

Scoil Fhionáin



Meán Fómhair '19

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change to www.scoilfhionain.ie



Fáilte roimh ár ndaltaí úra a thosaigh i mbliana- Welcome to our new pupils throughout the school.

The official motto is changing to Fás agus Foghlaim- Growing and Learning, as on crest above.

- Buíochas mór do Rein de Gruit don chóras fuaime agus soilse a chuir sé isteach sa halla. Thanks to Rein de Gruit for the installation of an amazing sound/light system in the hall. Watch this space!

AN BANNA CEOIL/ SCHOOL BAND: Practice takes place at school every Tuesday. It is essential that children practise the tunes which are given out each week, buíochas do Mhúinteoirí Fiona agus Eva.

- Traenáil peile ag tosú arís gan mhoill- Football training will recommence next Friday- Pupils 3rd-6th class are invited to participate- Fridays 2-3pm
- Tráth na gCeist/Quiz Practice recommences in October, after school. From Rang 3 upwards- details to follow.
- *****GRIANGRAFADÓIR/PHOTOGRAPHER istigh ar an 15 Deireadh Fómhair- 15th October*****

- AIFREANN SCOILE /SCHOOL MASS Dé hAoine 27 Meán Fómhair Friday 27th September at 1pm. Children go home after Mass.

SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE FUND:

We were awarded a very interesting project this year, where we applied for funding for a Coding and Robotics project for ourselves and 3 other Gaeltacht schools- This will be of interest to senior pupils.

- Two Prowise Touchscreen boards have been installed over the summer in support classrooms, which will be used to enhance learning experiences.
- Coiste na nDaltaí/Student Council-Rang 6 - thanks to all pupils who attended the first meeting. Here is a sample of one of their many projects last year- spreading the message of inclusion.



- Scoil Ghlas/Green Schools-new committee will be chosen next week, Buíochas do Amanda agus Patsy agus na páistí uilig a chuidíonn leis an obair seo. Our seventh green flag will be raised at the end of September- beidh fáilte roimh gach duine.



- Cór Mór ag toiseacht ar an tseachtain seo chugainn- Senior choir begins next week, le Múinteoirí Fiona, Caitríona agus Eva.
- Club Fichille-Chess Club- ag toiseacht arís gan mhoill ag Múinteoir Nigel.

Coiste na dTuismitheoirí/ Parents' Association

You are very welcome to join the Scoil Fhionáin Parents' Association. We are so fortunate to have such a great committee over the years, who support school activities through fundraising during the year, help with school events and give their input on many issues. Buíochas mór do Marie Doohan, Cathaoirleach an choiste, agus daofa sin uilig a chuidíonn linn. Many thanks to Marie and the whole committee for their help.

RANGANNA DO THUISMITHEOIRÍ/CAOMHNÓIRÍ (CLASSES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS):

- **Ranganna Cócaireachta:** Due to expressions of interest, we will be offering Cooking for your Family course this autumn- beginning on Tuesday 1st October. We plan to extend these lessons to senior classes during one term, so children learn to cook simple and healthy food for themselves. *Beidh na ranganna saor in aisce. Classes are free of charge.*

- **Ranganna Gaeilge do Thuismitheoirí agus Caomhnóirí:**

Irish Classes for Parents/Guardians
le Múinteoir Geraldine,
Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:30.

Na Lónta Scoile/School Lunches

Over the summer, a lot of research was carried out on the school lunches.

The Department of Social Protection pays for this lunch, and only allows the scheme to be operated by a lunch provider.

The local supermarkets in Cloughaneely area were contacted re tendering for lunch contract.

To cut a long story short, there was very little incentive for them in the scheme- a lot of extra work and staff for little reward. Also they were unable to guarantee children would get their sandwich of choice.

We then contacted other lunch providers in the county, to no avail. Basically the same as Carambola.

We then went back to Carambola and talked to them about changes we want to see- i.e. less packaging and less items of food which are uneaten daily. Only whole fruit, yoghurt and sandwich/wrap/roll will be available. Children will bring their own drink- water, milk or juice- no fizzy drinks.

The next phase is meeting with Minister Regina Doherty with our ideas as to how we can improve this scheme. We are awaiting a date for this meeting.

Thank you to the
Parents' Association for their
input.

Caithfidh gach duine an rogha
Carambola a athrú iad féin roimh
An Aoine 5in.

Everyone must change their lunch
options by 5pm Friday this week. If
we know a child is going to be
absent for a week or more, we
can email Carambola to ask them
to cancel lunch for that time.
Parents have been excellent at
letting us know in advance, so
thank you for that.

agus ag deireadh... please check
your child's hair, and please
label jumpers and coats. GO
RAIBH MAITH AGAT.