

Scoil Chaitríona News!



December 2023



Important Dates

Mon 4th December
School Closure

Friday 8th & 15th
Christmas Crafts for
Parents 9:30 am

Wednesday 20th Dec
Xmas Plays - Times to
be confirmed.

Friday 22nd Dec
Close at 12.30 for
Xmas Holidays

Dear Parents

We look forward to a busy, but fun filled run in to the Christmas break. It was lovely meeting those of you who could make it to our Parent Teacher meetings. If you didn't have a chance to meet your child's teacher, please do get in touch and we would be happy to reschedule a new time. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the various school closures over the past two weeks.

Festive Fun!

In keeping with our tradition, we've organised an exciting lineup of Christmas events for both our children and their families. Our beloved "12 Days of Christmas" is back, promising daily doses of merriment and fun. This year's schedule boasts a variety of festivities, from the Christmas Jumper Day to art and crafts, baking sessions, and our Christmas Quiz, just to name a few.

Fundraising

Thanks to your generosity and support, our recent GOAL Jersey Day fundraiser was a great success, raising an impressive €120.

Additionally, a heartfelt thank you for your enthusiastic engagement in the Christmas Shoebox appeal. The response was overwhelming, with nearly 20 beautifully filled shoeboxes returned. These shoeboxes will help to spread joy and make a difference in the lives of others who are less well off.

Christmas Crafts for Parents

Anita has organised a lovely activity for this Friday and next. Parents will have an opportunity to participate in a Christmas Craft Workshop on Friday 8th and next Friday 15th at 9.30am in school. All welcome!



Teacher Training - New Curriculum

The existing Irish school curriculum has been in place for 24 years, but there's a wave of change happening. The Department of Education is actively implementing a new curriculum. In the last three years, they've introduced a new language curriculum for both English and Gaeilge. This year, they're launching a new Math curriculum, hence the recent closure for teacher training last Wednesday. If you're interested in learning more about these developments, click [here..](#)

Aladdin Connect

For those who haven't already done so, please consider downloading the Aladdin Connect App. It will improve communication with the school, allow you to see information about your child, allow you to send notes for absences and in future fill in permission slips and pick a time slot for Parent Teacher Meetings.

In the Spotlight...



What's the coolest thing you've learned recently in class?

We learned about the fulacht fiadh that people used to cook during the Bronze Age.

If you could switch places with any fictional character for a day, who would it be and why?

I would like to be Lilo because she is best friends with Stitch.

What's your favorite school memory?

When we got to hit Mr Carr with wet sponges and when Mr Gallagher cooked churros for us.



What's your favorite book/movie and why do you love it?

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. It is a great story. A child wins an unbelievable prize and there are some catchy songs in the film.

What's the most interesting thing you've done outside of school lately?

Visiting the Colosseum in Rome.

What's your favorite school memory as a child?

One December in 6th class it began to snow on yard and the fun we had.

What's your favorite school memory as a teacher?

Not one memory, but any time you can see a pupil grasping an idea and making progress is so rewarding.

A peek behind the classroom door...

(Our Junior Room)







Our Senior Gaelic Football Teams who represented our school in a GAA Blitz last Thursday.

