Contact details:

Parents are welcome to contact Seána, School Principal via Gaelscoil office (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 Officer is Colleen Gillespie.**

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

24th Samhain 2023

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, liofa, 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.

Ballinascreen Christmas Lights Switch On

Christmas Lights Switch on in Ballinascreen tonight Friday 24th November 6.00pm - 9.00pm with a full programme of activities and entertainment for all!

Gaelchólaiste Dhoire are holding an information evening on Monday 27th November at 7.00pm in the Gaelscoil. R6&7 pupils and parents are welcome.

St. Vincent De Paul

We have been asked to contibute towards SVDP this year, in order for them to make up hampers to distribute to local families who are in need of essential food items for Christmas. We have asked all our children to bring in one item each, this letter was sent home last week. If you could please send your item into school before next Friday 1st December it will be very much appreciated.

Live Crib

We have been invited by Fr. Madden to participate in the Live Crib. This will take place on Saturday 30th December. More details to follow!

Ballinascreen Credit Union Savings Club

Please send in your child's savings every Tuesday to school.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child attends school everyday and they do not miss school unnecessarily. Our Attendance is closely monitored. If your child's attendance falls below 85% you will receive 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.

Good luck to all pupils sitting the Transfer Test tomorrow!

Industrial Action Wednesday 29th November 9.00am—12.00 noon

Due to Industrial Action on Wednesday 29th November:

- School will open **at 12.00noon.**
- There will be no swimming for Rang 6&7 pupils.
- School dinners will be provided as normal - if your child requires dinner can you please let us know on Monday/Tuesday

Upcoming Events

Aonach na Nollag (Christmas Craft Fair)
Sunday 26th November 5.00pm - 8.00pm. A range of lovely gifts will be available to buy from local crafters, GAA kits, Books, Christmas Decorations, perfume & beauty products, along with sweet treats, Christmas puddings/cakes & mince pies.
We will also have soup, sandwiches, traybakes and tea/coffee/hot chocolate available. Santa will be in his grotto with a present for all children. This is a very important fundraiser for our school and your support would be greatly appreciated.
Can all Rang 4 - 7 pupils be at school for 5.30pm - 6.00pm on Sunday dressed in Christmas Jumpers/hats for singing and playing music.

Oíche Sheascair **(**Movie Night in school)
Friday 1st December 6.00pm - 8.00pm
All pupils are very welcome to come along, treats will be provided for all!

Drama na Nollag (Christmas Drama in Ballinascreen GAA Club)
Tuesday 12th December 7.00pm
An list of fantastic prizes have been donated from local businesses and from some of our parents. We have sent home **6 strips of tickets along with the prize list,** attached to your news sheet today for each family to sell, **£1/strip or £5 for 6 strips. Tickets are available from School Office and will also be on sale at the Craft Fair on Sunday.**

****We are extremely thankful for all your support****

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 13th December

Dinner will cost £2.60 and will include an ice lolly & a Christmas Cookie. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school and will go home at 1.00pm.