

1. SCOIL NEASÁIN & CUMANN TUISMITHEOIRÍ SEO AGAINNE

Réamhrá

Is iad Coiste Chumann na dTuismitheoirí, i bpáirt le Príomhoide agus Foireann na Scoile, a réitigh an t-eolas seo mar threoir do thuismitheoirí gasúr atá ag freastal ar Scoil Neasáin.

Rinneadh gach uile iarracht lena chinntiú go mbeadh an t-eolas seo cruinn. Mar sin féin, athraíonn nósanna imeachta ó am go ham. Dá réir sin, is den riachtanas é go mbeadh tuismitheoirí i dteagmháil leanúnach leis an scoil.

1. SCOIL NEASÁIN & OUR PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Introduction

The Committee of the Parents' Association, in conjunction with the Príomhoide and Staff of the school, have compiled this booklet as a guide for new and existing parents of children attending Scoil Neasáin.

While every care has been taken in its preparation, procedures do change from time to time. Therefore, we cannot overemphasise the need for parents to keep in touch with the school.

2. LITIR ÓN bPRÍOMHOIDE

A chairde,

Bíonn sé de phribhléid againn anseo i Scoil Neasáin aithne a chur ar bhur bpáistí ar feadh ocht mbliana agus tabhairt faoi oideachas iomlán a chur ar fáil dóibh trí mheán na Gaeilge ag aithint difríochtaí aonair agus riachtanais uathúla gach páiste.

Aithnímid anseo gur sibhse, na tuismitheoirí, bunoidéachasóirí bhur bpáistí. Tá sonas gach páiste sa scoil rí-thábhachtach do mhúinteoirí agus do thuismitheoirí araon agus tá comhoibriú eadrainn riachtanach d'fhonn an sonas úd a chinntiú.

Fáiltím roimh bhur dtuairimí agus roimh bhur dtacaíocht agus sinn ag dréim le timpeallacht thaitneamhach shlán shona foghlama a chruthú do phobal na scoile.

Is é mana na scoile 'Dóchas sa Dúchas', mana a chuireann muinín i bpréamhacha cultúrtha na tíre agus a aithníonn an mórtionchar atá ag dúchas na tíre ar fhorbairt dhearfach na tíre agus a muintire. Tríd an obair anseo ar scoil, leanfaidh an dóchas sin ar aghaidh.

Fáiltím roimh an leabhrán seo. Is áis an-mhaith agus úsáideach é do thuismitheoirí uile na scoile. Tá súil agam go mbeidh cuimhní cinn maithe agaibh agus ag bhur bpáistí ar na laethanta a chaithfidh siad linn i Scoil Neasáin.

Deirble Nic Conghamhna
Príomhoide

2. LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A chairde,

Here in Scoil Neasáin, we are privileged to know your children for eight years and undertake to provide a holistic education for them, as Gaeilge, acknowledging the unique and individual needs of every child. We recognise that you as parents are the primary educators of your children. A child's happiness is most important to both parents and teachers alike and co-operation between all parties is imperative as we endeavour to ensure this happiness. I welcome your opinions and your support as we strive to create a learning environment that is pleasant, happy and safe for all members of the school community.

The school motto 'Dóchas sa Dúchas' (Hope in our Heritage) places great trust in our heritage and recognises the immense effect that the country's heritage has had on the positive development of the country and its people. Through our work in Scoil Neasáin, we continue to place trust and hope in our heritage.

I welcome this booklet as a useful aid for all parents. I hope that both you and your children will have fond memories of the days they spend with us in Scoil Neasáin.

Deirble Nic Conghamhna
Príomhoide

3. MIONSONRAÍ NA SCOILE

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MANA	‘Dóchas sa Dúchas’

3. SCHOOL DETAILS

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Motto	‘Dóchas sa Dúchas’

4. EOLAS GINEARÁLTA

Bunaíodh Scoil Neasáin sa bhliain 1969 le beirt mhúinteoir agus 34 dalta. Bhí an scoil i Ráth Eanaigh go dtí gur tógadh foirgneamh nua i mBaile Hearman i 1972.

Is scoil lánGhaeilge í Scoil Neasáin a aithníonn féiniúlacht agus uathúlacht gach páiste agus a chuireann roimpi sonas an pháiste a chothú i dtimpeallacht agus atmaisféar cuí; forbairt gach páiste ar neamhspleáchas, fhéinmheas, fhéinmhuinín, charadas, chomhoibriú, ionracas agus dhílseacht.

Is bunscoil Chaitliceach chomhoideachasúil í Scoil Neasáin, faoi phátrúnacht Ardeaspaig Bhaile Átha Cliath, an tOir. Diarmaid Ó Máirtín. Téann an Bord Bainistíochta i gcomhairle le rúnaíocht oideachais an Easpaig agus coinníonn ar an eolas í faoi na cinntí agus na moltaí a dhéanann sé. Cé gur scoil Chaitliceach í Scoil Neasáin, cuirimid fáilte roimh ghasúir le luachanna agus creidimh eile.

Is scoil lánGhaeilge í Scoil Neasáin. Is í an Ghaeilge teanga ghnó agus chumarsáide na bainistíochta. Is í an Ghaeilge an teanga chumarsáide idir múinteoirí agus daltaí agus i measc na ndaltaí féin. Déantar chuile iarracht bród agus mórtas as an teanga agus as an gcultúr Gaelach a chothú sna gasúir. Scoil í seo ina mbíonn gach deis ag an bpáiste é/í féin a fhorbairt go hiomlán.

Is scoil chomhoideachasúil í Scoil Neasáin ina bhfuil ranganna ó naónáin sóisir go rang 6. Tá rang amháin ag gach leibhéal agus is é polasaí an Bhoird é an scoil a choinneáil ag an méid sin.

Foireann

Tá ceathrardéag múinteoir ar fhoireann Scoil Neasáin, an Príomhoide san áireamh. Tá naonúr múinteoir ranga sa scoil. Tá triúr mhúinteoir lánaimseartha agus múinteoir páirtaimseartha sa scoil ag freastal ar ghasúir le riachtanais ar leith. Tá beirt chúntóir riachtanas speisialta sa scoil freisin, duine lán-aimseartha agus duine páirt-aimseartha

Déanann na múinteoirí i Scoil Neasáin gach iarracht cúlra, timpeallacht agus pearsantacht gach dalta a chur san áireamh ina gcuid oibre. Dá réir sin, féachann an fhoireann chuige go ndéantar forbairt ar gach gné de shaol an pháiste agus aird faoi leith á tabhairt ar chultúr agus ar thraidisiúin na hÉireann.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

Scoil Neasáin was established in 1969, with two teachers and 34 pupils. It was based in Raheny until a new building was erected in Harmonstown in 1972.

Scoil Neasáin is an all-Irish school which recognises the individuality and uniqueness of each child and attempts to cultivate the well-being of the child in an appropriate environment and atmosphere in respect of independence, self-respect, confidence, friendship, co-operation, honesty and loyalty.

Scoil Neasáin is a Catholic co-educational school under the Patronage of the Archbishop of Dublin, his Grace Diarmaid Martin. The Board of Management liaises with the Bishop's education secretariat and keeps them informed of decisions and recommendations that it makes. Although Scoil Neasáin is a Catholic school, children of other denominations and values are welcomed.

Scoil Neasáin is an all-Irish school. Irish is the language of work and communication at management level. Irish is the language of communication between teachers and pupils and between the pupils themselves. Every effort is made to instil a sense of pride in the language and to foster a respect for Irish culture. Scoil Neasáin is a school in which the child is provided with every opportunity for full personal development.

Scoil Neasáin is a co-educational school with one class at each level from junior infants to sixth class. It is Board of Management policy to adhere to a single stream structure in the school.

Scoil Neasáin has 14 teachers on the staff, including the principal. There are nine class teachers. The support team which caters for children with special educational needs is made up of learning support and resource teachers. Altogether there are three full-time teachers and one part-time teacher. The school also has one full-time and one part-time special needs assistant.

The teachers of Scoil Neasáin make every effort to take account of the background, environment and personality of every pupil. Accordingly, they ensure that every aspect of the child's life is developed through the medium of Irish, with special emphasis on the national culture and traditions.

5. COISTÍ IONADAÍOCHA TAOBH ISTIGH DEN SCOIL

An Bord Bainistíochta

Is é an Bord Bainistíochta atá freagrach as bainistiú díreach na scoile. Bíonn ochtar ar an mBord, mar a leanas:

1. Cathaoirleach ainmnithe ag an bPátrún (roghnaithe ag Gaeloideas i gcás Scoil Neasáin agus faofa ag an bPátrún)
2. Ionadaí eile ainmnithe ag an bPátrún (roghnaithe ag Gaeloideas i gcás Scoil Neasáin agus faofa ag an bPátrún)
3. An Príomhoide
4. Múinteoir amháin eile roghnaithe ag an bhfoireann mar ionadaí foirne
5. Beirt tuismitheoir (athair amháin agus máthair amháin) a bhfuil páistí acu sa scoil, tofa ag tuistí na scoile
6. Beirt ionadaí de chuid an phobail a roghnaíonn an seisear ball thuasluaite.

Maireann tréimhse an Bhoird ar feadh ceithre bliana. Tá tréimhse an Bhoird seo ag rith ó 2015-2019.

Is trí mheán na Gaeilge a dhéantar gnó an Bhoird i gcónaí.

Gaeloideas

Is cuideachta faoi theorainn ráthaíochta agus gan scairchaipiteal é Gaeloideas a bunaíodh le bheith mar chaomhnóir Scoil Neasáin. Cé gur tuismitheoirí iad baill uile na cuideachta, ní cumann tuismitheoirí é agus is mór idir é agus an Bord Bainistíochta.

Cuireadh an chuideachta ar bun le dhá chuspóir a chur i gcrích:

- Bheith mar chaomhnóir na scoile thar ceann na dtuismitheoirí
- An Ghaeilge agus an cultúr dúchais a chur chun cinn trí ghníomhaíochtaí éagsúla a eagrú.

Cuireann coiste Ghaeloidis roimhe timpeallacht Ghaelach a chruthú d'fhonn tacú leis an oideachas foirmeálta. Tá sé de fhreagracht ar Ghaeloideas faoina bhunreacht féin cearta, gnóthas agus maoin na scoile a chosaint. Glacann na caomhnóirí ról leanúnach i bhforbairt áiseanna agus acmhainní scoile.

Braitheann an dul chun cinn agus an fhorbairt seo go mór ar an teacht isteach bliantúil a thagas*** tríd an síntiús deonach a iarrtar ar gach teaghlach a íoc (€100 faoi láthair) agus ar an airgead a bhailítear ag imeachtaí sóisialta. Murab ionann is na gnáthscoileanna paróiste, ní fhaigheann Scoil Neasáin an ghnáthíocaíocht a chuireas an paróiste ar fáil dá chuid scoileanna féin.

Cuireann an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna deontais ar fáil le haghaidh trealamh a cheannach agus le haghaidh obair dheisiúcháin a chur i gcrích, ach ní leor an méid sin riamh. Bíonn easnamh mór le déanamh suas ag Gaeloideas gach bliain.

Eagraíonn Gaeloideas ócáidí sóisialta agus ranganna seach-churaclaim le linn na bliana. Tagann athrú ar na ranganna seo ag brath ar éileamh agus ar mhúinteoirí a bheith ar fáil.

Dáréag ball (tuismitheoirí ar fad), a thoghtar ag cruinniú cinn bhliana Ghaeloidis i mí na Bealtaine, atá ar an gcoiste. Tá sé de cheart ag tuismitheoir ar bith a bhfuil Gaeilge aige/aici teacht chun cinn le hainmníú don choiste. Is é Coiste Ghaeloidis a ainmníonn Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Bainistíochta chomh maith le ball amháin eile ar an mBord. Bíonn na hainmníthigh sin le faomhadh i gcónaí ag Pátrún na scoile. Rannpháirtíocht idir Gaeloideas, an Bord Bainistíochta agus Cumann na dTuismitheoirí atá i Scoil Neasáin, páirtnéirí a oibríos le chéile ar mhaithe le fás agus forbairt na scoile.

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí

Cuireadh Cumann Tuismitheoirí Scoil Neasáin ar bun i bhFeabhra na bliana 1999 ar mhaithe leis na tuismitheoirí agus na gasúir atá ag freastal ar Scoil Neasáin.

Ar nós na gcoistí eile atá gníomhach sa scoil, is é leas na ngasúr croflár an Chumainn.

Tá trí aidhm mhóra ag Cumann na dTuismitheoirí:

- Páirtíocht agus Comhoibriú a chothú idir Tuismitheoirí, Múinteoirí, an Bord Bainistíochta agus Gaeloideas ar mhaithe le hoideachas agus forbairt leanúnach na gasúir.
- Tuairimí na dTuismitheoirí a chur in iúl taobh istigh den scoil agus freisin do dhreamanna taobh amuigh, mar shampla, Comhairle Náisiúnta na dTuismitheoirí agus Gaelscoileanna.
- Tuismitheoirí a chur ar an eolas maidir le forbairtí sa scoil agus maidir le hathruithe oideachasúla a bhféadfadh tionchar a bheith acu ar na gasúir.

Is é Coiste na dTuismitheoirí an coiste a thoghann Cumann na dTuismitheoirí go bliantúil le himeachtaí Chumann na dTuismitheoirí a eagrú. Ina theannta sin, oibríonn an coiste seo i bpáirt le coistí eile de chuid na scoile chun cúnamh a thabhairt dóibh agus iad i mbun tionscadal ar mhaithe leis an gasúir.

Déantar gnó an choiste trí mheán an dá theanga: Gaeilge agus Béarla. Cuirfear fáilte roimh rannpháirtíocht, beag beann ar ábaltacht i gceachtar den dá theanga.

5. REPRESENTATIVE BODIES WITHIN THE SCHOOL

An Bord Bainistíochta / Board of Management

The Board of Management is responsible for the direct management of the school. The board is made up of eight members as follows:

- Chairperson nominated by the Patron (Gaeloideas makes the nomination in Scoil Neasáin's case and this nomination is approved by the school's Patron, the Archbishop of Dublin)
- A second person nominated by the Patron (Gaeloideas makes the nomination in Scoil Neasáin's case and this nomination is approved by the school's Patron, the Archbishop of Dublin)
- The school Principal
- Another member of the teaching staff
- Two parents (one mother and one father) who have children attending the school and who are elected by the parents in the school.
- Two members of the wider community selected by the initial six listed above.

The Board's term runs for four years. The term of the current Board is 2011-2015. All business is conducted through Irish.

Gaeloideas

Gaeloideas is the name of a company, limited by guarantee, without share capital, which owns Scoil Neasáin. It is distinct from the Board of Management and, though its members are all parents, it is not the Parents' Association.

Gaeloideas was founded with the dual objectives of acting as Trustees who hold Scoil Neasáin and its grounds in trust for the parents and of promoting the Irish language and culture through organised activities and events, thus supporting the Gaelic environment of the school.

As Trustees, the Gaeloideas committee are responsible under their constitution for the ownership and legal status of Scoil Neasáin and must ensure that the school's rights are protected at all times. Gaeloideas are also involved in the on-going development of the school's facilities. This development depends largely on monies raised from the Annual Voluntary Subscription which each household (not each child) is asked to contribute and from fund-raising events. Unlike other primary schools Scoil Neasáin is owned by the Trustees and not by the Parish or the Department of Education and Skills.

The Department of Education and Skills fund the school each year but Gaeloideas are required to make up the shortfall. The main financial aim of Gaeloideas is to provide funds to the school when they are required. This may be for building, equipment etc. not covered by the Department's grants.

Gaeloideas promotes the Irish language and culture through a variety of educational and social activities. These extra-curricular classes change from year to year depending on the personnel available for tuition and also on the demand.

The Gaeloideas committee consists of 12 parents who are elected at the AGM in May each year. Any parent who has a working knowledge of Irish is eligible to seek nomination to the committee. Gaeloideas is responsible for nominating the Chairperson of the Board of Management and one other member. (These nominations must be approved by the school Patron).

The Gaeloideas committee works in partnership with the Board of Management and the Parents' Association in promoting the development of Scoil Neasáin.

Cumann na dTuismitheoirí / Parents' Association

Cumann Tuismitheoirí Scoil Neasáin was set up in February 1999 for the benefit of the Parents and Children attending Scoil Neasáin. Like all other bodies operating in the school, the good of the children is central to all activities.

Cumann Tuismitheoirí Scoil Neasáin has three main aims:

- To foster partnership and co-operation between Parents, Teachers, Bord Bainistíochta and Gaeloideas to ensure the continued education and development of the child at school.
- To represent the views of parents, both within the school and to outside bodies e.g. the National Parents' Council or Gaelscoileanna
- To inform parents of developments in the school and in educational changes which may affect the children.

Coiste na dTuismitheoirí is the committee elected by Cumann na dTuismitheoirí to organise the activities of the Parents' Association. In addition, this committee works with other bodies in the school to assist them in projects they organise for the benefit of the children.

The work of the committee is carried out in the joint mediums of Irish and English. Participation is welcomed irrespective of ability in either language.

6. AN GHAELGE

Gaeilge

1. Is scoil lán-Ghaeilge í an scoil. Is í an Ghaeilge teanga ghnó agus chumarsáide na scoile, an teanga theagaisc i ngach uile ábhar seachas an Béarla, an teanga chaidrimh idir na múinteoirí agus na daltaí agus an teanga chaidrimh idir na daltaí féin i gcónaí.

Labhraítear an Ghaeilge i gcónaí, sa scoil féin, sa chlós, ar an mbus scoile, ar thurasanna agus le linn imeachtaí iarscoile.

2. Is dúshlán an-mhór é seo agus tá tacaíocht iomlán na dtuismitheoirí uile riachtanach agus sinn ag plé le hinsealbhú na dara teanga. Iarrtar ar gach teaghlach mór-iarracht a dhéanamh an Ghaeilge a labhairt i dtimpeallacht na scoile. Bíonn an-tionchar aige seo ar ghasúir na scoile agus cabhraíonn sé go mór le dearcadh dearfach a chruthú i leith na teanga. Cuirtear ranganna ar fáil do thuismitheoirí na scoile le linn an lae agus istoíche. Tá sé rí-thábhachtach go mbreathnaíonn na gasúir ar an nGaeilge mar theanga chumarsáide nach mbaineann leis an scoil amháin. Tá ról an-tábhachtach ag tuismitheoirí i gcur chun cinn na haidhme sin.

Bealaí ar féidir le tuismitheoirí cuidiú agus tacú le hobair na scoile:

1. An Ghaeilge a labhairt i gcónaí i dtimpeallacht na scoile, ag teacht chun na scoile agus ag bailiú na bpáistí go háirithe
 2. Na páistí a spreagadh le Gaeilge a labhairt eatarthu féin, sa bhaile, sa charr, ar an nguthán lena chéile, ag cóisireacha agus ag imeachtaí iarscoile.
 3. Labhairt go minic leis na páistí faoi na cúiseanna gur roghnaíodh Scoil lán-Ghaeilge dóibh agus na buntáistí atá léi.
 4. An Ghaeilge a úsáid aon am is féidir, mar shampla cuirí breithlae, cártaí breithlae, Nollag agus buíochais
3. Is cuid lárnach de chód iompair na scoile í labhairt na Gaeilge i gcónaí. Má bhíonn aon ghasúr drogallach ó thaobh labhairt na Gaeilge de, nó má chloistear ag labhairt Béarla iad, tugtar Cárta Béarlóireachta dóibh a chaithfidh tuismitheoir a shíniú. Má leanann an t-iompar seo i leith labhairt na Gaeilge, féadfar cruinniú a shocrú idir an Príomhoide agus an páiste agus, más gá, le tuismitheoirí an pháiste.
 4. **Turas Gaeltachta go hInis Oírr**
Is dlúthchuid de shainsprid na scoile é turas bliantúil Rang 5 ar Inis Oírr, áit a gcaitheann na gasúir dhá sheachtain ar lóistín, ag freastal ar an scoil agus ag maireachtáil mar rang i measc mhuintir an oileáin. Tá ceangal an-láidir cothaithe ag an scoil leis an oileán le blianta fada anuas agus tá an-tairbhe bainte ag glúnta de ghasúir na scoile as an turas. Tugtar deis do ghasúir lonnú i suíomh fíor-Ghaeilge ina bhfuil an Ghaeilge in úsáid go laethúil mar theanga bheo. Cuireann an turas go mór le fás agus forbairt an pháiste iomláin de réir aidhmeanna na scoile.

6. AN GHAEILGE

1. Scoil Neasáin is an all-Irish school and Irish is the language of business and communication and the language in which all subjects apart from English are taught. At all times, Irish is the language spoken between teachers and the children, and between the children themselves, in the school, in the yard, on the school bus, on school tours and during all the extra-curricular activities.
2. Support of parents is necessary and everyone is encouraged to use whatever Irish they have at all times. It is important that children see the Irish language as a communicative language used outside school also and not just confined to school use.

Parents play a very important role in helping children understand this:

- Always speak in Irish in the vicinity of the school, coming to and from the school and in particular when collecting the children from the school.
 - Encourage the children to speak as Gaeilge among themselves, in the car, at home, on the phone, at birthday parties and at all school activities.
 - Discuss the reasons you chose Scoil Neasáin as a school for your children and the reasons you chose to send them to an all-Irish school.
 - Use Irish whenever possible when writing Christmas, greeting and birthday cards.
3. Speaking Irish at all times is central to the code of conduct of the school. Where a child is reluctant to speak in Irish and to use the Irish (s)he has, (s)he may be issued with a Cárta Béarlóireachta which a parent is required to sign. A continuation of this behaviour and reluctance to speak in Irish may warrant a meeting with the Principal and a follow-up meeting between the child's parents and the principal.
 4. **Trip to Inis Oírr**
An essential part of the school ethos is 5th class's annual trip to Inis Oírr where the children spend 2 weeks on the island, staying with Bean an Tí, attending the local school and living among the islanders. We have established a very strong connection with Inis Oírr over the years and generations of children from Scoil Neasáin have benefitted greatly from their experience on this trip. The children are given the opportunity to base themselves in an all-Irish living environment, where Irish is the language of communication and in which they get the opportunity to use Irish every day in a living context. This trip has a secondary benefit of promoting the overall development of the students in line with the aims of the school.

7. CURACLAM NA SCOILE

Curaclam na Scoile

Leanann an scoil an clár curaclaim faoi mar atá leagtha amach ag an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna, clár is féidir a athrú ó am go ham de réir Ranna 9 agus 30 den Acht Oideachais (1998).

Is iad na hábhair sin ná Gaeilge; Béarla; Matamaitic; Oideachas Sóisialta, Imshaoil agus Eolaíochta (OSIE); Oideachas Sóisialta, Pearsanta agus Sláinte (OSIE); Ealaín; Ceol; Drámaíocht; Corpoiliúint; agus Reiligiún. Tugtar aird speisialta ar an múinteoireacht feabhais. Tá tuilleadh eolais maidir leis an gcuraclam ar fáil ar www.ncca.ie

Tumoideachas

Is é an tumoideachas an córas oideachais a chuirtear i bhfeidhm i Scoil Neasáin. Ciallaíonn sé seo go dtumtar na gasúir go hiomlán sa Ghaeilge nuair a thagann siad isteach sna Naíonáin Sóisir. Is í an Ghaeilge amháin a labhraíonn an múinteoir leis na gasúir ón gcéad lá ar scoil. Tá sealbhú na teanga antábhachtach do thodhchaí an pháiste sa scoil agus nuair a thumtar go hiomlán sa Ghaeilge iad is ea is túisce a bhaintear amach líofacht teanga.

Tá an tumoideachas iomlán aitheanta ar fud an domhain mar an córas is éifeachtaí chun an dara teanga a mhúineadh / a shealbú i suíomh scolaíochta. Tá cinneadh déanta ag Bord Bainistíochta Scoil Neasáin gur Gaeilge amháin a labhraítear le Naíonáin Sóisir agus gur sa dara téarma i Rang na Naíonán Sinsir a thosaítear ar mhúineadh an Bhéarla.

Ón gcéad lá cloiseann an páiste Gaeilge timpeall air / uirthi agus ansin, trí spreagadh na timpeallachta agus stiúir an mhúinteora, tagann siad ar thuiscint teanga. Bíonn tréimhse thostach ann nuair a thuigeann siad a bhfuil á rá leo ach nach dtáirgeann siad féin an teanga. De réir a chéile agus de réir mar a bhíonn gá acu léi, forbraíonn an teanga, ainmfhocail i saol an pháiste ar dtús agus ansin frásaí beaga nó gur féidir leo bheith ag déanamh cumarsáide as Gaeilge. Faoi dheireadh na Naíonán Sóisir bheifí ag súil leis gur i nGaeilge amháin a bheadh na gasúir ag déanamh cumarsáide leis an múinteoir agus go mbeadh tús maith curtha acu le cumarsáid eatarthu féin trí mheán na Gaeilge.

Tógtar ar an dul chun cinn seo i rang na Naíonán Sinsir, áit a mbítear ag súil le Gaeilge don chuid is mó. Is sa chlós a thagann an dúshlán is mó ó thaobh na Naíonán Sinsir de.

Faoi Rang 1 i Scoil Neasáin bítear ag súil leis gurb í an Ghaeilge an teanga a bhíonn in úsáid ag na gasúir an t-am ar fad ach amháin le linn ranganna Béarla.

Tús na Litearthachta

Déantar na scileanna réamhléitheoireachta, réamhscríbhneoireachta agus réamh-mhata a fhorbairt go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge i rang na Naíonán Sóisir. Tarlaíonn go leor trasnaí*** ó theanga go teanga anseo agus baintear amach spriocanna an dá theanga (Béarla agus Gaeilge) ag an leibhéal seo, mar atá leagtha amach ag an gcuraclam bunscoile athbhreithnithe. De réir an taighde idirnáisiúnta moltar tús a chur leis an léitheoireacht i dteanga theagaisc na scoile. Is mar sin a dhéantar i Scoil Neasáin. Tá curaclam nua teanga foilsithe ag an CNCM do ranganna N1 – R2 a bheas á chur i bhfeidhm de réir a chéile sna ranganna sin.

Is i rang na Naíonán Sinsir a thosaítear ar an léitheoireacht don chéad uair. Is sa Ghaeilge a thosaítear ar an léitheoireacht. Is i ndiaidh na Nollag i rang na Naíonán Sinsir a thosaítear ar léitheoireacht an Bhéarla. Déantar réamhscileanna na léitheoireachta sa Bhéarla a threisiú ag an am seo agus déantar foghraíocht, réamhscríbhneoireacht agus obair ó bhéal sa dá theanga le rang na Naíonán Sinsir.

Ó Rang 1 go Rang a 6 tógtar ar obair na Naíonán. Bíonn tréimhse áirithe i Rang 1 agus 2 a mbíonn próifíl inniúlachta an ranga taobh thiar den phróifíl a mbeifí ag súil léi ach tagann sin ina cheart i ranganna 3 agus 4. Tarlaíonn seo le litriú níos mó ná leis an léitheoireacht agus cuirtear tuismitheoirí ar an eolas maidir le bealaí inar féidir leo cuidiú lena bpáistí má cheapann an scoil gur gá. Níl taighde ar leith déanta ar inniúlacht ghasúir Ghaelscoileanna i léitheoireacht na Gaeilge agus an Bhéarla i gcomparáid lena chéile, rud a bheadh cabhrach amach anseo.

Spóirt agus Gníomhaíochtaí Fisiciúla

Bíonn dhá rang corpoiliúna ag na páistí in aghaidh na seachtaine ar laethanta aitheanta. Ar bharr sin bíonn leathuair an chloig breise acu le traenálaí ó Scoil Uí Chonaill gach Céadaoin. Ba chóir go mbeadh bróga agus éadaí cearta ar na páistí ar na laethanta spóirt seo.

Le cabhair ó Chumann na dTuismitheoirí bíonn deis ag na páistí gníomhaíocht a dhéanamh sa chlós ar maidin roimh am scoile, ó 8.40 – 9.00.

Eagraítear traenáil foirne i ndiaidh na scoile le linn na scoilbhliana. I measc na spórt a eagraítear tá Peil, Iomáint, Sacar, Lúthchleasaíocht agus Judo.

Múinteoireacht Tacaíochta

Tá foireann tacaíochta sa scoil a bhíonn ar fáil le tacaíocht a thabhairt do pháistí a bhfuil gá acu le tacaíocht bhreise anois is arís. Braitheann leibhéal na tacaíochta ar riachtanais an pháiste.

Tugtar an tacaíocht seo sa seomra ranga féin go minic agus freisin sna seomraí tacaíochta. Tugtar tacaíocht do pháistí mar chuid de ghrúpa beag nó mar chuid de ghrúpa ranga nó in amanna ina n-aonar. Braitheann leibhéal na tacaíochta arís ar riachtanais an pháiste féin agus ar chláir ama na foirne tacaíochta.

Bíonn an fhoireann tacaíochta ag obair le múinteoirí ranga, go hiondúil sna seomraí ranga féin, agus má bhíonn do pháiste ag obair i ngrúpa le ball den fhoireann tacaíochta ní hionann sin is a rá go bhfuil deacracht ar leith aige/aici. Cuidíonn an fhoireann le múinteoirí ranga freisin nuair a bhíonn tástáil agus meastóireacht ar siúl ar pháistí.

Sa chás go n-aithnítear deacracht a bheith ag do pháiste déanfaidh an múinteoir ranga nó ball den fhoireann tacaíochta teagmháil leat chun na deacrachtaí a phlé agus chun moltaí na scoile maidir le tacaíocht a chur ar fáil a chioradh. Go minic ní bhíonn i gceist ach tacaíocht shealadach le cuidiú le do pháiste ar feadh tréimhse.

Má bhíonn aon amhras ar thuismitheoir maidir le dul chun cinn a p(h)áiste ba chóir teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an múinteoir ranga nó leis an bPríomhoide.

An tSeirbhís Síceolaíochta

Baineann an scoil leas as an tseirbhís náisiúnta síceolaíochta agus ainmnítear síceolaí scoile a bhíonn ar fáil le comhairle a chur ar an bhfoireann agus chun tástáil oideachais a chur ar pháistí má bhíonn an gá sin ann.

Moltar tástáil síceolaíochta do pháistí in amanna nuair a aithnítear páiste cumasach nach bhfuil ag feidhmiú de réir an chumais sin, go háirithe sa litearthacht agus san uimhearthacht. Sa chás go moltar tástáil a dhéanamh ar do pháiste, pléifidh an fhoireann tacaíochta / múinteoir ranga / Príomhoide gach gné den scéal leat.

Oideachas Sóisialta, Pearsanta agus Sláinte

Clúdaíonn gné an Oideachais Shóisialta, Phearsanta agus Sláinte den churaclam speictream leathan eolais. Múintear roinnt cláracha ar leith mar chuid den ábhar seo, ina measc Oideachas Caidrimh agus Gnéasachta, Bígí Slán, Misneach, agus Eolas Frith-Thromaíochta.

Trialacha Caighdeánaithe

Déanann gach páiste ó ranganna 1 - 6 Trialacha Caighdeánaithe chun dul chun cinn sa léitheoireacht Ghaeilge agus Bhéarla, sa litriú Béarla agus sa mhata a thomhas. Cuirtear dul chun cinn an pháiste i gcomparáid le páistí eile ar chomhais agus sa rangleibhéal céanna i scoileanna eile. Cuirtear an dul chun chin sa Ghaeilge i gcomparáid le páistí eile atá ag freastal ar scoileanna ina bhfuil an Ghaeilge mar mheán teagaisc. Pléifidh an múinteoir ranga torthaí na dtrialacha caighdeánaithe leat ag na cruinnithe tuismitheoirí/múinteoirí agus tabharfar cóip i scríbhinn duit faoi dhó le linn shaol scoile do pháiste.

Is féidir níos mó eolais faoi na trialacha caighdeánaithe a fháil ar na nasc seo a leanas:

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary_School_Curriculum/Assessment/Leaflets_for_parents/

Tá bileoga eolais maidir leis an gcárta tuairisce féin ar fáil freisin ar shuíomh an CNCM:
http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary_School_Curriculum/Assessment/Report_Card_Templates/Resources_for_schools_and_parents.html

SCHOOL CURRICULUM

School Curriculum

The school follows the curriculum as set by the Department of Education & Skills and the following subjects are part of the curriculum: Irish, English, Maths, Social, Personal & Health Education, History, Geography & Science, Art, Music, Drama, PE agus Religion. More information can be found on the primary school curriculum at www.ncca.ie

Tumoideachas / Immersion Education

The education system which is implemented in Scoil Neasáin is called ‘Tumoideachas’ or Immersion Education. This means that the children are ‘immersed’ in the Irish language when they start off in Junior Infants. The teacher speaks Irish, and only Irish, to the children from the first day of school. The acquisition of Irish is vital for the child’s progress in the school, and complete immersion ensures earlier fluency.

Complete immersion is recognised all over the world as the most effective system to teach/acquire fluency in a second language in a school setting.

Scoil Neasáin’s Board of Management has decided that Irish is the only language used in Junior Infants, and that the teaching of English begins in Senior Infants.

From the first day at school the child hears Irish being spoken around him/her and, encouraged by the setting and the guidance of the class teacher, s/he begins to understand the language. The child goes through a stage of transition during which s/he can understand what is being said but cannot produce the language her/himself. Gradually, and as the need arises, acquisition of the language develops – firstly nouns which are in the child’s everyday life, then short phrases, until the child can converse through Irish. By the end of Junior Infants, it would be expected that the children are communicating with the teacher solely in Irish and that they have started to use some Irish to communicate with each other.

This progress continues in Senior Infants, where it is expected that the children speak mostly in Irish to each other. The challenge in Senior Infants is to ensure that the children are speaking Irish to each other in the school playground.

By Rang 1 in Scoil Neasáin the children are expected to speak Irish at all times, except during the English lesson.

Tús na Litearthachta / Beginning Literacy

Pre-reading, pre-writing and early mathematical skills are developed in Junior Infants completely through the medium of Irish. These early skills transfer readily from one language to another and therefore the learning objectives for both languages (English and Irish), as prescribed by the Revised Primary School Curriculum, are reached in Junior Infants. International research recommends that reading is introduced first in the teaching language of the school (T1). This is the approach that is taken in Scoil Neasáin. A new language curriculum has been developed by the NCCA for N1 – R2 and will be rolled out over the next few years

Formal reading begins in Senior Infants. It is through the medium of Irish that reading is first taught. English reading is first introduced after Christmas in Senior Infants. The pre-reading skills are reinforced in English, and phonics, pre-writing and oral language are taught in both languages.

From Rang 1 to Rang 6 literacy teaching continues, building upon the work started in the Infant classes. There is a stage in Rang 1/Rang 2 where the classes’ competency profiles are lower than one would wish, but this rectifies itself in Rang 3/Rang 4. This occurs more with English Spelling than reading, and parents are informed of ways in which they can help their child if it is deemed necessary. No research has been carried out to date to compare Gaelscoileanna pupils’ competency in Irish reading with that of their English reading. We believe such research could be helpful.

Sports & Physical Activities

The children have two classes of physical education per week on dedicated days. On top of this, the children do a half hour of additional training provided by Scoil Uí Chonaill on Wednesdays. Children should wear runners and appropriate clothing on the days they have sport.

The Parents' Association supervise the yard every morning from 8.40-9.00 to give children a chance to do some physical activity first thing every morning.

Afterschool training for school teams is organised during the school year. These sports include football, hurling, camogie, athletics, soccer and Judo.

Learning Support

There is a school learning support team available for any child who may need additional support from time to time or on an ongoing basis. This support is often given in the classroom or in a separate learning support classroom. The child may receive support as part of a small group or sometimes on their own. The level of support depends on the needs of the child and the timetable of the learning support team.

The learning support teachers sometimes assist the classroom teachers and it may be the case that your child may work in a group with a learning support teacher without your child necessarily having a difficulty. The learning support teachers may help the classroom teachers when the children are undergoing assessment or tests.

Psychological Services

The school uses the services of the National Education Psychology Service and there is a nominated psychologist available to our school to provide advice to the school team and to carry out child assessments as required.

A psychological assessment may be recommended for a child in situations where a child is not performing according to their abilities, particularly in literacy and numeracy. In the event that testing is recommended for your child, the learning support team, classroom teacher and principal will discuss this fully with you.

Social, Personal and Health Education

There is a wide spectrum of information covered in the Social, Personal & Health Education element of the curriculum. Teachers cover many programmes as part of this subject, which include Be Safe, Relationship and Sexual Education, and Anti-bullying.

Standardised Tests

Standardised tests in English and Irish Reading, English spelling and Maths are carried out in all classes from 1st to 6th in the school. They measure your child's achievement compared to other children in all schools nationally at the same class- or age-level. Standardised tests in Irish reading measure each child's achievement compared to other children in Irish-speaking schools at the same class- or age-level. The teacher will discuss the results of these tests with parents at the parent/teacher meeting.

An explanation of the sTen Scores and the Standard Scores is available on the NCCA Website:
http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary_School_Curriculum/Assessment/Leaflets_for_parents/

Information regarding the School Report is also available on the NCCA Website:
http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary_School_Curriculum/Assessment/Report_Card_Templates/Resources_for_schools_and_parents.html

8. CÓD IOMPAIR, RIALACHA & POLASÁÍ SCOIL NEASÁIN

Cód Iompair

Dáiltear leabhrán an Chóid Iompair nuair a chuirtear do pháiste ar rolla na scoile agus is féidir an cód iomlán a íoslódáil tríd an nasc seo: www.scoilneasain.ie

Seo a leanas achoimre ghairid:

Is é bunús an Chóid:

- Féinmheas agus meas ar chomhdhaltaí
- Meas ar an nGaeilge
- Meas ar dhaoine fásta
- Meas ar mhaoín agus ar shealúchas

Má bhrítear Cód Iompair nó rialacha na scoile

Cuirtear cárta iompair abhaile má sháraítear an Cód (Rang 1-6)

Cuirfead páistí go dtí Oifig an Phríomhoide má eisítear níos mó ná trí chárta iompair nó más mí-iompar tromchúiseach a bhíos i gceist.

I gcás na dara cuairte chuig Oifig an Phríomhoide tiocfaidh an dalta os comhair an Phríomhoide, an Leas-Phríomhoide agus an Mhúinteora Ranga. Iarrfar ar na tuismitheoirí a theacht go dtí an scoil i gcás na tríú cuairte ag dalta chuig Oifig an Phríomhoide.

Rialacha Scoile

Tá na rialacha scoile seo a leanas i bhfeidhm sa scoil:

Meas

- Léireoidh na páistí meas orthu féin, ar a gcomhscóláirí, ar na múinteoirí agus ar éinne a thagann ar cuairt chun na scoile.
- Léireoidh daltaí na scoile meas ar mhúinteoirí agus ar fhoireann chúntach na scoile i gcónaí agus comhlíonfaidh na daltaí a n-orduithe dleathúla agus iad i mbun a gcuid dualgaisí scoile.
- Ní bheidh aon dalta páirteach in aon mhí-iompar, díreach nó indíreach, a chuirfeadh isteach ná amach ar mhúinteoirí na scoile agus iad i mbun a gcuid dualgas.

Tromaíocht: Féach Polasaí Frith-Thromaíochta na scoile (Aibreán 2014)

<http://www.scoilneasain.ie/pdf/scoil-neasain-policy-bullying-ga-2014.pdf>

- Tromaíocht a thugtar ar gach ionsaí – ó bhéal, síceolaíoch nó fisiciúil – a dhéanann aonarán nó grúpa go leanúnach i gcoinne páiste nó páistí eile.
- Tá sé de cheart ag gach dalta i Scoil Neasáin dul i mbun na foghlama agus taitneamh a bhaint as a dtráthanna scíthe saor ó scanrú nó imeaglú.
- Ní ghlacfar le haon ghníomh, glaoch ainmneacha ná caint neamhcharthanach – fiú nuair nach raibh rún ann duine nó páiste a ghortú.
- Ba chóir do dhaltaí ómós a thaispeáint dá chéile trí gach ócáid tromaíochta a thuirisciú.

An Ghaeilge

- Léireoidh na páistí meas ar an nGaeilge trí í a labhairt i gcónaí sa scoil, ag teacht agus ag imeacht ón scoil, ar an mbus scoile nó ag aon ócáid scoile.

Maoin agus Sealúchas

- Léireoidh na daltaí meas ar mhaoín na scoile agus ar shealúchas phobal na scoile.
- Ní bheidh cead maoin nach leo a thógáil gan údarás, a mhilleadh, scríobh air ná a chur i bhfolach.
- Coinneoidh na daltaí a seomraí ranga agus foirgneamh na scoile glan, néata agus saor ó bhruscar.
- Coinneoidh na daltaí clós agus timpeallacht na scoile glan, néata agus saor ó bhruscar. Ba chóir aon bhruscar a chur sna boscaí nó sna málaí cuí.
- Ní dhéanfaidh na daltaí aon chur isteach ar fhearas na scoile. Ní bhainfidh siad mí-úsáid as ná ní dhéanfaidh siad neamart ann – go háirithe fearas slándála.

- Ní mór aon damáiste, dochar, briseadh nó scriosadh a chur in iúl láithreach don Phríomhoide nó don Mhúinteoir Ranga.

Feisteas

- Ba chóir do pháistí bróga reatha a chaitheamh ar na laethanta go mbíonn siad i mbun spóirt. Ní cheadófar do pháistí páirt a ghlacadh i rang spóirt muna mbíonn an feisteas cuí sábháilte orthu.
- Fáinní cluaise beaga (studs) amháin a cheadaítear.
- Iarrtar ar pháistí a fhaigheann feisteas spóirt ón scoil agus iad ag imirt ar fhoirne scoile aire an-mhaith a thabhairt dó agus é a thabhairt ar ais in am agus glan ag deireadh séasúir / ócáide.
- Ní cheadaítear guma coganta sa scoil ag am ar bith.
- Ní cheadaítear caitheamh tobac ná táirgí tobac, drugaí ná alcól a bheith i seilbh phearsanta páistí ag am ar bith.

Cumarsáid/Fón Phóca

- Cheadaítear fón phóca ar bhonn eisceachtúil amháin le cead scríofa ó thuismitheoir. Tá polasaí cuimsitheach ar fhóin phóca agus na céimeanna a ghlactar i gcás shárú an pholasaí foilsithe ag an mBord Bainistíochta agus ar fáil ón oifig.

Fearas Pearsanta

- Beidh na téacsleabhair, cóipleabhair agus uirlisí cearta ag gach páiste do gach rang.
- Beidh a (h)ainm scríofa ag páiste ar gach leabhar agus téacsleabhar.
- Coinneofar dialann na scoile go néata i gcónaí.

Limistéir eile sa scoil

Timpeall na scoile iarrtar ar pháistí:

- Siúl go béasach ciúin i línte díreacha trí dhorchlaí na scoile
- Géilleadh do rang níos óige nó do ghrúpa níos lú nó duine aonair ag doirse
- Ciúnú ag am tionóil ar maidin nuair a ardaítear lámh an mhúinteora i gceannas
- Bheith cúirtéiseach agus béasach le daoine
- Beannú do chuirteoirí agus fáilte a chur rompu chun na scoile

Gníomhaíochtaí atá bainteach leis an scoil

- Baineann na rialacha agus na caighdeáin iompair atá leagtha síos sa chód iompair seo le haon ghníomhaíochtaí scoile nó turais scoile.

Ceart-úsáid Idirlín

Tá polasaí ar leith ag an scoil maidir le ceart-úsáid idirlín. Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí é a léamh le cinntiú go dtuigtear na srianta agus treoirlínte atá leagtha síos ag an scoil do ghasúir maidir le húsáid an idirlín. Is ceart go mbeadh foirm ghlactha shínithe ar chomhad gach páiste gach bliain. Bíonn cóip den fhoirm seo sna dialanna obair bhaile agus is féidir a chinntiú go bhfuil sí sínithe ansin. Tá an polasaí ar fáil sa phlean scoile ar an líonra agus ar shuíomh idirlín na scoile, <http://www.scoilneasain.ie/pdf/scoil-neasain-policy-internet.pdf>

Caomhnú Páistí

Tá polasaí ar leith caomhnú páistí ag an scoil. Is í Deirble Nic Conghamhna an Duine Caidrimh Ainmnithe sa scoil agus is í Máire Ní Mhaoileoin an leas-DCA. Tá an polasaí seo ar fáil ar líonra na scoile, ar an suíomh idirlín agus mar chóip chrua ó oifig an Phríomhoide.

8. SCOIL NEASÁIN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR, SCHOOL RULES & POLICY

Code of Behaviour

The Code of Behaviour is available to download from the school website, www.scoilneasain.ie

A brief summary is as follows:

The basis of the Code is:

- Respect for self and other pupils
- Respect for the Irish language
- Respect for adults
- Respect for property and possessions

Violation of the code results in the following:

A Cárta Iompair (Behaviour card) will be sent home (1st-6th class) for a breach of the code. A child will be sent to the Principal's office where more than 3 Cártaí Iompair are issued or in cases of a serious misdemeanour. In instances of a second visit to the Office, the child will have a meeting with Principal, Vice-Principal and Class Teacher. Parents will be asked to attend the school in the case of a child's third visit to the Principal's Office.

Rialacha Scoile / School Rules

The following rules shall be observed in the school:

Respect

- Pupils shall show respect to themselves, their fellow pupils, their teachers and any visitors to the school.
- Pupils shall show respect to the teachers and school auxiliary staff and shall obey them in the lawful exercise of their authority.
- Pupils shall not engage in behaviour, directly or indirectly, which may prevent, interrupt or interfere with teachers in the exercise of their duties and responsibilities.

Bullying: Please see the school's complete anti-bullying policy (Link XXX)

- Bullying is defined as repeated aggression, whether verbal, psychological or physical, conducted by an individual or group against others.
- Every pupil in Scoil Neasáin has the right to enjoy his/her learning and leisure free from intimidation, both in the school and in their communities.
- Our school community will not tolerate any unkind actions, name-calling or unkind remarks – even if these were not intended to hurt.
- Pupils should respect each other by reporting all instances of bullying.

An Ghaeilge

- Pupils will speak Irish at all times in the school, in the school yard, on the school bus, on school tours and during after-school activities.

Property and personal possessions

- Pupils shall respect the property of the school and that of each member of the school community.
- Pupils shall not take without permission, deface, damage, hide or write on property which does not belong to them.
- Pupils shall keep their classroom tidy and free from litter.
- The school premises and grounds shall also be kept free from litter. Litter will be deposited in the appropriate bins or bags.
- Pupils shall not misuse, neglect or interfere with school equipment, especially that which is provided for their safety.
- All breakages or damage shall be reported immediately to the Principal or Class Teacher.

Attire

- All pupils shall wear runners on the days designated for sports. Pupils will not be permitted to partake in a PE class if their attire is unsuitable or unsafe.
- The only earrings permitted are studs. Pupils who receive gear from the school when playing on school teams are required to take good care of it and return it to the school clean and on time at the end of the season / match.
- Chewing gum is not permitted in the school at any time.
- Pupils are not permitted to smoke and should not have in their possession at any time tobacco products, drugs or alcohol.

Communication

Mobile phones are only permitted in exceptional circumstances with prior written permission from a parent. A comprehensive policy on mobile phones is available from the school office which outlines the steps to be taken in the event of breach of policy.

Personal effects

- Pupils will have the correct textbooks, copybooks and implements for all subjects / classes.
- Pupils' names will be clearly written on all equipment, books and copies.
- Pupils will keep their journals tidy at all times.

Other areas in the school

Around the school children are asked to:

- Walk quietly through the school corridors
- Yield to a younger class, smaller group or individual at the doors
- Settle during assembly or meetings on the raising of a hand
- Be courteous and mannerly to all
- Address visitors and welcome them to the school

School-related Activities

The rules and standards laid down in the code of behaviour pertain to all school-related activities.

Acceptable Internet Usage

The school's AUP (Acceptable Usage Policy) for the internet is available online. Parents should read the policy in order that they understand the restrictions on the use of the internet in the school for children. Parents and children must sign an undertaking to abide by the school's policy. This signature is required annually and can be found in the dialann obair bhaile.

The policy can be found at the following link: <http://www.scoilneasain.ie/pdf/scoil-neasain-policy-internet.pdf>

Caomhnú Páistí / Child Protection

The school has a specific child protection policy in place. Deirble Nic Conghamhna is the Designated Liaison Person within the school and Máire Ní Mhaoileoin is the deputy Designated Liaison Person within the school. The school's policy is available on the school website or in hard copy from the office. The policy is reviewed annually at Board of Management level.

9. TÚS NA SCOILBHLIANA

Féilire Bliana

Cuirtear féilire bliana le chéile ag tús gach scoilbhliana, a mbíonn laethanta saoire agus mór-imeachtaí na bliana luaite air. Bíonn na laethanta saoire caighdeánacha ar fáil ar shuíomh idirlín na Roinne Oideachais. Cuirtear cóip den dialann in airde ar an suíomh agus bíonn féilire leabaithe sa suíomh freisin a chuireann ócáidí éagsúla in iúl i rith na bliana.

An Múinteoir Ranga

Fógraítear an múinteoir ranga a bhíonn ag gach rang ar an gcéad lá ar ais ar scoil. Cuirtear múinteoir na naíonán sóisir in aithne do thuismitheoirí (más féidir) ag cruinniú eolais i mí Bealtaine sula dtosnaíonn na páistí ar scoil.

N1 & R1 ag dul abhaile go luath

Ag tús na bliana scaoiltear Naíonáin Sóisir (N1) abhaile ag 12.00 don chéad choicís chun seans a thabhairt dóibh dul i dtaithe ar an lá scoile. Tar éis sin téann N1 abhaile ag 1.30. Ó Rang 1 go Rang 6, téann páistí abhaile ag 2.30 ach, don chéad choicís, téann Rang 1 abhaile at 1.30 chun ligint dóibh dul i dtaithe ar an athrú ama agus an lá fada ar scoil.

Leabhair Scoile / Scéim Cíos

Tá laghdú mór tagtha ar líon na leabhar a bhíonn le ceannach ar an leabharliosta de bharr na scéime cíos atá ar bun sa scoil. Cuirtear leabharliostaí in airde i mí an Mheithimh gach bliain. Is féidir teacht ar na leabharliostaí seo ar shuíomh idirlín na scoile.

Anuas air sin gearrtar airgead tús bliana ar na gasúir chun costaisí ábhar ealaíne, fótachóipeála, stáiseanóireachta agus cóipleabhar a chlúdach, chomh maith le hárachas pearsanta agus dialann obair bhaile más cuí.

Bileoga Eolais

Dáiltear bileoga eolais ar chuile pháiste sa scoil ag tús na bliana. Tá sé riachtanach go líontar bileog do chuile pháiste sa chlann. Coinnítear na bileoga ar fad le chéile in oifig an rúnaí agus cláraítear na sonraí ar an gcóras sonraí sa scoil.

Sa chás go dtagann athrú ar eolas ar bith ó bhliain go bliain tá sé an-tábhachtach é sin a chur in iúl do mhúinteoir do pháiste agus do rúnaí na scoile.

Is féidir aon eolas íogair a roinnt ó bhéal le Príomhoide na scoile agus múinteoir an ranga. Ní roinnfear a leithéid d'eolas ach amháin orthu siúd a mbeidh gá acu leis. Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí an scoil a chur ar an eolas maidir le rud ar bith a d'fhéadfadh bheith ag cur isteach ar pháiste.

Árachas Pearsanta na bPáistí

Clúdaítear páistí uile na scoile i scéim árachais Allianz (pupil personal injury). Clúdach 24 uair an chloig atá i gceist. Ní gá do thuismitheoirí aon fhoirmeacha a líonadh dó seo. Bíonn an costas seo san áireamh i gcostais thús na bliana.

Toisc go mbíonn clúdach ag an bpáiste taobh amuigh d'uaireanta scoile is féidir aisiocaíocht a lorg ar thurais go dtí an t-ospidéal nó costais bhreise a bheadh i gceist de bharr gortú.

Ba chóir foirm árachais a íoslódáil ó shuíomh Allianz agus a líonadh isteach le sonrú an ghortaithe. Ba chóir í a sheoladh isteach chun na hoifige ansin, áit a líonfar isteach sonraí pholasáí na scoile chomh maith le stampa na scoile agus síniú an Phríomhoide. Tá an fhoirm ar fáil ag an seoladh seo aleanas: http://www.allianz.ie/Other_Products/Schools/Pupil-Personal-Accident/How-to-Claim/

Naíonáin Sóisir

Is féidir leis an gcéad lá ar scoil a bheith an-chrua ar an bpáiste agus ar an tuismitheoir. Má tá sé ar chumas páistí a bheith neamhspleách ar scoil, seans go gcothófar féinmhuinín iontu agus gur fearr a bheas siad in ann do shaol na scoile. B'fhéidir go gcabhróidh na pointí seo a leanas agus do pháiste ag iarraidh teacht isteach ar ghnás na scoile ar bhealach níos éasca:

- Bí cinnte gur féidir le do pháiste a s(h)eaicéad féin agus a m(h)ála scoile féin a aithint gan stró

- B'fhéidir go mbeidh ar do pháiste bróga a athrú nó a dhúnadh ar scoil. Mura bhfuil se/sí in ann na barriallacha a cheangal, b'fhéidir gurbh fhiú smaoineamh ar veilcreo. Bheadh a leithéid níos éasca dod pháiste agus thabharfadh sé níos mó neamhspleáchais dó / di.
- Nuair atá lón do pháiste á réiteach agat cinntigh go bhfuil sé / sí in ann an bosca lóin a oscailt agus an lón a láimhseáil. Cuimhnigh air go bhfuil polasaí lón sláintiúil i bhfeidhm sa scoil.
- Níor chóir ligint do pháistí cluichí ríomhaireachta a imirt ná féachaint ar an teilifís ar maidin sula dtagann siad ar scoil.
- Ba chóir bricfeasta maith sláintiúil a chur ar fáil dod pháiste sula dtagann siad ar scoil gach lá.

Tá tuilleadh eolais maidir le do pháiste ar scoil ar fáil ar shuíomh an INTO agus ar shuíomh an CNCM:

<https://www.into.ie/ROI/Publications/TipsforParents/>

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Early_Childhood_Education/

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Publications/Other_Publications/The_What,_Why_and_How_and_Children%27s_Learning_in_Primary_School_DVD.pdf

9. START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Féilire Bliana / School Calendar

The annual calendar is put together at the beginning of each school year and school holidays and major dates are included. Standardised holidays are available on the Dept of Education website.

A copy of the calendar is printed in every dialann obair bhaile (R1 – R6) and is also available for download from the school website.

The Class Teacher

The teacher for each class is advised on the first day back at school. The exception to this is the teacher of N1 who is introduced (if known) at a meeting in May every year.

Early Collection Times for N1 & R1

At the beginning of the school year, for the first fortnight approximately, the junior infants go home at 12.00 instead of 1.30 to allow them settle in slowly. Rang 1, who now move to the later going-home time of 2.30 for the year, will go home at 1.30 for the first two weeks also to facilitate adjustment to the longer day.

School Book Rental Scheme & Start of Year Costs

A school book rental scheme has been in operation in the school for the past number of years and is run by the library committee (i.e. parents). This has reduced the cost of books for parents considerably.

A small cost is charged to each child to partake in the scheme. Details relating to the scheme are sent home in a letter during May each year. This charge is collected in June each year.

On top of the book rental scheme, there is also a charge each year to cover art supplies, photocopying, stationery, copies, homework diaries and insurance (see section below), due in September each year.

Bileoga Eolais / Information Form

Information sheets are distributed to every child at the beginning of each year. It is imperative that a separate sheet is filled in for each child. These information sheets are stored in the secretary's office and the information is also recorded on the school database.

It is the parent's responsibility to inform the office and your child(ren)'s teacher(s) of any change to circumstances / numbers / addresses during the school year. Sensitive information may be communicated verbally to the Principal and the class teacher. Sensitive Information will only be shared with those for whom it is essential. Parents should always inform the school about any issue that may be causing your child concern.

Árachas Pearsanta na bPáistí / Personal Accident Insurance

All children in the school are covered by the Allianz pupil personal injury insurance. This is 24-hour cover and parents do not have to fill in any forms. The cost of this cover is included in the **start of year costs**.

As the cover includes out-of-school hours, claims can be made for A&E visits or accidents that happen at home. Claim forms can be downloaded from the Allianz website and should be filled in to include a description of the injury in question. It should then be forwarded to the school secretary where the details of the school's policy will be completed as well as the school stamp and the principal's signature filled in. This form can be obtained from: http://www.allianz.ie/Other_Products/Schools/Pupil-Personal-Accident/How-to-Claim/

Naíonáin Sóisir / Junior Infants

The first day at school can be quite emotional for children and indeed parents. Where children are capable of being independent in school, they settle much quicker, and their own self-confidence grows. As you prepare your child for school it is important to establish a routine. Some other pointers that might help:

- Ensure that your child can recognise their own schoolbag and coat.
- If your child is not able to tie their own laces it is worth investing in Velcro-closing shoes. These are far easier for your child and also encourage independence.

- When preparing your child's lunch ensure that your child can manage everything in the lunch box. Also remember that the school operates a healthy eating policy, as outlined above.
- Children should not be permitted to play on screens or to watch television before coming to school in the mornings.
- Children should have eaten a healthy balanced breakfast before coming to school.

There is further information about preparing your child for school and what to expect on the following links to the websites of the INTO and the NCCA:

<https://www.into.ie/ROI/Publications/TipsforParents/>

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Early_Childhood_Education/

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Publications/Other_Publications/The_What,_Why_and_How_and_Children%27s_Learning_in_Primary_School_DVD.pdf

10. AN LÁ SCOILE

Uaireanta Oifigiúla na Scoile

Am Oscailte:	08.50
Am Sosa:	10.30 – 10.40
Am Lóin	12.00 – 12.30
Am scoir Naíonán (N1 & N2)	13.30
Am Scoir (Rang 1-6)	14.30

Ag teacht ar scoil ar maidin / Clós ar maidin

Osclaítear geataí na scoile ag 8.40 gach maidin. Ba chóir do ghasúir agus tuismitheoirí teacht agus imeacht ón scoil tríd an ngeata beag amháin. Tagann páistí chuig an halla agus suíonn siad i línte de réir ranganna. Bíonn múinteoir amháin ag maoirseacht sa halla gach maidin. Bíonn cead ag páistí dul ag spraoi sa chlós ar maidin faoi mhaoirseacht bheirt thuismitheoir. Eagraíonn Cumannna dTuismitheoirí é seo. Ní cheadaítear d'aon pháiste dul sa chlós go dtí go dtagann na tuismitheoirí atá i mbun maoirseachta. Ag 8.55 tagann páistí ar ais sa halla, deirtear paidir agus cuirtear na gasúir chuig na ranganna i gcomhair 9.00. Aon pháiste a thagann ar scoil ina dhiaidh seo téann siad díreach chuig an rang. Tar éis 9.10, caithfidh siad síniú isteach san oifig (féach thíos).

Ag Teacht Déanach / Imeacht go Luath

Tá leabhar in oifig an rúnaí agus ba chóir do thuismitheoirí é a shíniú má tá páiste déanach ar scoil nó má fhágann siad go luath. Má tá páistí déanach (tar éis 9.10), caithfidh siad pas déanach a fháil ón rúnaí nó príomhoide agus é a thabhairt don mhúinteoir.

Tionól

Gach Luan 10.00 – 10.30 eagraítear tionól sa halla. Bailíonn na ranganna agus múinteoirí le chéile agus roinntear scéalta na seachtaine, fógraí tábhachtacha, torthaí comórtais agus cluichí. Tugtar marcanna ranga gach seachtain ar iompar agus díograis i leith na Gaeilge. Cuirtear na marcanna le chéile ag deireadh na míosa agus aimsítear rang na míosa don Ghaeilge agus don Iompar. Dáiltear teastais agus ainmnítear Gaeilgeoirí na seachtaine agus daltaí na seachtaine chomh maith. Cantar lá breithe sona d'éinne sa scoil a mbeidh lá breithe acu an tseachtain sin.

Lón Sláintiúil

Tá polasaí lón sláintiúil i bhfeidhm sa scoil. Níl cead ag gasúir brioscáin, pop-arbhar, seacláid, milseáin ná deochanna fizzy a thógáil ar scoil. Tá cead ag gasúir sólaiste beag amháin a thabhairt ar scoil ar an Aoine. Ní cheadaítear cnónna sa scoil ag am ar bith, ná táirgí ar bith ina mbeadh cnónna (spreads / barraí seacláide / nutella srl). Tá sé fíorthábhachtach go gcloíonn **gach teaghlach** leis seo toisc go bhfuil cúpla gasúr sa scoil a bhfuil droch-chol acu le cnónna.

Bainne

Cuirtear bainne ar fáil go laethúil do na gasúir a mbíonn sé uathu. Coinnítear an bainne sa chuisneoir sa chistin bheag sa halla. Dáiltear an bainne ar na ranganna gach lá roimh am lóin.

Ag Bailiú Páiste i nDiaidh na Scoile

Caithfidh tuismitheoir nó caomhnóir gach páiste i Naíonán Sóisir (N1) agus Naíonán Sinsir (N2) a bhailiú ón rang. Caithfidh tuismitheoir nó caomhnóir páistí R1-R3 a bhailiú nó is féidir le tuismitheoirí nóta a chuir isteach do pháistí i ranganna R1-R3 má tá cead acu siúl amach iad féin. Tá cead ag páistí ó Rang 4 ar aghaidh siúl amach iad féin. Caithfidh páistí agus tuismitheoirí dul amach tríd an ngeata beag ag fágáil na scoile tar éis an ghnáth-am scoir. Is féidir an geata mór a úsáid ag bailiú páistí tar éis ranganna iarscoile nó traenáil.

Páirceáil & Busanna

Is do charranna na foirne amháin an carrchlós le linn uaireanta scoile. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí agus cuairteoirí gan páirceáil os comhair gheataí na scoile ná ar na línte taobh amuigh den scoil. Níor chóir páirceáil trasna an bhóthair ó dhá geata na scoile mar go gcothaíonn seo baol timpiste nuair a bhíonn gasúir ag teacht agus ag imeacht ón scoil.

Faoi láthair tá dhá bhus ag déanamh freastail ar ghasúir na scoile, **Bus Chluain Tarbh** agus **Bus Ráth Eanaigh / Halla an Chláir**. Tá dhá chóras dhifriúla i bhfeidhm maidir le taisteal ar an dá bhus. Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí a mbíonn aon cheist acu i dtaobh taisteal ar na busanna teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an bPríomhoide.

10. THE SCHOOL DAY

Official school hours

Opening Time:	08.50
Break:	10.30 – 10.40
Lunch:	12.00 – 12.30
Infants go home	13.30
School ends	14.30

Coming to School in the Morning / Supervised Yard

The school gate opens at 8.40 in the morning. Parents and children should enter using the small gate and come directly to the hall in the morning and sit in lines according to their classes. A teacher will be in the hall during this time. The Parents' Association organises a rota of parents to supervise the yard in the morning so that children can get some outdoor exercise before school. Children are not permitted to go to the yard until at least two parents (who have been assigned and Garda vetted) are present. Children line up in the yard once the bell rings, re-assemble in the hall where morning prayers are said at 08.55 and are then sent to their classrooms for 9.00. Any child arriving in school after this time should go straight to their classroom. After 9.10 children must sign in for being late for school.

Coming Late and Leaving the School Early

There is a book in the secretary's office in which parents should record and sign children arriving late or leaving early. Children coming to school after 09.10 in the morning must, having signed in then collect a late pass from the secretary or principal to give to the teacher. Likewise, parents who take children out of school early should give a pass to the teacher in the class to indicate that the child has been signed out.

Assembly

Every Monday, assembly takes place in the hall from 10.00 – 10.30. The classes and teachers come together to share the news of the week, important notices, results of competitions and matches etc. Classes are given marks out of 10 for behaviour and for diligence in speaking Irish. The marks are added up at the end of each month, to determine the 'class of the month' for behaviour and Irish. Certificates are awarded and teachers nominate and present certificates to 'Dalta na Seachtaine' (the Student of the Week) and 'Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine' (the Irish-speaker of the Week). Happy Birthday is also sung to anybody in the school with a birthday that week.

Healthy Lunch

The school operates a healthy lunch policy. Children are not permitted to bring crisps, popcorn chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks to school. Children may bring one small treat on a Friday. Nuts and nut products (nutella etc.) are not permitted in the school at any time. It is vital that everybody adheres to this policy as there are a few children in the school who have a severe, life-threatening nut allergy.

Bainne / Milk

Milk is provided daily to any child who wants it. The milk is kept in the fridge in the small kitchen and distributed just before lunch. Milk comes in individual 250m cartons with straws attached.

Collecting Children after School

A parent or guardian must collect N1 & N2 children from their class. Children from R1-R3 can walk out themselves from school if their parents send in a note to the teacher permitting them to do so. Otherwise they must be collected from class. Children in classes R4 and above are allowed walk out without sending in a note. Children and parents must use the small gate after normal school-closing time. They may use the big gate only when leaving following after-school training or classes.

Parking & Buses

The car park in the school is for staff cars only. Parents are requested not to park outside the school gates, on the lines marked outside the school or where the cones have been placed. Cars should not be parked directly across from the gates as this is a serious safety risk for children crossing the road.

There are currently two buses serving the children of Scoil Neasáin – the Clontarf bus and the Raheny/Clare Hall bus. There are two different systems in operation in regard to travelling on the buses. Parents should contact the Principal if they wish to enquire about travelling on the buses.

11. OB AIR BHAILE

Tugtar obair bhaile

- Chun obair an lae a threisiú
- Chun nasc a chruthú idir scoil agus baile
- Chun aird pháistí a dhíriú agus scileanna eagrúcháin a fhorbairt agus foghlaim neamhspleách a spreagadh

Go ginearálta

- Bítear ag súil leis go ndéanfaidh páistí an iarracht is fearr agus iad i mbun obair bhaile. Bíonn an obair bhaile bunaithe don chuid is mó ar obair atá ar eolas ag an bpáiste. Sna hardranganna d'fhéadfadh sé bheith go mbeadh obair níos dúshlánaí i gceist agus obair chruthaitheachchomh maith.
- Tugtar obair bhaile ó Luan go Déardaoin don chuid is mó. Ní thugtar obair bhaile ag an deireadh seachtaine de ghnáth. D'fhéadfadh sé tarlú go n-iarrfaí ar pháiste obair bhaile a dhéanamh ag an deireadh seachtaine sa chás nach raibh obair na seachtaine sásúil nó críochnaithe.
- Féadfaidh múinteoir nó an Príomhoide oíche saor ó obair bhaile a bhronnadh ar rang nó ar pháiste aonair le haitheantas a thabhairt as ócáid, iarracht nó obair dhearfach. Bronntar pasanna 'saor ó obair bhaile' ar pháistí aonair chomh maith. Ní mór do pháiste a chinntiú leis an múinteoir ranga go bhfuil cead acu an pas a úsáid ar oíche ar leith agus a chinntiú cén obair bhaile go díreach is féidir a ghlacadh saor.
- Tugtar obair bhaile bhreise le linn na seachtaine sa chás nach mbeadh obair bhaile déanta gan leithscéal ag páiste nó nach bhfuil iarracht sách maith curtha isteach san obair bhaile féin nó sa chur i láthair nó mar smachtbhanna.

Treoir ama

- Seo a leanas treoirlínte maidir leis an am ba chóir do pháistí sna ranganna éagsúla a chaitheamh ar an obair bhaile. Beidh páistí áirithe críochnaithe go han-tapaídh agus tógfaidh sé an-chuid ama ar pháistí eile an obair bhaile chéanna a chríochnú. Go minic iarrann múinteoir ranga ar thuismitheoirí an t-am a scríobh síos agus iad ag síniú na dialainne. Cuidíonn sé seo leis an múinteoir meán-am oibre a shocrú don rang. Sa chás go mbíonn do pháiste ag caitheamh an-chuid ama ar an obair bhaile ba chóir iad a stopadh tar éis an treoir-ama thíos agus nóta a chur sa dialann don mhúinteoir:

N1: 10 – 15 nóiméad (léitheoireacht don chuid is mó)

N2: 10 – 15 nóiméad (léitheoireacht don chuid is mó)

Rang 1 – 2: Suas le 20 nóiméad

Rang 3: Suas le 30 nóiméad

Rang 4: Suas le 40 nóiméad

Rang 5: Suas le 50 nóiméad

Rang 6: Suas le 60 nóiméad

- Tabhair faoi deara go mbíonn cothromaíocht idir obair scríofa, táblaí, léitheoireacht, litriú, ullmhúcháin agus foghlaim de ghlanmheabhair. Is minic nach leagann páistí an bhéim chéanna ar an léitheoireacht, ar ullmhúcháin agus ar an bhfoghlaim agus déantar neamhaird díobh. Tá siad chomh tábhachtach céanna is atá an obair scríofa agus cuireann siad leis an achar ama ó thaobh obair bhaile de. Sna hardranganna is minic a thugtar obair bhaile thar chúlpla lá, an deireadh seachtaine san áireamh, do rang mar ullmhú do shaol na meánscoile.

Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí

- An dialann a shíniú gach oíche agus an t-am a ghlac an obair bhaile a bhreacadh síos.
- A chinntiú go bhfuil do pháiste ag breacadh síos an obair bhaile go cruinn ar an lá ceart agus go bhfuil an dialann néata.
- Nótaí nó cumarsáid leis an múinteoir a chur sa dialann, ach amháin mar a bhaineann le hasláithreach. Ba chóir na bileoga cuí, atá ar fáil i lár na dialainne, a úsáid chuige seo.
- Tacú le páistí agus iad i mbun an obair bhaile ach gan an obair bhaile a dhéanamh dóibh.
- Teagmháil a dhéanamh le múinteoir má cheapann tú nach bhfuil ag éirí le do pháiste ó thaobh obair bhaile de.

11. HOMEWORK

Homework is given

- To recap on the day's work
- To establish a link between home and school
- To develop a child's concentration skills and to encourage organisational skills and independent learning

Generally

- Children are expected to do their homework to the best of their ability. Homework is generally based on work with which the child is already familiar. In the senior classes the work may be more challenging and creative and research work may also be part of the homework.
- Homework is given from Monday to Thursday. Homework is not generally given on a weekend. It might happen that a child would be asked to complete work at the weekend where homework or class work during the week was either unfinished or unsatisfactory.
- A night off homework may be given at the discretion of a teacher or the principal in recognition of an occasion, effort or positive work. 'Saor ó obair bhaile' passes are also presented to children as a positive reward. A child should always consult with the class teacher prior to using a 'pas saor ó obair bhaile' to ensure what elements of homework may be passed on, if any, on a given night.
- Extra homework may be given where homework has not been completed during the week without a valid excuse or where it is perceived that a child has not made an effort with the work or the presentation of work that week, or as a disciplinary sanction.

Guidelines on time

- Below are some guidelines in relation to the amount of time that a child should spend on homework at the different class levels. Certain children will finish the homework in a shorter time and others will have difficulty finishing the same homework within the guidelines. A teacher may request parents to note down the time taken on homework when they sign the homework each night. This helps the teacher establish an average time for the class. Should your child be spending considerably more time on his/her homework than the times shown below they should be stopped after the appropriate time and a note written for the teacher.

N1:	10 – 15 minutes (generally (pre)reading)
N2:	10 – 15 minutes (generally reading)
Rang 1 – 2:	Up to 20 minutes
Rang 3:	Up to 30 minutes
Rang 4:	Up to 40 minutes
Rang 5:	Up to 50 minutes
Rang 6:	Up to 60 minutes

- Please note that homework can consist of written work, tables, reading, spellings, preparation and learning by heart. Children often tend to overlook reading, learning by heart and preparation and not emphasise them as much as written work and not spend as much time on them, yet they are as important and contribute significantly to the time allocated for homework each evening. In senior classes children are often given homework over a few days, which might include the weekend. This is in preparation for secondary school.

Parents are requested

- To sign the journal every night and in certain cases to make a note of the time taken to complete the homework.
- To ensure that children are taking down homework accurately on the correct day and that the diary is kept neatly.

- To write notes or communicate with teachers using the space at the bottom of the page in the journal except in the case of absences where the specific notes in the back of the journal are to be used.
- To support children with their homework but not to do their homework for them.
- To contact the teacher if worried about your child's homework.

12. ASLÁITHREACHT, TINNEAS & PONCÚLACHT

Asláithreacht

Murar féidir le do ghasúr freastal ar scoil ar údar éigin, is cóir duit an scoil a chur ar an eolas faoi 9.30am ar an gcéad mhaidin neamhfheastail.

Ar fhilleadh ar scoil arís, ba chóir don ghasúr nóta a thabhairt leis nó léi ag dearbhú dhátaí agus údar an neamhfheastail, toisc go gcaithfear taifead a choinneáil den chomhfhreagras. Is féidir na bileoga ar chúl na dialainne a úsáid do pháistí R1-6.

Tá dualgas ar an scoil de réir an Acht Leasa Oideachais a chur in iúl do na hoifigigh leasa oideachais nuair a shroicheann páiste 20 lá as láthair in aon bhliain amháin.

Déanfar aon phátrún asláithreachta a thuairisciú don Bhord Leasa Oideachais chomh maith. Déanfar asláithreachtaí gan mhíniú a thuairisciú don Bhord agus déanfar asláithreachtaí rialta de bharr laethanta saoire a thuairisciú.

Níor chóir páistí a thógáil amach as an scoil le linn na bliana le dul ar saoire. Tá sé seo an-tábhachtach go háirithe ag tús gach téarma. Sa chás go roghnaíonn clann páistí a thógáil as an scoil le dul ar saoire ní mór é seo a chur in iúl do Phríomhoide na scoile.

Is féidir an foilseachán ón NEWB: “Ná cailleadh do pháiste amach” a íoslódáil tríd an nasc seo: <http://www.newb.ie/publications/parentdocumentation.asp>

Tinneas

Níor chóir aon pháiste atá tinn nó nach bhfuil ar fónamh a chur ar scoil. Scaiptear frídíní go héasca i measc páistí agus níl sé cothrom ar an bpáiste atá tinn ná ar na páistí eile sa rang ná na múinteoirí ranga.

I gcás páiste a mbíonn buinneach air / uirthi nó a bhíonn ag cur amach, ba chóir fanacht 24 uair an chloig ón mbabhta deireanach tinnis sula gcuirtear ar ais ar scoil iad.

Sa chás go n-éiríonn do pháiste tinn le linn an lae scoile, cuirfear fios ar thuismitheoir / fheighlí teacht agus an páiste a bhailiú.

Ba chóir gach cás de thinneas tógalach a chur in iúl don mhúinteoir ranga. Is den rí-thábhacht é seo sa chás go mbeadh tuismitheoirí nó múinteoir an ranga ag iompar linbh.

Poncúlacht

Tá sé an-tábhachtach go mbeadh gach páiste ar scoil in am gach maidin agus suite agus réidh le dul i mbun oibre ag 09.10. Cailleann na páistí féin amach ar chuid an-tábhachtach d'obair agus clár an lae nuair a bhíonn siad déanach agus is cur isteach mór é ar obair an ranga chomh maith.

Mar a chéile le páistí a fhágann an scoil go luath go rialta.

Sa chás go dtagann páiste ar scoil déanach nó go bhfágann siad an scoil go luath is gá dul chuig an bPríomhoide agus an leabhar in oifig an rúnaí a shíniú. Cláraítear an t-am ag ar tháinig nó ag ar fhág páiste an scoil ar chóras bunachar sonraí na scoile agus tiocfaidh líon na nóiméad iomlán cailte in airde ar thuairisc scoile do pháiste ag deireadh na bliana.

12. ABSENCES, SICKNESS & PUNCTUALITY

Absences

If your child cannot attend school for any reason, you should advise the school by 9.30am on the first morning of the non-attendance.

On his/her return to the school, your child should also bring a note to confirm dates and reasons for non-attendance as a written record is required under the Education Welfare Act. Slips in the dialann obair bhaile (R1 – R6) can be used or a note may be sent in to the teacher.

Under the terms of the Education Welfare Act the school is required to report all absences exceeding 20 days to the Education Welfare Officer.

Any patterns of absences / unexplained absences / erratic attendance or consistent absence due to holidays in term time will also be reported.

Children should not be removed from school for holidays during term time. This is particularly important at the beginning of the school year. In all instances where parents choose to take a child on holidays during term time the Principal must be consulted.

The NEWB publication ‘Don’t let your child miss out’ is available from TUSLA at the following link: <http://www.newb.ie/publications/parentdocumentation.asp>

Tinneas / Illness

A child who is sick or unwell should never be sent to school. Germs spread easily among children and it is unfair on the sick child, the other children in the class and the class teacher.

A child who has diarrhoea or vomiting should not be sent to school for at least 24 hours after the last bout of illness.

If a child becomes ill at school the parents or guardians will be sent for.

All cases of infectious illness should be reported to the class teacher. This is especially important as a parent in that class or the teacher could be pregnant.

Poncúlacht / Punctuality

It is so important that each child comes to school in time and is seated and ready to begin the day’s work by 09.10. Children miss out on an important part of the day and on schoolwork when they arrive late and it is also very disruptive for the teacher, who has already begun instruction. This is also true of children who regularly leave school early.

In such instances, where children arrive late or leave early, they must be signed in or out (or may do so themselves if they are old enough) in a special book in the secretary’s office. The time that they arrived or left will be recorded on the school’s database and the number of minutes lost due to absence from school will appear on the end of year report.

13. AN CHÉAD FHAOISTIN, AN CHÉAD CHOMAOINEACH & AN CÓINEARTÚ

Is scoil Chaitliceach faoi phátrúnacht Ardeaspag Dheoise Bhaile Átha Cliath í Scoil Neasáin.

An Chéad Fhaoistin & An Chéad Chomaoineach

Réitítear gasúir le haghaidh na Chéad Faoistine agus na Chéad Chomaoineach i Rang a 2. Cuirtear cruinniú ar bun idir tuismitheoirí Rang a Dó agus an fhoireann go luath sa dara téarma leis na socruithe agus na pleananna i gcomhair na n-ócáidí móra seo i saol na ngasúr a phlé.

Tarlaíonn an Chéad Fhaoistin taobh istigh den scoil agus bíonn cuireadh ag tuismitheoirí a bheith i láthair ar an lá.

Glacann na gasúir an Chéad Chomaoineach i Séipéal Bhantiarna na Trócaire, Ard Aidhin. I ndiaidh an Aifrinn, cuireann Cumann na dTuismitheoirí agus tuismitheoirí Rang 3 ócáid shóisialta ar bun i seomra taobh thiar den Eaglais agus bíonn fáilte roimh na páistí agus a gclann go léir teacht. Bíonn grianghrafadóir gairmiúil ar fáil le linn an ama seo dóibh siúd a dteastaíonn portráidí aonair nó clainne uathu.

Cóineartú

Cuirtear cruinniú ar bun idir tuismitheoirí Rang 6 agus an fhoireann go luath sa dara téarma leis na socruithe a bhaineas leis an ócáid seo a phlé.

Mar chuid den réiteach i gcomhair an Chóineartaithe, freastalaíonn idir tuismitheoirí agus ghasúir ar Sheirbhís an Ghealltanais (le linn am scoile 4 – 6 seachtain roimh an gCóineartú féin) agus ar Sheirbhís an tSolais / Aifreann a chuirtear ar bun sa scoil san oíche thart ar sheachtain roimh an gCóineartú.

Is faoi Theach an Ardeaspag é dáta an Chóineartaithe a shocrú dúinn ach de ghnáth déantar an Cóineartú a cheiliúradh i mí Márta nó Aibreáin i Séipéal Bhantiarna na Trócaire, Ard Aidhin.

Más rud é nach mbeidh páiste ag glacadh le Sacraimint iarrtar ar thuismitheoir é sin a chur in iúl don scoil chomh luath agus is féidir.

13. FIRST CONFESSION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

Scoil Neasáin is a Catholic School under the patronage of the Archbishop of the Diocese of Dublin.

First Confession & Holy Communion

Children are prepared for First Confession and First Holy Communion in 2nd Class.

A meeting with parents of 2nd class and staff is held early in the second term to discuss arrangements / plans for these major events in the child's life.

First Confession takes place within the school and parents are invited to attend on the day. The children receive their First Holy Communion in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Artane. On the day of the First Holy Communion, after the church ceremony, the children and their families are invited into the back of the church for tea and refreshments. This is organised by the Parents' Committee and by the parents of the previous year's communion class. A professional photographer is available in the church at this time for those requiring individual / family portraits.

Confirmation

A meeting with parents of 6th class and staff is held early in the second term to discuss arrangements surrounding this event.

Preparation for Confirmation includes the Service of Commitment (held in the school during the day around 4 – 6 weeks before the Confirmation) and also the Service of Light / Mass, which is held in the school at night around a week before Confirmation. Parents attend both of these preparatory events.

The date for the Confirmation is at the discretion of Archbishop's House but as a school our preferred time is March or April. The Confirmation ceremony takes place in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Artane.

If your child will not be participating in the sacraments we ask that you make the school aware of this as soon as possible.

14.GNÍOMHAÍOCHTAÍ EILE SCOILE

Córas Leabharlainne

Tá córas leabharlainne á reáchtáil sa scoil agus bíonn deis ag na páistí dul chuig leabharlann na scoile gach coicís chun leabhair a roghnú agus a mhalartú. Tá coiste leabharlainne (grúpa tuismitheoirí) i mbun chláru na leabhar agus chomhordú na leabhar.

Cór

Bíonn páistí R3 – 6 páirteach sa chóir scoile. Bíonn an cór i láthair ag an sacraimintí agus ag Aifreann le linn na bliana sa scoil. Tógar le chéile d'ócáidí éagsúla iad chomh maith chun meascán mór amhrán a chleachtadh. Bítear ag súil leis go mbeidh gach páiste ar fáil le canadh sa chóir ag lá na Chéad Chomaoineach gach bliain.

Glacann Ranganna 5 & 6 páirt i **gCór na nÓg** gach re bliain. Is deis iontach é seo do na gasúir canadh ag caighdeán an-ard. Is dlúth-chuid de churaclam an cheoil sa scoil é páirt a ghlacadh i gCór na nÓg.

Ceol le Fidelma

Cleachtaíonn ceoltóirí traidisiúnta na scoile le Fidelma Uí Bhriain (iar-thuismitheoir) ag am lóin ar an Aoine i halla na scoile. Bíonn fáilte roimh aon pháiste ó ranganna 3 – 6 a sheinneann uirlis. Cuireann na ceoltóirí seo go mór le hócáidí scoile i gcónaí.

Brat Glas

Ta ceithre bhrat ghlasa faighte ag Scoil Neasáin go dtí seo, mar a bhaineann leis na téamaí bruscar, fuinneamh, uisce agus taisteal. Táimid ag obair faoi láthair ar an téama bith-éagsúlacht cé go mbíonn síor-athdhéanamh ar bun againn ar na téamaí a chuaigh roimhe seo. Tá coiste glas ag feidhmiú sa scoil ar a bhfuil páistí ó ranganna 3 – 6 chomh maith le beirt mhúinteoir. Is féidir aon eolas maidir leis an mbrat glas a fháil ón Múinteoir Máire nó ón Múinteoir Aisling.

Comhar Creidmheasa

Bíonn deis ag gasúir na scoile coigilt leis an gComhar Creidmheasa gach Déardaoin. Reáchtálann tuismitheoirí róta chun an t-airgead a bhailiú. I ranganna 2 – 6 cuirtear fios ar na gasúir an chéad rud ar maidin agus fágann gasúir a bhfuil airgead acu a seomraí chun dul go dtí an leabharlann, áit a mbailítear an t-airgead uathu agus a gcláraítear na sonraí. I gcás ranganna N2 agus R1, téann na tuismitheoirí go dtí na ranganna ar maidin Déardaoin agus bailítear an t-airgead ansin. Ní bhíonn N1 páirteach sa scéim.

Is é Comhar Creidmheasa na Cúlóige agus Ard Aidhin a reáchtálann an scéim agus tugann siad an-tacaíocht don scoil i gcónaí.

Oíche Shamhna

Is nós scoile é gléasadh suas (gasúir agus foireann) ar an Aoine roimh an mbriseadh meán-téarma. Bíonn teacht le chéile sa halla agus déanann gach rang paráid bheag timpeall an halla chun a bhfeistis a thaispeáint don scoil. Bíonn ceolchoirm bheag ar siúl ag tarraingt as tallann na ranganna agus duaiseanna do na feistis is fearr, ag tabhairt aird faoi leith ar chulaith a rinneadh sa bhaile.

Imeachtaí Nollag

Ag teacht chuig an Nollaig gach bliain eagraítear Aifreann na Nollag do ghasúir na scoile sa halla. Réitíonn ranganna drámaí nó déantar léiriú más mian le múinteoir é sin a dhéanamh ach níl aon struchtúr foirmeálta air seo.

Bíonn Rang 6 agus ceoltóirí na scoile ag canadh carúl don Ospís i Ráth Eanaigh ar thráthnóna amháin.

Daidí na Nollag

Eagraíonn Gaeloideas cuairt Dhaidí na Nollag go dtí an scoil ar Dhomhnach amháin roimh an Nollaig. Is ócáid iontach é don chlann ar fad agus bíonn seans ag páistí caint le Daidí na Nollag trí Ghaeilge. Is ócáid shóisialta é do thuismitheoirí agus páistí agus bíonn seans bualadh le tuismitheoirí eile thar chupán tae.

Lá le Pádraig / Seachtain na Gaeilge

Eagraítear seachtain d'imeachtaí thart timpeall ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge agus Lá le Pádraig sa scoil. Tá Aisling Ní Mháirtín freagrach as comhordú a dhéanamh ar an tseachtain seo. Eagraítear

gníomhaíochtaí idir ranganna, obair bhaile thaitneamhach a bhaineann le cúrsaí Gaeilge agus mórshiúl mór glas bunaithe ar théama éigin le linn na seachtaine sin, chomh maith le buaicphointe na seachtaine, ‘An Lúb is Laige’.

Aonach Leabhar

Eagraítear Aonach Leabhar sa scoil gach Earrach agus bíonn deis ag páistí na scoile leabhair i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge a cheannach ag an Aonach. Faigheann an scoil luach 65% de leabhair ar an airgead a chaitear ag an aonach, rud a chuireann go mór leis an stór leabhar sna ranganna agus sa scéim cíosa.

Lá Spóirt

Eagraíonn Gaeloideas Lá Spóirt sa scoil ag tús mhí an Mheithimh gach bliain. Eagraítear sa scoil é agus bíonn gach páiste páirteach. Roinntear gach rang i dtrí fhoireann dhaite agus iarrtar ar na gasúir t-léinte den dath sin a chaitheamh ar an lá. Cuirfear do pháiste ar an eolas maidir leis an bhfoireann roimh an ócáid. Is ócáid álainn shóisialta spráúil a bhíonn i gceist agus bíonn tuismitheoirí de dhíth gach bliain chun cuidiú leis an ócáid.

Turais Scoile

Tá dhá mhórhuras a tharlaíonn i saol na scoile seo. Caitheann Rang 5 coicís in Inis Oírr gach bliain agus téann Rang 6 go Delphi nó go hionad eachtraíochta éigin eile.

Thairis sin, is minic a eagraíonn múinteoirí turas lae go hiarsmalann nó go dráma nó amhareclann. Tógtar costais taistil agus táillí iontrála san áireamh agus turas ar bith á eagrú.

Turas Inis Oírr i Rang 5

Is dlúthchuid de shainsprid na scoile é turas bliantúil Rang 5 ar Inis Oírr, áit a gcaitheann na gasúir dhá sheachtain ar lóistín, ag freastal ar an scoil agus ag maireachtáil mar rang i measc mhuintir an oileáin. Tá ceangal an-láidir cothaithe ag an scoil leis an oileán le blianta fada anuas agus tá an-tairbhe bainte ag glúnta de ghasúir na scoile as an turas. Tugtar deis do ghasúir lonnú i suíomh fíorGhaeilge ina bhfuil an Ghaeilge in úsáid go laethúil mar theanga bheo. Cuireann an turas go mór le fás agus forbairt an pháiste iomláin de réir aidhmeanna na scoile.

Grianghraif

Tagann an grianghrafadóir scoile isteach sa chéad téarma chun grianghraif a ghlacadh de pháistí in N1. Glactar grianghraf go hiondúil uair amháin eile le linn thréimhse an pháiste ar scoil. Bíonn an grianghrafadóir i láthair ag an gCéad Chomaoineach freisin, ar an lá féin agus arís sa tseachtain i ndiaidh na Chéad Chomaoineach. Mar a chéile leis an gCóineartú. Ní mór foirmeacha toilithe a líonadh isteach chun go nglacfar grianghraf páiste agus ní bhíonn aon dualgas ar éinne grianghraf a cheannach.

14. OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Córas Leabharlainne / Library System

The school library is run by a committee and all children get the opportunity to select and borrow books from the library every fortnight. The committee record the borrowings and co-ordinate and manage the books.

Cór /Choir

The children from R3 – R6 take part in the school choir. The choir sings at the sacraments and at the masses organised annually in the school. They come together to practise for different functions and occasions and they have a wide repertoire of songs. It is expected that all children in the choir make themselves available to sing at the First Communion each year.

Rang 5 and Rang 6 take part in Cór na nÓg every other year. This gives the children a wonderful opportunity to sing at a very high standard. Cór na nÓg is an integral part of the music curriculum in the senior classes.

Ceol Fidelma / Music

The traditional musicians within the school practise in the school hall every Friday with Fidelma Uí Bhriain (a past parent). All children who play an instrument from Rang 3 – Rang 6 are welcome to come along, regardless of where they receive tuition. These musicians add greatly to school functions.

Brat Glas / Green Flag

Scoil Neasáin has achieved four Green Schools Flags, having completed the themes of waste, energy, water and travel. We are presently working on the theme of bio-diversity while always revising the previous themes. A Green Schools Committee operate within the school and there are pupils from the senior classes (3-6) along with two teachers on this committee. Further information on the Green Flag can be obtained from Múinteoir Máire or Múinteoir Aisling.

Comhar Creidmheasa / Credit Union

The children have the opportunity to save with the Coolock-Artane Credit Union every Thursday. The parents organise a rota to collect the money. In Ranganna 2 – 6 the children themselves go to the library first thing in the morning where the money is collected and the balances recorded. In the case of N2 and R1 the parents collect the money from them in their classrooms. N1 do not participate in the savings scheme.

Oíche Shamhna / Halloween

Traditionally on the day of the mid-term break, usually a Friday, the children come to school dressed up. There is normally a parade in the hall where each class parades around the hall to show their costumes to the rest of the school. There is a small concert to mark the occasion and prizes are given out for best costumes, with particular attention to home-made costumes.

Christmas

- Coming up to Christmas each year we celebrate a Christmas Mass in the school hall with all the children present.
- We gather non-perishable food for the St Vincent de Paul community and it can be left under the tree in the hall.
- At times, depending on the classes and teachers, certain classes may undertake a drama / presentation. These are usually very informal.
- Rang 6 and the school musicians visit the Hospice in Raheny for an afternoon to sing carols and play some festive tunes.

Santa / Daidí na Nollag

Gaeloideas have connections to the man himself and organise a wonderful event in the school hall where the children can visit Daidí na Nollag in Irish. This is usually arranged for a Sunday morning early in December. It is a lovely social event where parents can meet each other and chat over a cup of tea.

Lá le Pádraig / Seachtain na Gaeilge

Every year the school organises various activities around Seachtain na Gaeilge and St Patrick's day. Múinteoir Aisling is responsible for co-ordinating the week's events. Activities include inter-class treasure hunts and quizzes, interactive homework, a parade, a school céilí, Raidió Scoil Neasáin broadcast by R6 and one of the highlights of the week, 'The weakest link' – 'An Lúb is Laige'.

Aonach Leabhar / Book Fair

A book fair is organised in the school every spring and the children and parents have an opportunity to purchase books in Irish and in English from the fair if they so wish. The school receives books to the value of 65% from the proceeds of the fair and this allows us to replenish the store of library books and book-rental books each year.

Lá Spóirt / Sports Day

Gaeloideas organises a Sports Day every June. It is organised in the school grounds and all children participate. Each class is divided into three coloured teams and these teams compete against each other in various different activities. Each child is requested to wear a t-shirt in their team's colours which the teachers will have informed them of beforehand. This is always a lovely, social morning and volunteers are always needed to help with the smooth running of this event.

Turais Scoile / School Tours

There are two major tours that take place in the life of the school. Rang 5 spend a fortnight in Inis Oírr each May, and Rang 6 go to Delphi Adventure Centre, or an alternative adventure centre, every June.

Teachers often arrange day-trips to museums or to the theatre. The cost of travel and admission is taken into consideration when any trip is being organised.

Often a trip is organised at the end of the school year, depending on the merit of the tour, the behaviour of the class and whether the class have already had a number of trips during that school year.

Inis Oírr Stay in 5th Class

An essential part of the school ethos is 5th class's annual trip to Inis Oírr where the children spend 2 weeks on the island, staying with Bean an Tí, attending the local school and living among the islanders. We have established a very strong connection with Inis Oírr over the years and generations of children from Scoil Neasáin have benefitted greatly from their experience in this trip. The children are given the opportunity to base themselves in an all-Irish living environment, where Irish is the language of communication and in which they get the opportunity to use Irish every day in a living context. This trip has a secondary benefit of promoting the overall development of the students in line with the aims of the school.

Grianghraif / Photographs

The school photographer comes into the school in the first term each year to take a picture of the children in N1. An entire-school shoot may happen periodically. The photographer is also present on the day of the First Communion and during the following week to take individual, family and class photos. The same happens with the Confirmation. It is necessary to fill in permission slips for the photographer to take a photo but there is no obligation on anyone to purchase the photos.

15. GNÍOMHAÍOCHTAÍ IARSCOILE

Ranganna

Is iad Gaeloideas atá freagrach as eagrú na ranganna iarscoile.

Cuirtear réimse éagsúil ranganna ar fáil do ghasúir na scoile agus athraíonn siad seo ó bhliain go bliain, ag brath ar an bpearsanra atá ar fáil le dul i mbun na ranganna.

Tugtar cuireadh do thuismitheoirí páistí a chlárú do na ranganna sin ag tús na dtéarmaí éagsúla.

Seo a leanas ranganna iarscoile atá ar fáil ag brath ar uimhreacha:

- Rince Gaelach
- Fidil
- Feadóg stáin
- Fraincis
- Club Aoine
- Rang Scratch

Foireann Peile / Iománaíochta Scoile

Déantar traenáil ar fhoirne scoile freisin i ndiaidh na scoile agus glacann an fhoireann páirt i gCumann na mBunscol. Braitheann na foirne ar an bpearsanra atá ar fáil le dul ina mbun. Seo do ranganna R4, R5 & R6.

Lúthchleasaíocht

Glacann an scoil páirt i [gComórtas Lúthchleasaíochta na mBunscol](#) gach bliain (ranganna 4-6) agus de ghnáth eagraítear traenáil ar leith i ndiaidh na scoile chun ullmhú dó.

Scoil Uí Chonaill

Is é Scoil Uí Chonaill an club GAA a bhfuil nasc ag Scoil Neasáin leis. Tugtar cuireadh do pháistí Scoil Neasáin go léir bheith mar bhaill de Scoil Uí Chonaill más mian leo. Bíonn traenáil ar siúl do na páistí óga gach maidin Sathairn ó 10-11.45am sa chlub ar Bhóthar Chluain Tarbh. Braitheann amanna thraenáil / chluichí na bpáistí níos sine ar na foirne ina bhfuil siad páirteach.

Ranganna Gaeilge do Dhaoine Fásta

Eagraítear ranganna Gaeilge do dhaoine fásta sa scoil le linn an lae scoile. Ina theannta sin bíonn eolas ar ranganna eile sa cheantar ar crochadh taobh amuigh d'oifig an rúnaí. Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil ó rúnaí na scoile.

Is trí mheán na Gaeilge amháin a ritear imeachtaí iarscoile agus bíonn riail na Gaeilge i bhfeidhm le linn na ranganna i gcónaí.

15. AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Classes

Gaeoideas is responsible for organising the after-school classes.

The after-school activities vary from year to year depending on demand and on the personnel available for tuition. Parents are invited to register their children for the various classes at the beginning of a school term. Places are limited in some of the classes.

The following are the after-school classes on offer depending on numbers

- Irish dancing
- Fiddle
- Tin whistle
- French
- Scratch programming
- Friday club

Football & Hurling/Camogie School Teams

School sports teams train after school and compete in Cumann na mBunscol competitions. This also is dependent on staff/personnel availability to train the teams. This is for 4th-6th classes.

Athletics

The school takes part in [the Primary School Athletics competition](#) each year for 4th-6th classes. There is usually training after school that takes place for a number of weeks in preparation for the competition.

Scoil Uí Chonaill

Scoil Uí Chonaill GAA club has a long association with Scoil Neasáin and all children from Scoil Neasáin are invited to become members of Scoil Uí Chonaill GAA club if they wish. The club nursery runs from 10-11.45 each Saturday morning in the Club grounds on Clontarf Rd. Training/match times for older children depend on age groups.

Ranganna Gaeilge do Dhaoine Fásta / Irish Classes for Adults

Irish classes for parents are organised in school during the school day. There is also additional information available outside the secretary's office regarding other Irish classes in the area. Further information is available from the secretary.

All after-school activities take place through the medium of Irish.

16. CAIDREAMH AGUS CUMARSÁID LE TUISMITHEOIRÍ

Aithníonn múinteoirí Scoil Neasáin gurb é an tuismitheoir príomhoideachasóir an linbh agus go bhfuil an múinteoir ‘in loco parentis’. Dá bharr, is i gcuideachta a chéile a thabharfaidh tuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí faoi oiliúint an pháiste. Tá sé mar sprioc ag an scoil a chur in iúl do thuismitheoirí gur áit oscailte fháilteach í an scoil agus go bhfuil sé rí-thábhachtach go mbeadh cumarsáid iomlán agus comhoibriú idir múinteoirí agus tuismitheoirí.

Bealaí ina ndéantar é seo:

- Cuirtear nótaí abhaile leis an bpáiste is sine go rialta agus baintear úsáid as text-a-parent chun téacsteachtairachtaí a sheoladh abhaile. Tá iarracht á déanamh níos mó cumarsáide a dhéanamh tríd an r-phost feasta.
- **An leabhar nótaí obair bhaile – An dialann scoile (Páistí R1-6 amháin)**
Is féidir le tuismitheoir nó múinteoir an dialann a úsáid le teagmháil a dhéanamh lena chéile. Is bealach neamhfhoirmiúil é seo ach bealach an-éifeachtach mar sin féin.
- **Cruinnithe tuismitheoirí - múinteoirí.**
Eagraítear cruinniú idir tuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí i mí na Samhna gach bliain. Tugtar deis do gach tuismitheoir teacht chun cainte leis an múinteoir ranga d’fhonn dul chun cinn an pháiste a phlé.
- **Tuairiscí scoile**
Cuirtear abhaile tuairisc scoile i mí an Mheithimh roimh dhúnadh na scoile.
Más mian le haon tuismitheoir aon ghné den tuairisc a phlé leis an múinteoir ranga, is féidir coinne a dhéanamh chun sin a shocrú.
Bíonn torthaí na dtrialacha caighdeánaithe (R1 – R6) le feiceáil ar an tuairisc scoile de réir mar atá rianaithe in imlitir 0056/2011. Is eolas é seo do thuismitheoirí agus níor chóir go mbeadh páistí á gcur féin i gcomparáid lena chéile bunaithe ar na torthaí seo. Tá eolas ar na scóranna sTen agus na scóranna caighdeánaithe ar fáil ar shuíomh an CNCM:

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary_School_Curriculum/Assessment/Leaflets_for_parents/

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary_School_Curriculum/Assessment/Report_Card_Templates/Resources_for_schools_and_parents.html
- **Caidreamh neamhfhoirmiúil** idir tuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí ag gach ócáid a chuirtear ar siúl sa scoil.
- Cuirtear fáilte roimh aon tuismitheoir **coinne a dhéanamh le múinteoir** ag am ar bith ach am a shocrú roimh ré.
- Bíonn **Aifreann scoile** ann ag an Nollaig agus ag deireadh na bliana ag a mbíonn cuireadh ag tuismitheoirí.
- **Cruinniú na dtuismitheoirí nua** a bheith ann sa téarma sula dtosnaíonn a bpáistí ar an scoil don chéad uair d’fhonn fealsúnacht, aidhmeanna agus nósmaireachtaí na scoile a mhíniú dóibh. Eagraítear oíche shóisialta ina dhiaidh le gur féidir le tuismitheoirí bualadh le chéile agus aithne a chur ar a chéile.
- Bíonn cruinnithe ann do thuismitheoirí Rang 2 atá ag ullmhú **don Chéad Fhaoistin agus don Chéad Chomaoineach** agus do thuismitheoirí Rang 6 atá ag ullmhú **don Chóineartú**.
- Eagraítear dhá chruinniú faoi **thuras Rang 5 go hInis Oírr** le tuismitheoirí a chur ar an eolas maidir leis an turas.

- Spreagtar tuismitheoirí le teacht chuig **ócáidí spóirt agus sóisialta** a eagraíonn Gaeloideas, Cumann na dTuismitheoirí nó an scoil féin.
- Crochtar nithe a mbeadh spéis acu ann go rialta ar chlár **fógraí na dtuismitheoirí**, taobh amuigh de sheomra na naíonán.
- Seoltar **Nuacht Neasáin**, nuachtlitir dhátheangach na scoile, abhaile tríd an ríomhphost gach téarma chun tuismitheoirí a choinneáil ar an eolas i dtaobh imeachtaí éagsúla agus nithe a bhaineann leis an scoil. Is féidir teacht ar shean-nuachtlitreacha ar shuíomh idirlín na scoile.
- Tá tuismitheoirí **páirteach i reáchtáil na scéime coigiltis, na leabharlainne, na scéime cíosa, dhualgais an chlóis agus gníomhaíochtaí eile**. Fáiltítear roimh thuismitheoirí nua gach bliain.

Suíomh gréasáin

- Tá suíomh gréasáin ag an scoil: www.scoilneasain.ie.
- Tá sé i gceist forbairt níos mó a dhéanamh ar an suíomh seo amach anseo.
- Tá blag ag gach rang agus cuirtear grianghraif agus eolas in airde ar an mblag ó am go ham. Úsáidtear an blag nuair a bhíonn Rang 5 ar an turas bliantúil go hInis Oírr chomh maith.
- Tá cuntas Twitter ag an scoil @scoilneasain, chomh maith le cuntas straois-leabhar.

16. COMMUNICATION & C-OPERATION WITH PARENTS

Scoil Neasáin recognises that the parent is the principal educator of their child and that teachers serve 'in loco parentis' when the children are in their care at school. Therefore the education of the child is a co-operative one between parent and teacher. Scoil Neasáin aims to communicate to parents that the school is an open, welcoming place and that open communication and co-operation between parents and teachers is imperative at all times.

This is achieved in the following ways:

- Notes are usually sent home with the eldest child in the family. Messages are communicated by text-a-parent on occasion and the school is moving to use e-mail more effectively as a means of communication.
- The Homework Notebook / School Diary (Ranganna 1-6 only). Parents and teachers can use this book to contact each other. It is an informal way but can be used to great effect.
- Parent / Teacher meetings are organised in November each year. Every parent is given the opportunity to meet with the class teachers, and support teachers if applicable, to discuss their children's progress.
- **Child School Reports**
All classes from Junior Infants to Rang 6 receive School Reports. The reports are sent home in June, before the school closes for summer holidays. An appointment may be made with the class teacher if any parent wishes to discuss any part of the report. The results of the Standardised Tests are included in these reports (Rang 1 - Rang 6) in accordance with circular 0056/2011. This information is for parents' eyes only, and should not result in children comparing themselves to others in their class based on these scores

Website:

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary_School_Curriculum/Assessment/Leaflets_for_parents/

Information regarding the School Report is also available on the CNCM Website:
http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary_School_Curriculum/Assessment/Report_Card_Templates/Resources_for_schools_and_parents.html

- Informal contact between teachers and parents occurs at all school functions.
- Parents are invited to make an appointment to see a class teacher if they need to discuss any issue.
- Parents are welcome to attend any Mass in the school at Christmas and at the end of the year.
- An information meeting for the parents of the new Junior Infants is organised in May / June to communicate and explain the vision / philosophy, aims and practices within the school. A social event follows the meeting where parents can meet with each other.
- Meetings are arranged for the parents of children in Ranganna 2 and 6 in preparation for their Sacraments each year.
- Two different meetings are arranged for the parents of Rang 5 to inform them of the trip to Inis Oírr.
- Parents are encouraged to attend events and functions organised in the school, sports and social events organised by Gaeloideas, the Parents' Association or the school itself. They are encouraged to support fundraising events that may be organised from time to time.

- Notices of interest to parents are often hung in the area outside the Junior end of the school N1, N2 and R1.
- *Nuacht Neasáin*, a school newsletter, is sent home via e-mail and posted online each term.
- Parents are involved in organising morning activities, the schoolbook rental scheme, the library, the credit union and the school garden. New parents are always welcome to help with any of the above.

Suíomh gréasáin / Website

- The school website can be accessed at www.scoilneasain.ie
- We intend to develop the website to provide more information for parents in the future.
- Each class has a class blog and information and photographs are uploaded from time to time. The blog is used very effectively during Rang 5's trip to Inis Oírr every year.
- The school has a twitter account @scoilneasain and also a facebook account although facebook cannot be accessed through the school and so messages are not posted on the facebook site regularly.

17. EOLAS EILE FAOIN SCOIL

Obair an Rúnaí

- Bíonn an rúnaí scoile ar scoil ó 09.30 – 14.00 gach lá sa tseachtain.
- Glacann sí treoir oibre ón bPríomhoide agus tugann sí tús áite d'obair scoile / riaracháin.
- Nuair atá airgead á thabhairt isteach chun na hoifige ba chóir go mbeadh sé i gclúdach litreach le hainm an pháiste / na clainne go soiléir air agus cúis leis an airgead iniata.
- Tabhair faoi deara nach féidir brath ar an bhfón scoile ó thaobh teachtaireachtaí de agus nár chóir teachtaireacht an-tábhachtach do pháiste a fhágáil ar fhón na scoile mar go bhfuil seans nach gcloisfear in am í.
- Cé go n-aithnímid go dtarlaíonn eisceachtaí ó am go ham ní gnó don rúnaí é bheith ag tabhairt teachtaireachtaí rialta do pháistí maidir le busanna / feighlithe / bailiú ón scoil srl.

Airgead

Is féidir cuntais airgid leis an scoil a íoc ar chúpla bealach. Tríd an gcóras EPP ar líne an rogha is fearr don scoil mar go ngearrann sé síos ar an airgead a bhíonn á láimhseáil san oifig. Tabhair faoi deara go bhfuil nasc ag an scoil agus nasc go Gaeloideas. Braitheann sé ar an gcineál táille atá le baint ach beidh sé le feiceáil faoin nasc oiriúnach i gcónaí.

Nuair a dhéanann clann clárú don chéad uair le EPP lorgaítear sonraí ar leith agus tá sé tábhachtach ainmneacha na bpáistí a lua leis an gcuntas.

Is féidir focaíochtaí a chur tríd an oifig i gclúdaigh litreach marcáilte go soiléir le hainm an pháiste agus sonraí an táille atá le n-íoc. Táimid ag súil le deireadh a chur le láimhseáil airgid sa scoil sa toadhchaf.

Síntiús Deonach

Iarrann Gaeloideas ar gach teaghlach síntiús deonach a íoc chun cabhrú le gnáthriarachán na scoile. Murab ionann is na gnáthscoileanna paróiste, ní fhaigheann Scoil Neasáin an ghnáthíocaíocht a chuireann an paróiste ar fáil dá chuid scoileanna féin. Faoi láthair, is é €100 don bhliain a iarrtar nó €270 do thrí bliana. Cuireann Gaeloideas nóta amach faoi seo sa tríú téarma gach bliain.

Lá Spóirt do Chách

Ó am go ham eagraítear Lá Spóirt do Chách (go hiondúil sa chéad téarma) chun airgead a bhailiú don scoil. Thar na blianta tá fearas ríomhaireachta / fearas spóirt / fearas tógála do na naíonáin / iPadanna srl ceannaithe leis an airgead a bailíodh.

'Séard atá i gceist ná go ndéanann na gasúir spóirt ar scoil ar feadh an lae (Aoine go hiondúil) agus go mbíonn cárta urraíochta acu le hurraíocht a fháil ar an lá. Bímid an-bhuíoch as gach tacaíocht a fhaightear ar an lá seo agus bronntar duaiseanna aonair agus duaiseanna ranga bunaithe ar na hiarrachtaí a dhéantar. Cárta amháin in aghaidh na clainne a thugtar amach.

Seirbhísí Sláinte

- Cuirtear seirbhísí sláinte ar fáil tríd an scoil. Déantar tástáil ar shúile agus ar chluasa Ranganna N2, R1 agus R6 chuile bhliain.
- Déanann an fioclóir tástáil ar R2, R4 agus R6 ag brath ar mhaoiniú a bheith ar fáil chuige.
- Tugtar instealladh do Ranganna N1 (MMR) chuile bhliain.
- Bíonn altraí agus dochtúir / fioclóir sa scoil ar na laethanta seo agus ní bhíonn mórán cur isteach ar ranganna.
- Dáiltear foirmeacha toilithe ar an rang roimh ré agus iarrtar ar an múinteoir iad a choimeád nó go mbailíonn altra iad.
- Tá an scoil sásta ainmneacha agus seolta agus uimhreacha baile na ngasúr a chur ar fáil don Bhord Sláinte áitiúil ach ní hé cúram na scoile seo é na hainmneacha seo a aistriú go Béarla.

Cuirí Breithlae

Ar mhaithe le sonas gach páiste sa scoil, ní cheadófar cuirí a dháileadh taobh istigh de limistéar na scoile ach sa gcás go bhfuil gach páiste sa rang ag fáil cuireadh. Gabhaimid buíochas le tuistí as comhoibriú linn sa mhéid seo. Tá uimhreacha teagmhála tuistí an ranga ar fáil ó rúnaí na scoile.

Naíonra

Tá Naíonra Neasáin suite san fhoirgneamh agus is í Máire Uí Mhurchú an stiúrthóir atá i bhfeighil air.

Feidhmíonn an Naíonra beag beann ar an scoil. Ritear dhá sheisiún sa naíonra ó Luan go hAoine, 08.45-11.45 agus 11.45-14.45. Ba chóir fiosrúcháin maidir leis an naíonra a dhéanamh leis an stiúrthóir.

17. OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Obair an Rúnaí / Secretary

- The school secretary works between 09.30 and 14.00 every day of the week
- Any money being handed in to the secretary should be in an envelope with the child's name marked clearly on it and the reason for the payment.
- Please note that the school answering service is not immediately checked, so important messages for children should not be left on it as there is a chance that they will not be heard in time.
- [Although it may happen from time to time in exceptional circumstances, it is not the function of the school secretary to deliver messages regularly to children about minders / buses / collection etc.](#)

Airgead / Money

Money owing to the school can be paid in a number of ways. The preferred method of payment is through the online payments system on the school website as this reduces greatly the cash being transported by children and handled by the school. Please note that there are two separate EPP buttons on the website, one for the school and one for Gaeloideas. The type of fee to be paid depends on who is collecting the fee but the fee will only appear on the relevant link.

When registering initially for the EPP system it is important to name all the children in the family on the account.

Money can also be paid directly to the office. It should be sent in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name, class and the fee being paid. We are hoping to move to a completely cashless system in the future.

Voluntary subscription

Gaeloideas ask each family to pay a voluntary subscription to help with the day-to-day running of the school. Unlike parish schools, Scoil Neasáin does not get payments from the parish. At the moment the voluntary subscription is €100 per annum or €270 for three years. Gaeloideas usually write out to families in the third school term about this.

Lá Spóirt do Chách / Sport for All day

From time to time the school organises a 'Sport for All' day (usually in the first term) as a fundraiser for the school. Over the years the income from this sponsored event has been put towards upgrading the computers / sports equipment / outdoor play equipment / infant materials / iPads etc.

The children spend the day doing various different sports and can fill a sponsorship card to sponsor their efforts. We appreciate all support that we get for this day and individual as well as class prizes are awarded for outstanding effort. Only one card per family is issued.

Seirbhísí Sláinte / Health Services

- Certain health services are available through the school. Eyes/ears are tested in N2, R1 and R6 each year
- The dentist will send appointments to R2, R4 and R6 each year depending on the funding that is available.
- N1 receive their MMR booster.
- The doctors / nurses / dentists when in the school interfere very little with the day-to-day classes.
- Forms will be made available to parents in Irish and in English.
- The school is happy to provide the names and addresses of children to the HSE but it is not the business or function of the school to provide translations for these.

Cuirí Breithlae / Birthday Invitations

Birthday party invitations cannot be distributed within the school except where all children in the class are receiving an invite. We thank all parents for co-operating with this request. Phone numbers are available from the secretary's office.

Naíonra

- Naíonra Neasáin is situated in the building and Máire Uí Mhurchú is the current director.
- The Naíonra is entirely independent of the school.

- There are currently two sessions being run in the Naíonra, Mon – Fri 08.45-11.45 and 11.45 – 14.45.
- All enquiries in relation to the Naíonra should be made to the director.

18. AISTRIÚ GO MEÁNSCOIL

- Tá an scoil suite i nDéanacht Bhinn Éadair. Clúdaíonn an Déanacht scoileanna i Rath Eanaigh, Ard Aidhin, Cill Easra, Cill Fhionntáin amach chomh fada le Port Mearnóg. Tá córas ar leith ag an gcoiste oideachais sa déanacht maidir le haistriú páistí bunscoile taobh istigh den déanacht go meánscoileanna taobh istigh den déanacht. Os rud e go bhfuil Scoil Neasáin suite sa Déanacht ní mór do pháistí rang 6 foirm na déanachta a líonadh amach más mian leo freastal ar cheann ar bith de na scoileanna taobh istigh den Déanacht. Ní cheadaítear iarratas a dhéanamh ach ar scoil amháin agus eagraítear na scrúduithe iontrála do na scoileanna ar fad sa déanacht ar an lá céanna.
- Dáiltear foirmeacha ar ghasúir rang 6 i dtreo dheireadh mhí Mheán Fómhair agus spriocdháta orthu faoinar gá iad a thabhairt ar ais dúinne anseo i Scoil Neasáin. Tá na meánscoileanna taobh istigh den déanacht luaite ar an bhfoirm (Gaelcholáiste Reachrann, St Paul's Raheny, St Fintan's HS Sutton, Manor House, Santa Sabina Sutton agus go leor eile) agus déanann tuismitheoirí scoil amháin a roghnú agus a líonadh isteach ar an bhfoirm. Sa chás nach mbeidh páiste ag aistriú go scoil sa déanacht is gá an fhoirm a chur ar ais lom. Is gá don scoil na foirmeacha uilig (líon iomlán na ndaltaí i Rang 6) a chur ar ais chuig rúnaí na déanachta.
- Is féidir le tuistí teagmháil díreach a dhéanamh le scoileanna taobh amuigh den Déanacht e.g. Scoil Chaitríona, Coláiste Mhuire, Coláiste Íosagáin, Coláiste Eoin, Holy Faith Clontarf, Ardscoil Rís, Belvedere, Mount Temple, agus an polasaí iontrála atá ag na scoileanna sin a leanúint.
- Tá Scoil Neasáin ainmnithe mar scoil fhriotálach do Ghaelcholáiste Reachrann. Tá nótaí ar chruinniú a bhí ag príomhoide na scoile, Máire Ní Ghealbháin le tuistí Rang 6 2014 ar fáil anseo.
- Is cuid de pholasaí Scoil Neasáin é nach n-ullmhaítear gasúir Rang 6 go speisialta do na scrúduithe seo. Is curaclam bliana atá i gcuraclam Rang 6 agus níor chóir go mbeadh brú breise ar ghasúir é a chríochnú taobh istigh de chúpla mí.
- Reáchtáiltear oícheanta oscailte sna meánscoileanna ag tréimhsí éagsúla sa bhliain, rud a thugann deis do thuismitheoirí / ghasúir cuairt a thabhairt ar na scoileanna sula ndéanann siad rogha ar bith.
- Cé nach féidir le múinteoirí na scoile meánscoil amháin thar a chéile a mholadh do thuismitheoirí, bíonn an Príomhoide ar fáil chun ceist meánscolaíochta go ginearálta a phlé más mian le tuismitheoirí.

Aistriú Eolais

Cuirtear tuairisc Rang 6 ar aghaidh chuig an meánscoil ar a mbeidh an páiste ag freastal. Ní chuirtear aon tuairisc ar aghaidh go dtí go mbíonn an scoil cinnte go bhfuil an páiste tar éis freastal ar an scoil. Cuirtear ar aghaidh aon tuairiscí proifisiúnta atá ag an scoil chomh maith leis na tuairiscí, de réir imlitir 0045/2014.

I gcás páistí a bhíonn ag freastal ar obair fheabhais, líonann na múinteoirí sin foirm ar leith isteach chun eolas a aistriú go dtí an mheánscoil nó i gcás aistriú go bunscoil eile.

18. TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Scoil Neasáin is situated in the Howth Deanery. This area covers schools in Killester/Artane/Raheny/Bayside/Kilbarrack/Howth and even out to Portmarnock. As Scoil Neasáin is in the Deanery, Scoil Neasáin pupils can only apply to secondary schools in the Deanery area using a common application process called the Deanery Form. The Deanery forms are handed out to 6th class in the latter half of September, with a week to return the form back to the school. This form lists all the secondary schools in the Deanery, which includes Gaelcholáistí Reachrann, St Paul's Raheny, St David's, St Fintan's HS Sutton, Manor House, Santa Sabina Sutton, and many more. You choose one of these on the form. Where children are not making an application to a Deanery school, the blank form must be returned. All forms, blank and completed, totalling the number of children in 6th class must be returned by the school to the secretary of the Deanery by a specified date in early October.
- Parents can contact schools outside the Deanery, e.g. Holy Faith Clontarf, Ardscoil Rís, Belvedere, Mount Temple, etc. independently of the Deanery application form and follow their enrolment policy.
- Open evenings are organised in the different secondary schools at different times throughout the year and these give parents and pupils an opportunity to visit the schools before they make their selection.
- Scoil Neasáin is a feeder school for Gaelcholáiste Reachrann. See attached link for notes from meeting that Coiste a Tuismitheoirí had with Máire Ní Ghealbháin, Principal Gaelcholáiste Reachrannin Sept 2014
- The entrance assessments for all schools within the deanery are carried out on the same agreed morning. It is part of the school policy in Scoil Neasáin that children are not specifically prepared / coached for the entrance tests. The 6th class curriculum is a year-long course and should not be skewed or altered, nor the children put under undue pressure, in order to sit these tests.
- Although teachers in the school cannot recommend one school above another, the principal is available to discuss the question of transfer should parents wish to make an appointment.

Aistriú Eolais / Transferring Information to Secondary School

- Report cards from 6th class are sent on to the secondary school in which a child enrolls. No reports will be forwarded until Scoil Neasáin receives confirmation that a child has enrolled in a particular secondary school / other primary school. All reports pertaining to the child will be forwarded as per circular 0045/2014
- In the case of children who may have been attending supplementary / resource teaching, a specific transfer of information form is filled in.