

**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 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



# 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, dátéangach 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.

**Trip To Gruffalo Workshop**

Our Rang 1,2 & 3 pupils will be going to the Gruffalo Trail at Parkanaur Forest Dungannon on **Wednesday 7th February**. As a result of the fundraising before Christmas and our newly formed PTA, the school is able to subsidise the cost of this and we are asking parents to pay £10 towards travel costs. A letter will be sent home with more details.

**St. Brigid's Day Thursday 1st February**

We are inviting all Grandparents into school next Thursday morning at 9.30am to help the children make St. Brigid's Crosses in their classrooms, followed by tea in the hall at 10.30am. We hope some of the Grandparents can come to help!

**Half Zip**

We are placing an order for new Half Zip tops, we will send an order form home with your child next week with all details.

**Post Primary** applications for current Rang 7 pupils will open on **Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 12noon**. Please see '*Applying for a Post Primary Year 8 Place*' on the Education Authority website.

**Curriculum Workshops**

Thank you to the parents who attended the Workshop on Monday. We will send home the resources from the workshop with the children.

**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 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.**

**Ballinascreen Credit Union Savings Club**

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

**Good luck to all pupils receiving Transfer Test results this Saturday.**

**Credit Union Quiz**

The Credit Union Quiz will take place in St. Colm's High School tonight **Friday 26th January 2024 at 8.00pm. Children should be dressed in school uniform and in their seats for 7.40pm sharp.**

Refreshments will be provided for all children, please do not send sweets/drinks etc. as they will not be allowed.

**Ballinascreen Traditional Music Group**

Traditional Singing Class begins **this Saturday 27th Jan from 10am-10.45am** in the Workspace Hub beside the Library. £3 per class.

**Sport**

- 5 A Side Indoor Hurling & Girls Football has been rescheduled to take place on **Tuesday 30th January** in Meadowbank Magherafelt.
- Well done to our R6&7 girls who completed the Camogie Skills Test this week!
- Sport with Jamie is now taking place **every Monday** instead of Friday for this term. Please ensure children wear sports clothes on Mondays, school uniform on Fridays.

**Ballinascreen GAC Football & Hurling**

- **Wolfpack Cubs (Rang 2&3 Boys)** - Beginning on Tuesday 30th Jan 7pm-8pm in the Backrow Hall.
- **Wolfpack Pups (Nursery & P1 Boys)** - Beginning Saturday 3rd Feb in the Backrow Hall 9.10am-10.00am.

**Rang 4 First Confession**

Fr. McGirr will hear First Confessions for Rang 4 pupils in school on **29th February at 1.30pm.**

**Glór na Speiríní Saturday Club**

Beginning in the Backrow Hall this Saturday 27th Jan 10am-11am for Naíscoil, Rang 1,2 & 3 pupils. £10 per child for the 4 weeks to include Sat 10th Feb, 24th Feb & 9th March. Please register before Saturday 27th, email [conchurglor@gmail.com](mailto:conchurglor@gmail.com).

**\*\*\*\*Club Oige - Change of Day\*\*\*\***

**Rang 1&2 - Fridays 2.00pm -3.00pm**

**Reminder:**

**Mid Term Break School Closed Mon 12th - Fri 16th February**

