

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



1ú Márta 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.

Confirmation:

We are looking forward to celebrating our Rang 7 pupils who are making the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday 2nd March at 12noon, in the Holy Rosary Chapel.

- Can we please ask all Rang 7 children and their families to be seated in the Chapel for 11.30am.
- Can all musicians and the School Choir please be seated in the Chapel for 11.00am.
- Everyone is very welcome back to the Gaelscoil for refreshments and cake.
- Colm Heron will be taking photographs during the Confirmation
- Family photographs will be taken afterwards also.

Lá Gaelach:

Glór na Speiríní have organised an afternoon of Irish Culture, Music, Dance & Storytelling this **Sunday 3rd March in Ballinascreen Club from 3.00pm-6.00pm** to raise funds for Naiscoil na Speiríní.

Donations are welcome on entry at the door.

Our School PTA are helping to organise this also.

What to expect:

- There will be a Treasure Hunt around the Club Grounds.
- A Ceili inside the hall.
- This will be a lively afternoon with Ballinascreen Traditional Music Group
- There will be Irish Stew, tea, coffee, refreshments
- There will be a tuck shop also for the children where they can buy sweets and drinks.
- Facepainting
- Everyone should wear something green like a geansaí and bring all the family! There will be prizes for the best dressed.

Half Zip Tops

We are placing an order for new Half Zip tops from McGrath's, Maghera. If you still need to make an order can you please do this before this **Tuesday 5th March** as the order form will be closed after this date.

Cleamairí Feirste

Cleamairí Feirste has been organised for all pupils in Rang 6/7 in the GAA Club on **Wednesday 6th March**. Please wear full school uniform.

World Book Day

Your child is welcome to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character with their favourite book on **Thursday 7th March 2024**. Please don't feel under pressure to buy new outfits but make something up from what you already have in the house. Prizes for the best home-made outfits!

Lough Derg Retreat

Rang 7 are going on a Retreat to Lough Derg on **Tuesday 12th March**. There is a permission slip to be completed and we will be leaving early at around 7.30a.m.

More information to follow.

Sport

- Sport with Jamie is now taking place **every Monday** instead of Friday for this term. Please ensure children wear sports clothes on Mondays and school uniform on Fridays.
- **Rang 4&5** will be swimming every Wednesday 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.

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.

