



Scoil Fhionáin

An Fál Carrach.

6 Eanáir/January 2020

A Thuismitheoir/ A Chaomhnóir dhílis,

Táimid ag socrú isteach 'na scoile arís i ndiaidh saoire na Nollag, we are settling back again after the Christmas break. We took the children to Mass at 11, it being the feast of the Epiphany. It was lovely to hear the children's knowledge of the story of the first Christmas being recounted during the homily.

It is good to get back to routine. Sometimes children need to be reminded that hard work brings its own rewards. It is good to have a positive attitude about learning, whether at home or at school. Fr. James reminded us that the glass is half full, not half empty, as the saying goes, when we have the health to be back at school!

Múinteoir Fiona has sent out a note re music classes to those students attending- please let us know if you haven't received one. Band practice resumes as normal.

A list of Christmas draw prizewinners is being published on school website, which is www.scoilfhionain.ie, under Newsletters, which is in the Policies section. Congratulations to Kane and Cassie Casserly who won the large 1st prize hamper, sponsored by DNG Kelly and Kerr's Butchers.

Dominic Mc Glinchey from Donegal Youth Services is coming to Scoil Fhionáin on Monday 20th January at 7pm, to talk to parents and guardians about children and internet safety. It is essential that you attend this talk, which will last an hour.

Like every other school in Ireland, we have policies on Child Protection, Relationships and Sexuality Education, Anti-Bullying and Internet Acceptable Use, among many others. The first two are reviewed every year, with consultation with members of staff, Student Council and Parents' Association. A copy of the latest Internet Acceptable Use, including use of technology and internet enabled devices, will be available to view on website when it is ratified by the Board of Management at next meeting.

Credit Union Schools' Quiz competition takes place on 3rd February @6.30pm in Pobalscoil Ghaath Dobhair. Our quiz practice resumes this Thursday @3-4pm in school.

Football training continues on Friday 2-3pm. 5th and 6th class pupils not attending will take charge of the Green Schools Global Citizenship- MARINE theme. We are very grateful to Hugo Mc Fadden and all the staff who make the training possible to continue.

Coding and Robotics commences on Wednesday during school, thanks to Múinteoir Nigel who is coordinating the project for 4 schools in the area. Tá an tionscnamh seo faoi bhrat an Schools Excellence Fund.

A secondary project, the VEX robot, is being rolled out to small groups in turn.

It will be available to see when we have our Mathathon- a fun Maths challenge for all senior classes.

A survey will be circulated soon to all parents/guardians about Maths.

An Ghaeilge:

Táimid iontach buíoch as an obair atá déanta ag na SNAs, ag reáchtáil an scéim Gaeilge sa chlós- má fhaigheann páiste 3 thicéad gheobhaidh siad cuireadh theacht ag cóisir speisialta sa halla.

Ask your child about the 3 tickets for speaking Irish at breaks. The SNAs Pauline, Rose, Paul and Tina have come up with this incentive and it is really working.

This month's phrases/ questions are:

An mbíonn? Bíonn/ní bhíonn

Ar ól? D'ól/ níor ól

An aimsir: Tá tinteach agus toirneach ann.

Social Personal and Health Education topics for this month are:

Bulaíocht –Bullying... as well as in-class teaching, Dominic Mc Glinchey will work with all class groups 1-6 on Monday 13/1/20.

Every adult coming to work in Scoil Fhionáin is Garda vetted at our request, even if only for a short time.

Please protect your child also from the danger of posting inappropriately online. Child Protection is everyone's responsibility, even young children if they have Snapchat, Instagram, Youtube or TikTok accounts. For further information see Webwise.ie

Sábhailteacht Bhóithre- Road Safety Awareness- We are on the RSA waiting list since 2018 for another Road Safety Roadshow.

Please ensure your child comes to school every day with a warm coat and hat. Our policy is to get children out for fresh air twice a day- They are only kept in in very adverse weather. Windows are opened to allow fresh air to circulate.

The school lunches in buffet format will commence over the next few weeks. Sugar in the form of yoghurt drinks etc will be reduced .

If you are sending lunch to school, NO SUGAR please... Our New Year's resolution. Sugary treats are for special occasions only.

Go raibh maith agat,

Químid bliain úr mhaith shábháilte duit / Have a safe and Happy New year.



