

### 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



9ú Feabhra 2024

# 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.

**Trip To Gruffalo Trail**

Our Rang 1,2 & 3 pupils had a lovely day out at Parkanaur Forest looking for the Gruffalo! It was a fabulous experience!

**Being Well Doing Well**

A letter has been sent home with your child regarding the 'Being Well Doing Well' Project. Can you please scan the QR code on the letter and complete the survey **before Monday 19th February**. This will greatly benefit the overall wellbeing of our pupils and staff.

**Half Zip Tops**

We are placing an order for new Half Zip tops from McGrath's, Maghera. Please find order form attached with all details. Can you please return your order form on return to school after Mid Term Break on **Monday 19th February** with **full payment enclosed in a sealed envelope**.

**Rang 7 Post Primary Application**

**Post Primary** applications for current Rang 7 pupils has opened, this will close on **Thursday 22nd February at 12noon**. Please ensure you have your application complete before this deadline. Search '*Applying for a Post Primary Year 8 Place*' on the Education Authority website.

**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.

**Reminder:**

**Mid Term Break Next Week School Closed Mon 12th - Fri 16th February. School will reopen Monday 19th February.**

**Dates to Remember:**

Saturday 24th February <b>6pm:</b>	<b>R4 'Do This In Memory of Me' Mass</b>
Sunday 25th February: <b>12noon:</b>	<b>Service of Light for all Rang 7 pupils in St. Eoghan's Chapel Moneyneena</b>
Thursday 29th February <b>1.30pm:</b>	<b>Rang 4 First Confession</b>
Saturday 2nd March <b>12noon:</b>	<b>Confirmation in Holy Rosary Chapel</b>
Sunday 3rd March <b>3pm - 6pm:</b>	<b>Lá Gaeilach - Ballinascreen GAA Club</b>

**Sport**

- 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.
- **Rang 4&5** will be swimming every Wednesday after Mid Term Break until Easter. Please bring swimming gear and £3.50 every Wednesday. Pupils will have to bring lunch on a Wednesday, except those who receive free school meals.
- P6/7 Boys & Girls Hurling & Football in Meadowbank on **Wednesday 21st Feb**. More info to follow.

**Rang 4 First Confession**

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

**Ballinascreen Traditional Music Group**

Traditional Singing Class continues **this Saturday from 10am-10.45am** in the Workspace Hub beside the Library. £3 per class. Music classes continue in St. Colms High School every Tuesday night at 7.00pm.

**Glór na Speiríní Saturday Club**

Continues in the Backrow Hall this **Saturday 10am-11am** for Naíscoil, Rang 1,2 & 3 pupils.

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

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

**Afterschool Clubs Timetable** has been sent home today.

This will resume on return to school after mid term break Monday 19th February.

