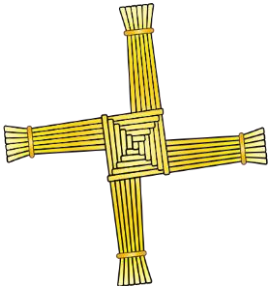


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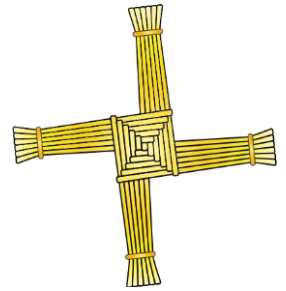
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Lá Fhéile Bríde

St Brigid's Day

01/02/2022



28ú Eanáir 2022 - 28th January 2022

Nóta na hAoine - Friday Note



Reminder

As it is almost the end of January, can everyone please check their ParentPay accounts and clubs bills and pay by Monday 31st January 2022.



We cannot stress enough the importance of reading with your child. There are so many benefits from just taking 10 or 15 minutes out of a busy day, turn off devices and read with your child(ren). Whether it's a newspaper or magazine article, a homework reading book or a novel regardless of language. Reading together daily can strengthen bonds and is a free gift to your child(ren) with lifetime benefits. It opens a world of imagination, knowledge, develops language and concentration skills and instils self-confidence. Over the next couple of months, we would ask that you all make an added effort to read with your child(ren). Also, could you please take a couple of minutes over the next few days to check your homes and cars for reading books belonging to school. Some books have gone home from school and haven't yet been returned. These books are required for other pupils and as you will appreciate, they are a big expense, so we would appreciate your help with this.



Children are more prepared for learning when they enter school



Increased parent and child bonding and attachment



Positive effect on the child's language and brain development



Children learn to associate books and reading with fun family time

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Éide Scoile - School Uniforms

Please ensure that your child comes to school in **full school uniform** daily except for days when they will partake in PE lessons. A break down of PE days for each class has been provided below for your convenience:

Rang 1: An Luan & An Chéadaoin

Rang 2/3: An Luan & An Chéadaoin

Rang 4/5: An Luan, An Chéadaoin & An Déardaoin

Rang 6/7: An Mháirt & An Chéadaoin

Our school uniform includes grey trousers/ skirt/ pinafore, a white polo shirt, our green school jumper and black shoes. On PE days, the grey trousers/ skirt/ pinafore can be replaced with plain black/ navy/ dark grey track bottoms/ leggings. **Colourful bottoms are not part of our school uniform.**

Thank you for your cooperation on this.



We take part in Operation Encompass

**Operation
Encompass**

Supporting children affected by domestic abuse

"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."

Operation Encompass

Please take the time to carefully read the letter attached regarding a pilot Child Protection and Safeguarding scheme our school is taking part in called Operation Encompass. If you have any questions about this scheme, please speak to a member of our Child Protection and Safeguarding team (Emma Louise Magee- Designated Teacher for Child Protection, Niamh Donaghy- Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection, Mícheál Brady- Principal/ SENCo).

An Chéad Fhaoistín/ First Confessions

As a result of COVID-19 lockdowns last year, First Confession for the then Rang 3 was postponed so this year, both Rang 3 and Rang 4 will complete their Céad Fhaoistín on **Wednesday, 23rd March, 2022 in St. Colman's Church, Massforth at 1pm**. Those children taking part are to be collected from school by their parents by 12:00pm on the day and will be met in the Church by their teachers.

Please inform your child's teacher whether or not you wish them to take part in An Chéad Fhaoistín by sending a message on Seesaw.



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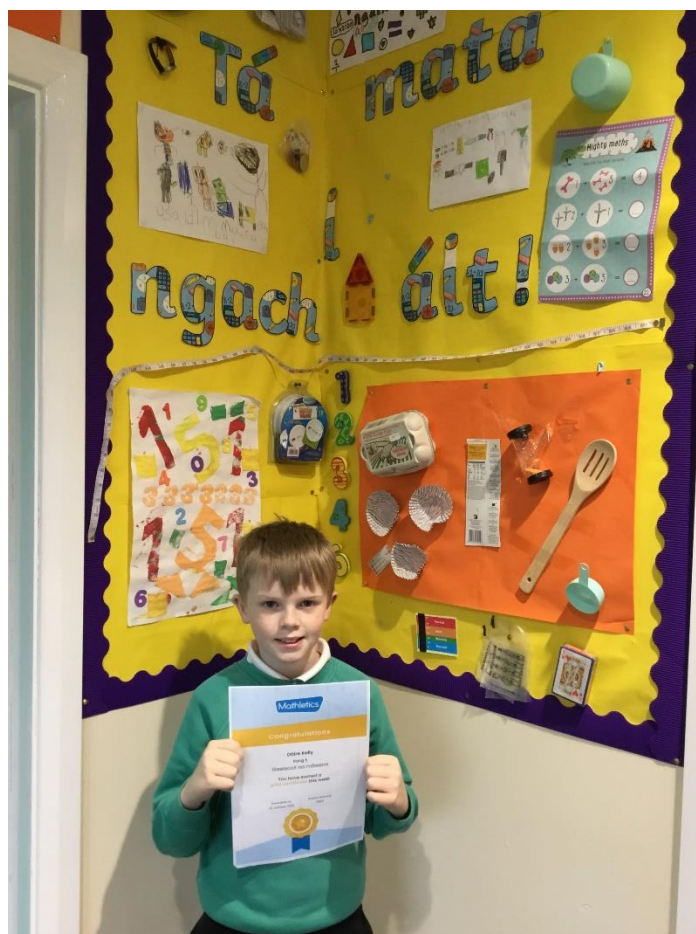
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MATHLETICS

Well done to all our hard working pupils who are taking part in Mathletics and earning lots of certificates. A massive *COMHGHAIRDEAS* - CONGRATULATIONS to Daíre Kelly in Rang 5 who has achieved the highest award of a Gold Certificate this month. Maith thú Daíre! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK EVERYONE!



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P7 Admissions Process



The Admissions portal for transferring from Rang 7 to Post-Primary School will open on Tuesday 1st February and will remain open to applications until 23rd February. Applications should be made online on www.eani.org.uk For more information, including guidance videos, visit:

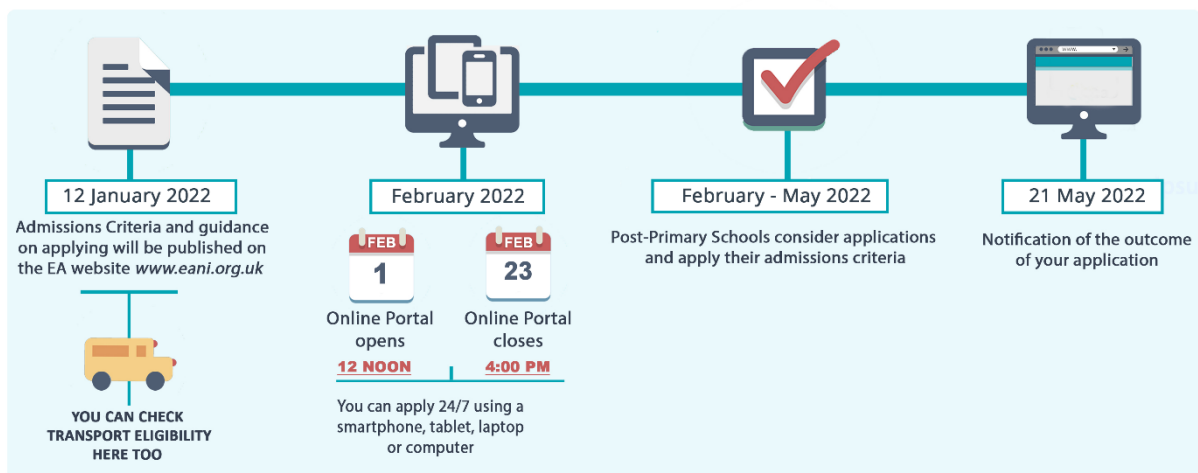
<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/admissions-videos-and-guidance>

Local Post-Primary schools are running virtual open days this year and information about each school can be found on their website. You should also read each school's Admissions criteria on the EA website to ensure your child meets the terms for acceptance.



KEY DATES FOR PARENTS : APPLYING FOR A POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

THE USUAL AGE GROUP OF PUPILS WHO TRANSFER TO POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF 11 YEARS BY 1 JULY 2022 , I.E. PUPILS WITH DATES OF BIRTH FROM 2 JULY 2010 TO 1 JULY 2011 , INCLUSIVE.



St Malachy's High School Castlewellan

<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=PoXvtrcTYY7>

St Malachy's Prospectus:

<http://nett.tl/1eee230>

Please see the link above to St Malachy's High School's virtual tour and prospectus. You may even see a few familiar faces on it.

Báin sult as deireadh na seachtaine! – have a good weekend!

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