

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 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.



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

Our 12 Rang 4 pupils will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next **Saturday 27th April at 11am in the Holy Rosary Chapel**. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served in the school afterwards for the pupils and their families.

****** We will require the parents of Rang 3 pupils to help with this. If you can donate sandwiches, buns or biscuits or give up a couple of hours of your time on the Saturday morning from 10.30am -1.00pm to help with tea, can you please let the school office know as soon as possible. We currently have only 2 parents who are willing to help. ******

- There will be two practice sessions next week in the Holy Rosary Chapel on Tuesday & Thursday from 2pm - 3pm for Rang 4 pupils.
- The School Choir and Musicians will practice on Thursday from 2pm-3pm. Can you please collect your child from the Holy Rosary Chapel at 3.00pm on these days.
- Can we please ask all Rang 4 children and their families to be seated in the Chapel for 10.30am.
- Can all Musicians and the School Choir please be seated in the Chapel for 10.00am.
- Everyone is very welcome back to the Gaelscoil for refreshments.
- Colm Heron will be taking photographs during First Holy Communion, these will then be available for digital purchase.
- Family photographs will be taken afterwards also.

County Championship Hurling

Tuesday 23rd April in Swatragh, Rang 5, 6 & 7 boys. Please bring full gear, helmets and hurls with a packed lunch and drink.

Swimming

Swimming lessons with a teacher have resumed for Rang 4 & 5 again every Wednesday, the cost is £3.50 per child. Please remember to send lunch with your child.

Keep Screen Clean

Community Litter Pick this Saturday 20th April at 10am. Meeting points at An Rath Dubh, Sixtowns Cross Community Hall and Ballinascreen GAC. Please support this if you can!

Feis Charn Tóchair 2024

We really encourage all pupils to participate in the Feis. It is a lovely day with Medals distributed for all children who take part.

A celebration of the culture and revival of the Irish language in Co. Derry.

Feis Charn Tóchair is a family friendly event and is one of the highlights of the Irish speaking community's annual events. The Feis showcases the talent and level of Irish of the youth in the Carntogher and wider community. It is an excellent opportunity for parents to see and hear their children speak Irish and see the Irish speaking community of which they are a part of. There are a wide range of competitions suitable for all levels including Naíscóil and Gaelscoil. Competitions include Poetry Recital, Conversation, Art, Writing, Traditional Singing and Traditional Music competitions.

The Feis will take place on **Saturday 4th May 2024**, however all entries to the Feis must be submitted by **Thursday 25th April**. Please scan the QR code for more information.

**GAA**

Tony Scullion will be in school on Monday 22nd April to facilitate an inspirational talk with Rang 6&7 who are currently learning about the GAA. Derry shirts optional!

**'Schools NI' App**

If you have not already done so, can you please download this app to your phone as it is linked to our website. You will receive an alert when new information is added to the website, such as the fortnightly news sheet, photographs etc. It is not compulsory to have but it is very useful for reminders and keeping you up to date with everything that is going on in the school.

