments in preparation. Please see the attached poster with instruction should the children like to make percussion instruments at home to bring in for workshop.



D'éirigh go hiontach leis an mbailiúchain do Goal. Bailíodh euro.

Goal Jersey Day was a great success.was collected for the charity Goal. Many thanks.



Tá fóirne na scoile ag glacadh páirte i gcomórtas Sciath na Scol agus tá ag éirí go geall leo. Is léir go bhfuil na foirne ag baint tairbhe as an treenail agus dul chun cinn á dhéanamh go seachtainiúil. Beidh an chéad chluiche eile againn ar an Máirt an 7ú de mhí Dheireadh Fómhair i gcoinne Cill La agus le cúnamh Dé éireoidh linn. Cuirfear tús leis an treenail iománaíochta agus lúthchleasaíochta sa bhliain nua.

The school Gaelic team is competing in the Sciath na Scol competition presently and they are doing very well. It's clear that they teams are enjoying the Tuesday after school training sessions and progress is being made. Next match takes place on Tuesday next 7th October against Killeagh and we are hopeful for a good result. Hurling and athletics training will resume in the New Year.



Oireachtas na Gaeilge

Beidh roinnt leanaí ag glacadh páirte ins na comórtais Agallaimh Beirte/Luibíní i gCill Áirne le linn Briseadh na Samhna. Guimís gach rath orthu. Agallamh Beirte / Lúibíní competition during the Oireachtas which will be held in Killarney during the midterm break. We wish them every success.

An Banna Ceoil Tradisiúnta
Traditional School Band

Tá an banna ceoil roinnte ina dhá chuid i mbliana. Tá na tosnaitheoirí agus páistí nach bhfuil ach ag seinnt tamaill ghearr ag foghlaim ar an Luan óna 2.00-2.30. Beidh siad roinnte i ngrúpaí de réir uirlise le múinteoir Caoilfhionn ag múineadh an consairtín, múinteoir Caroline ag múineadh an bosca ceoil agus múinteoir Caitriona ag múineadh an fhidil. Tá an-áthas orainn go bhfuil slua mór tosnaithe linn i mbliana!

Bíonn an grúpa sinsireach ar siúl ar an gCéadaoin. Is iad seo na páistí atá ag seinnt ar feadh cúpla bliain nó níos mó. Tá meascán uirlis againn, idir an gconsairtín, an fheadóg stáin, an fhidil agus an bhosca ceoil. Tá na páistí ag obair go dian ar na poirt le go mbeidh siad réidh le taispeántas a chur ar siúl go luath!

Má tá suim ag aon duine tosnú leis an mbanna ceoil (ní mór taithí bliana ar a laghad a bheith ag an bpáiste san uirlis) nó consairtín, bosca ceoil a thosnú, ní mór labhairt leis an múinteoir thuasluaite faoi, agus déanfaidh siad a ndícheall cabhrú leo.

The school Banna Ceoil has been divided into 2 groups this year. The beginners, and children who are playing for a year at least are coming together on Monday from 2.00-.2.30 every week. The children are divided by instrument, with Múinteoir Caoilfhionn teaching the concertina, Múinteoir Caroline teaching the button accordion and Múinteoir Caitriona teaching the fiddle. We are delighted with the amount of new players this year and they are making great progress!

The senior Banna Ceoil rehearses on a Wednesday after school (2.30-3.15). We have a mixture of instruments- concertina, tin whistle, accordion and fiddle, and all the children are practicing hard to prepare for the first performance of the year!

If anybody is interested in joining the Banna Ceoil it is important to note that the children must be playing an instrument for a minimum of a year at least if their instrument is the violin. There are raw beginners involved in Monday group who are learning concertina or accordion from 1st Class upwards. It is important for parents to understand that children who have additional lessons at Comhaltas or privately outside of school, generally progress much more rapidly in the Banna Ceoil. All Enquiries should be made to the aforementioned teachers, who will do their best to accomodate new members.





Brat Glas

Tá obair na gcapall ar siúl ag an gCoiste Glas i mbliana, agus muid ag siúl go mbainimid amach ár gcéad Bhrat Ghlas. Is iad na ranganna iad féin a roghnaíonn cé atá ar an gcoiste agus tá beirt as gach rang, ó ranganna 2 ar aghaidh, chomh maith le Múinteoir Tomás, Múinteoir Síle agus Múinteoir Jennifer. Casann an coiste ar a chéile uair sa tseachtain agus faoi láthair táimid ag obair i dtre ár "Lá Glas", a bheidh ar siúl ar an Aoine an 21ú de Mhí na Samhna. Is éard atá i gceist leis an "Lá Glas" ná go mbeidh comórtas cultacha á reachtáil againn. Róghnóidh na gasúir carachtar ón leabhar is fear leo agus beidh orthu a gculaith féin a dhéanamh as ábhar athúsáideach bunaithe ar an gcarachtar seo. Beidh duaiseanna ann dóibh siúd leis na cultacha is fearr.

A thuilleadh eolais ar an suíomh.

The Green Flag Committee are doing Trojan work this year and we are hopeful of being successful in our efforts. The committee comprises of children from 2nd class to 6th class, elected by the children themselves. The committee meets once a week and we are planning a "Green Day Event" in the school which will be held on the 21st November. A costume competition will be held and the children will be encouraged to make their own costume at home from recycled materials based on their favourite character. For more information, see website.



Beidh AGM Cairde na Scoile ar siúl Dé Máirt seo chugainn, an 7ú lá de Dheireadh Fómhair, ag tosnú ag 8.00 i.n. sa scoil. Beidh tuairisc á thabhairt ar obair na bliana seo caite agus ag féachaint ar aghaidh go 2014/2015. Toghfar Coiste don bliain nua chomh maith. . Fáilte roimh chách agus smaointí nua.

Parents Association Cáirde na Scoile 7th October 8:00PM, The AGM will be held on Tuesday next at 8:00pm a report of last years work will be shared and the plan for 2014/2015 will be discussed . A new committee will be elected. We encourage all parents to attend especially new parents.

Tinrimh/ Attendance :Tá traidisiún láidir d'ardchaighdeán tinrimh againn i nGaelscoil Uí Drisceoil. . Iarrtar ar gach tuismitheoir/chaomhnóir a chur in iúl don mhúinteoir ranga an chúis nach raibh a p(h)áiste ar scoil trí nóta a sheoladh isteach. Tá dualgas dleathach ar an scoil an NEWB (National Educational Welfare Board) a chur ar an eolas faoi leanbh a chaill 20 lá nó níos mó sa scoilbhliain, agus faoi thinreamh neamhrialta. Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil have a proud tradition of high attendance levels. All parents are reminded to send in a note to class teacher if your child is absent from school. The school has a legal obligation to inform the NEWB (National Educational Welfare Board) if a child misses 20 or more school days or if the school has concerns regarding irregular attendance.



Coiste Scéim Leabhar ar Cíos:

Book Rental Committee:

Tá toradh den scoth ar obair an choiste is ní haon bhréag ná magadh a rá go bhfuil ag éirí thar barr leis an scéim. Iarrfaimid ar thuistí toghadh na haire a thabhairt dos na leabhar ionas go mbeadh siad i riocht foirfe don bhliain seo chugainn. Míle buíochas leis an gCoiste is leis na tuistí go léir a thug tacaíocht dúinn. Tá ard mholadh tuillte agaibh. The work of the Book Rental committee has produced excellent results and it's no exaggeration to state that the scheme has been a phenomenal success. We ask parents to ensure that the rental books are cared for and that the books are kept in perfect condition for next year. A sincere thanks to the committee who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the scheme, and to all the parents who assisted in June and supported the most valuable scheme.

Coiste: Committee

Cathaoirleach/Chairperson:

Cliona Conway

Cisteoir/Treasurer:

Yvonne O'Donovan

Rúnaí/Secretary :

Múinteoir Jennifer Ní Chathaláin

Riarathóir/Administrator

Siobhán Ní Chatháin, P.O.

Committee Members

- Una Mc Carthy
- Sara Mac Mahon
- Yvonne Murphy
- Tara Lynch

Seomra Ríomhaireachta – Reading Assistant



A Thuismitheoirí, Fé mar is eol daoibh bhí Cúrsa Ríomhaireachta Reading Assistant, a dhíríonn ar an léitheoireacht agus na stráitéisi léitheoireachta ar siúl againn ar scoil anuraidh. Ghlac na leanaí ar fad ó Rang 1 go Rang 6 páirt sa chúrsa léitheoireachta seo. Bhí na múinteoirí agus na páistí araon ana-thógtha leis an gcóras seo agus chabhraigh an cúrsa leis na leanaí chun feabhas a chur ar a gcuid léitheoireacht agus a gcuid scileanna léitheoireachta. Is mór an méadú a bhí le feiscint ins na torthaí Drom Conracha ag deireadh na bliana. Tá an t-ádh linn a bheith ábalta an Reading Assistant seo a chur ar fáil sa scoil arís i mbliana. Glacfaidh na leanaí ar fad ó Rang 1 go Rang a 6 páirt i 2 sheisiún ar scoil agus ansan moltar go mba chóir dos na leanaí ar a laghad 2 sheisiún eile a dhéanamh sa bhaile, ina n-am féin. Tá a bpassfhocail féin ag na leanaí dá gcuid gcuntais príobháideacha. Ní féidir l'aon duine eile do chúntas féin a fheiscint. Níor chóir do leanaí a bpassfhocail a roinnt l'éinne eile agus níor choir d'aon leanbh logáil isteach i gcúntas aon duine eile, riamh.

Beidh cluasáin speisialta le micreafón ag teastáil sa bhaile agus molfaimid na cluasáin - LOGITECH USB H390. Má bhíonn aon eolas sa bhreis ag teastáil uait is féidir leat dul i dteangmháil leis an múinteoir ranga.

The Reading Assistant Program was introduced in our school last year. All children from 1st to 6th availed of three sessions per week. We were delighted with the improved scores in the Drumcondra Standardised tests at the end of the year and we attribute some of this improvement to the reading Assistant Program. We are delighted to be in a position to offer this program again this year. Children from 1st to 6th will participate in 2 sessions in school per week. We are asking parents that children complete at least a further 2 sessions at home per week in their own time. Children have received their personal passwords for their own private accounts on the Reading Assistant. Be assured that when they log in they can only view their own profile. **Under no circumstance should children share passwords or log into other children's profiles.** Parents will need to purchase a set of headphones with a microphone and a USB connection. We recommend Logitech USB Headset H390.

Should you require further information you can contact the class teacher.

Further information about Reading Assistant Programme at end of the newsletter.

Cóisir na Samhna :Trick or Treat for Temple Street

Beidh Cairde na Scoile ag eagrú cóisir dos na leanaí san halla ar an 24ú Deireadh Fómhair. Tiocfaidh na leanaí isteach gléasta i bhfeisteas na Samhna is beidh caidé cluichí san halla. Baileófar airgead don chartanacht –“Temple Street”. Beidh ana la go deo ag na leanaí le cúnamh Dé!

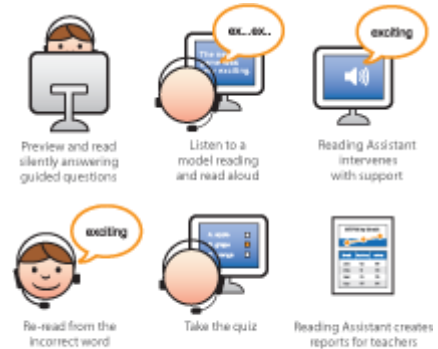


Cairde na Scoile will be organising a party in the school hall on the 24th October for all children in the school. Children should come to school dressed in their Halloween attire and an array of festive games will be organised for them in the hall. Money will be collected for the charity – Temple Street Hospital on the day. A great day of fun will be in store for the children. We would greatly appreciate help with the Halloween party and with the clean up afterwards. If you are available please contact Anita Long – 0863322914, Yvonne O'Donovan – 0877690167.



How Reading Assistant Works...

- When a student has difficulty reading a word, Reading Assistant provides a visual cue.



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- If the student does not self-correct, the software intervenes by pronouncing the word.
- After completing a passage, questions measure literal and inferential comprehension.
- Reading Assistant uses the best practices of guided oral reading instruction, the gold standard for building fluency.

How Reading Assistant Helps...

- **Builds better readers:** students improve reading level 50% beyond expected gains.
- **Saves you time:** it automatically assesses and tracks words correct per minute (WCPM) and reading comprehension for teachers!

- **Provides an unbiased listener to every student:** even hard-to-engage students will practice reading aloud, always without judgment.
- **Dramatically improves reading fluency,** the critical bridge to comprehension.

What is fluency anyway?



- Fluency is the ability to read accurately, expressively and with good phrasing in order to comprehend what you read. It's not about reading fast.
- A non-fluent reader spends a lot of energy decoding, leaving not much room for comprehension. Students need to decode fluently to understand what they're reading but often don't build this automaticity through independent reading alone.
- Guided oral reading instruction is the gold standard for building fluency - Reading Assistant incorporates these best practices!

Want tips on building reading fluency and comprehension? [Download](#)

What do students read?

[a paper](#) by Dr. Tim Rasinski, Supportive Fluency Instruction: The Key to Reading Success

(Especially for Students who Struggle)

Selections* from over 300
range of reading levels, grades

[reading passages](#) at a
1-12

Non-fiction and fictional texts

across genres:



- Expository nonfiction
- Realistic and historical fiction
- Science fiction
- Poetry
- Folktale, myth, legend
- Biography
- Point-counterpoint
- Personal Narrative
- Etc.

*Aligned to the [Common Core State Standards](#).

What can you do to help?

- Ensure that your child has good attendance. Success with Reading Assistant requires consistent effort.
- Make sure your child knows that you value his/her participation in the program. Acknowledge their successes!
- Meet with your child's teacher to discuss improvements.

Want to learn more?

- Visit Scientific Learning's Web site www.readingassistant.com
- Speak with your child's principal or teacher.