

Contact details:

Parents are welcome to contact Seána, School Principal via Gaelscoil of-
fice (028) 796 28445 or via email skelly745@c2kni.net. **Please make an
appointment to speak to Seana.**

You can also talk to any of the class teachers:

The **Child Protection Officer is Shauna Kelly** and the **Deputy
Designated Child Protection Officers are Colleen Gillespie
& Alice McCormick.**

School Policies can be viewed on our School Website.

Thank you very much for your continued help and support.

Is mise le meas,

Seána Uí Cheallaigh

Principal of Gaelscoil na Speiríní

Attendance

**There is a large number of children arriving at school after the 9.10am
start time. Please ensure your child is in school for 9.10am.** Our Attendance
is closely monitored. If your child's attendance falls below 85% you will re-
ceive a letter from the school. Please do not book holidays during school term.
If your child is absent from school please phone the school on the morning of
their absence on **79628445**.

Health Eating

As a health promoting and 'nut-free' school it is important that all families
adhere to the guidelines of healthy snacks and healthy lunches. No fizzy drinks,
chocolate biscuits, nut based products or traces of nuts on packaging, no sweets
containing artificial colourings. Pupils are permitted one small treat each Friday
at lunchtime, eg; crisps/custard cream, rich tea or digestive biscuits.

We have a number of children with very serious allergies.



Gaelscoil na Speiríní

Our School /Mission Statement

"School Vision / Fís na scoile"

Tá sé d'aidhm ag Gaelscoil na Speiríní torthaí oideachais den chéad
scóth a sholáthar trí mheán na Gaeilge do gach dalta, trí eispéaras
saibhraithe an tumoideachais. Trí cultúir agus meoin atá dúshlanach
agus tacúil, beidh ár ndaltaí; féinhuiníneach, cruthaitheach, líofa,
dea-labhartha, dátheangach agus liteartha sa dá theanga.



Gaelscoil na Speiríní aims to provide the highest quality
educational outcomes for its pupils through the enriching
experience of immersion in the Irish Language. Through a
culture and ethos of challenge and support, our pupils will
leave school as confident, creative, articulate bilingual
children.

First Holy Communion

A big thank you to all the parents and staff who helped out at our celebration of First Holy Communion last Saturday. Thank you to the Rang 3 parents who gave up their time, who made sandwiches, donated buns, biscuits and other refreshments, it really was very much appreciated.

The Corpus Christi Celebration for Rang 4 pupils will take place on Saturday 1st June at 6.00pm in the Holy Rosary Chapel. There will be a Eucharistic Procession around the roundabout in the middle of the town (children wear First Communion Clothes).

Balmoral Show

Rang 6 & 7 pupils were successful in winning the LMC (Livestock & Meat Commission) Balmoral Show Competition! The children had to submit a 30 second video explaining why they should win this great prize. The prize includes free transport to and from the show on **Thursday 16th May**, free admission, and an educational guided tour learning more about where our food comes from. The tour should last approximately one hour, visiting the shows main areas and attractions such as the sheep pavilion, cattle rings, healthy horticulture area and food pavilion. The tour will end at the LMC stand where the class will learn more about the farm to fork journey of Northern Ireland Farm Quality Assured beef and lamb and receive a copy of our newest primary school recipe book and goodie bags!

1K A Day in May

Sponsor sheets have been sent home with your child to walk 1k a day in May and raise some vital funds for our Naiscoil. Please encourage your child to take part with you and other family members! You can use one sponsorship form per family if preferred.

Rang 7 Leavers Mass

If you have a Cup at home from the Rang 7 Leavers Mass last year, can you please return it to the school as soon as possible so that we can prepare for this years Mass. Make sure you have your child's name engraved on the Cup before returning, thank you.

The school will be closed this Monday 6th May for the Bank Holiday

Important Dates:

- Thursday 16th May - Trip to Balmoral Show - Rang 6&7
- Friday 17th May - Camogie Ballinascreen Club
- Tuesday 21st May - Boys Football Ballinderry
- Wed 22nd May - Carnabhal na nGaelscoileanna Belfast Rang 4-7
- **Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th May - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Sat 1st June - Corpus Christi Mass - Holy Rosary 6.00pm Rang 4
- Tuesday 4th June - Girls Football, Glen
- Thursday 6th June - Fan the Flame Mass, Derry Rang 7
- Thursday 6th June - Gaelcholaiste Doire trip for Rang 5
- Friday 7th June - Pronsias Brolly Memorial Football Dungiven Rang 6/7 Boys & Girls
- Monday 10th June - Sports Day for Whole School
- Thursday 13th June - Rang 1,2,3 - School Trip to Cookstown Leisure Centre & Teddy Bears Picnic at Drum Manor Forest (more info to follow)
- Tuesday 17th June - Castle Cup Hurling/Camogie
- Wednesday 19th June 11am - Individual Pupil & Family Photos
- Thursday 20th June - Castle Cup Boys Gaelic Football
- Friday 21st June 1.30pm - Rang 7 Leavers Mass in Straw Chapel

Feis Charn Tóchair - Saturday 4th May

Please check your emails for the designated time for your child taking part in the Feis tomorrow. **Please note Rang 1/2 Conversation times have been changed to 2.45pm, some Rang 2/3 are now 3.00pm, please keep an eye on your emails.** Good luck to everyone!

