

## Gaelscoil na Camóige

### Nuachtlitir, 22 Eanáir 2024

<p><b>Fáilte romhaibh ar ais!</b></p>	<p>Ba mhaith liom fáilte is céad a chuir roimh gach éinne ar ais ar scoil don bhliain 2025 agus guím Athbhliain faoi Shéan is faoi Mhaise ar gach aon teaghlach sa scoil.</p> <p><i>I would like to welcome everyone back to school for 2025 and to wish all families a happy New Year.</i></p>
<p><b>Naíonáin Shóisir 2024</b></p>	<p>Tá foirmeacha iarratais do Rang na Naíonáin do Mheán Fómhair 2025 ar fáil ón scoil nó ar <a href="http://www.gsnc.ie">www.gsnc.ie</a> anois. Caithfear iad seo a líonadh agus a sheoladh ar ais go dtí an scoil roimh dheireadh na míosa seo. Sé 31 Eanáir an data deiridh le glacadh le h-iarratas.</p> <p><i>Application forms for Junior Infants September, 2025 are now available from the school or from <a href="http://www.gsnc.ie">www.gsnc.ie</a> . These forms must be completed and returned to the school before the end of the month.</i></p> <p><i>The last date to send an application is <b>31 January</b>.</i></p>
<p><b>Liam an Maor Tráchtá/ Traffic Warden</b></p>	<p>Tá an nuacht bhrónach tagtha go bhfuil Liam, an Maor Tráchtá ag imeacht ar scor. Thosaigh Liam linn ag tús na bliana, agus beidh a lá deireanach linn ar an Aoine seo, 24/01/25. Rinne Liam a phost chuile maidin, lán le háthais, ag beannú gach páiste is tuiste le meangadh gáire. Rinne sé iarracht a chuid Gaeilge a úsáid agus chur sé go mór le h-atmaisféar dearfach na scoile. Beimid croíbhriste slán a fhágáil le Liam, agus guímid gach rath air sa todhchaí.</p> <p>Gabhann Liam a bhuíochas le gach aon duine as an gcairdeas agus cineáltas a bhí léirithe chuige gach lá. Bhain sé an-sult as an tréimhse linn, agus dúirt sé gur eispéireas dochreidte a bhí ann dó. Luaigh sé an t-atmaisféar álainn sa scoil, atá cruthaithe ag páistí, baill foirne agus tuismitheoirí.</p> <p><i>It is with a heavy heart that we must say goodbye to our wonderful Traffic Warden, Liam, this Friday, the 24th, as he begins retirement. Liam started work with us in September and he has been such a wonderful addition to our school community. He greets every child and parent with delight and a big smile every morning, regardless of the weather! Liam also was more than happy to use his Gaeilge and his positivity added greatly to our school environment. We are heartbroken to say Goodbye, but wish him the very best of luck for the future.</i></p> <p><i>Liam thanks everyone for their friendship and kindness throughout his time with us. He enjoyed the work so much, and told me that it was " a wonderful experience" for him. He spoke of the lovely atmosphere within the school, created by children , staff and parents together.</i></p> <p><i>Go n-éirí leat a Liam</i></p>

<p><b>Dátaí/ Dates</b></p>	<p>Meabhrecháin/ Reminder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ceachtanna Saicriminte le tosnú Rang 2/ <i>Sacramental Preparation, Rang 2, to start after school: 27 Eanáir/ January 2.30- 3.15</i></li> <li>● An Chéad Fhaoistin/ Confession (Village Church): Dé Máirt 25 Márta/ March 3.15in</li> <li>● Beidh an briseadh meán téarma againn Dé Luain 17 Feabhra go Aoine 21 Feabhra. <i>The school will be closed from Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February for midterm break.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Dúnadh Scoile/School closure</b></p>	<p>Beidh an scoil dúnta ar 4 Feabhra de bharr traenáil foirne sa Churaclam Mata. <i>The school will be closed on 4th February to facilitate staff training in the new Maths Curriculum.</i></p>
<p><b>Dúnadh Scoile/School closure</b></p>	<p>Beidh leathlá againn ar 25 Feabhra de bharr traenáil foirne sa Chlár nua Frith bhulaíocht, “ Bí Cineálta” <i>There will be a half day on 25th February to facilitate staff training in the new Anti-Bullying procedures- Bí Cineálta/ Be Kind.</i></p>
<p><b>Tástálacha Radhairc Naí.Bheaga</b></p>	<p>Beidh Tástálacha Radhairc ag na Naíonáin Bheaga ar 12 Feabhra. <i>The Junior infant classes will have a Vision Test in school, on 12th February.</i></p>
<p><b>Snámh/ Swimming</b></p>	<p>Beidh Rang 1 &amp; Rang 5 ag cur tús le ceachtanna snámah ar 28 Feabhra. <i>1st and 5th Class will be starting Swimming Lessons on 28th February.</i></p>
<p><b>Scéim na mBéilí Soile/ School Meals Scheme</b></p>	<p>Tá go leor cainte le déanaí ar na meáin shóisialta faoin Scéim na mBéilí Scoile i scoileanna timpeall na tíre. Is iad Glanmore Foods an soláthrár do Ghaelscoil na Camóige.</p> <p>Le tuilleadh eolais a fháil ar an gcaighdeán bia atá ar fáil, léigh ceangailte.</p> <p>Uaireanta tarlaíonn sé go mbíonn lón breise sna seomraí, má tá páiste as láthair srl. Ní theastaíonn uainn aon bhia a chaitheamh amach, agus mar sin, ligtear dona páistí béile sa bhreis a thógáil, uaireanta bíonn crannchur beag sna ranganna.</p> <p>Árdaíonn sé seo an cheist- an bhfuil páistí ag ithe an iomarca?</p> <p>Mar sin, iarraim oraibh vóta a chaitheamh tríd Aladdin ( ar fáil amárach) , roimh dheireadh an lae Dé hAoine.</p> <p><i>There has been some discussion on social media lately around the Hot Meals Programme which was rolled out to schools, starting last April. Glanmore Foods are</i></p>

**Uaireadóir  
Cliste/ Smart  
Watches**

*our Meals Provider:*

*Please read attached information regarding the quality of the food, source of meat etc..*

*All queries must be sent to Glanmore at karl@glanmorefoods.ie*

*At times, there are extra meals available in the classrooms, if a child is absent for example. In an effort to reduce waste, these extra meals are offered to the children, sometimes by doing a class raffle.*

*This raises the question however- are we giving our children too much to eat?*

*Therefore, we are asking for your thoughts, by filling in a quick poll on Aladdin (available tomorrow) by the end of the day this Friday.*

**Ar 17 Eanáir seoladh an teachtaireacht thíos go thuistí:**

*Watches are a great gift for children, as they help them learn how to read the time. Many children came back to school after Christmas with new watches, however, some of these watches are causing a problem.*

*Watches with a camera function, message/call function, games, such as Smart Watches are not permitted in school. The watches can distract the children in class, and playing and socialising on the yard is also affected.*

*Tá athrú ar seo anois, théis comhairle ó pháistí i Rang 4! Léirigh siad gur féidir “School Mode” a chur i bhfeidhm ar na h-uaireadóir seo. Sa chaoi sin, oibríonn sé mar ghnáth uaireadóir i rith an lae- níl rochtain acu ar cheamara/ chluichí srl.... Mar sin, má tá na h-uaireadóir ar “School Mode” fad is atá páistí ar scoil, agus níl aon bhealach ag páistí seo a athrú, ceadófar iad. É sin ráite, ní bheidh cead iad a chaitheamh i rith ceachtanna CorpOideachas, toisc go bhfuileadar níos troime/ mó ná gnáth uaireadóir.*

*There has been an update to this message, after the páistí in Rang 4 explained in detail the “school mode” function. Whilst on “school mode” the children do not have access to camera/ games etc. The watch is simply used as a watch. Therefore, if parents can set the watch to “school mode” and ensure that this cannot be changed by their child, smart watches are permitted. However, as they are quite heavy, they need to be removed for PE classes. I want to thank the páistí who explained this in a mannerly, clear and respectful fashion- maith sibh a pháistí!*

**Club Fichille/  
Chess Club**

*Is cúis áthais dom a chur in iúl daoibh go mbeidh Club Fichille ag tosnú sa scoil ar Dé Máirt 28 Eanáir, 2.30-3.30.*

*Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le Mihailo Manojlovic, atá ag eagrú an Club agus guím gach rath ar na páistí agus iad ag cur tús lena n-aistear fichille! Maith sibh !*

*I am delighted to say that Gaelscoil na Camóige will have a Chess Club in operation for the first time! The Club starts on Tuesday 28th January, 2.30-3.30.*

*I would like to thank Mihailo Manojlovic, who is the organiser of the club, and wish all the páistí the best of luck as they embark on their Chess Journey!*

**Lá na  
Meabhairshláinte/  
Health &  
Wellbeing  
Day**

Comhghairdeas le gach aon duine as an lá, lán le spraoi, grá agus cineáltas a bhí againn ar an Aoine soe chaite- Lá na MeabhairShláinte. Mo bhuíochas le Múinteoir Bríd agus le Múinteoir Shannon a d'eagraigh an lá, le cabhair ó Chomhairle na nDaltaí- ar fheabhas! Thosaigh an lá le tionól speisialta, agus bhí an deis ag gach páiste cárta a fháil ó pháiste eile sa scoil- nóiméad speisialta a bhí anseo, nuair a thug páistí barróg dá cheile, ag gabháil buíochas lena chéile. Ansin, bhí seisiún machnaimh againn- agus ghlac gach páiste sa scoil páirt! Dúshlán a bhí ansin, ach bhí Shannon iontach maith ag stiúradh gach rud. Tháinig Molly an Madra isteach san iarnóin, chun súgradh le páistí agus bhí dioscó agus ealaín ar siúl go deireadh an lae.

Tá Gaelscoil na Camóige ar an mbóthar, chun Brat Ómra a bhaint amach, agus ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le gach duine as a gcuid oibre de!

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<https://www.pieta.ie/how-we-can-help/education-training/amber-flag-initiative/>

*Huge Congratulations to everyone on a fantastic day on Friday, our Mental Health Day. Many thanks to Múinteoir Bríd and to Múinteoir Shannon, who planned this fun-filled day, with lots of help from our Student Council. The day started with a special assembly, where all the children exchanged handmade cards. This was a special moment, where each child received a card, and there were plenty of hugs and kindness to see! After that, the entire school participated in a session of meditation, every child lying down and relaxing- not an easy task! However, Shannon managed the session very well, talking the children through it, concentrating on their breath and having a still moment- Molly the madra joined us for fun and games in the afternoon, and the classes enjoyed discos, art and games until the end of the day.*

*Gaelscoil na Camoige is on the way to achieving the Amber Flag for Health and Wellbeing- and I want to thank everyone for all their hard work!*

*See photos on Instagram [@gaelscoilnacamoige](#)*

*Amber Flag Award:*

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**Léim Thart**

Tá lán fáilte roimh an Múinteoir Eoin atá ar ais linn arís ag múineadh scipeáil do pháistí na scoile! Tá gach duine ag baint taitneamh as, idir mhúinteoirí agus páistí!

*A warm welcome back to Múinteoir Eoin, who has started the much loved Skipping Lessons with the children. Everyone is enjoying the fun, teachers and children!*

**CAIRDE**

*Dia dhaoibh go léir,*

*Welcome back to the new term and the beginning of 2025, we hope you all had an*

*an enjoyable break. After a hugely successful 2025 Calendar fundraiser, we are delighted to announce that we have raised €2,955! This wouldn't have been possible without the support of family businesses within in the school and in the wider community and all the families who purchased the calendars- go raibh mile maith agaibh! It's amazing to be in a position to support the children within the school to an even greater extent and this money will make that possible.*

*In order to continue at this level, we need your help. This year's Committee is much smaller than the previous committee and is made up of only 3 members. We need far more help to be able to achieve the goals of the year. Please will you consider joining one of the "Working Groups" that will be set up in conjunction with the Committee for the 4 main remaining events of the year- the Music Bingo night, the Communion photography morning, The Graduation service and the Family Fun day. We are looking for 5 parents to join each group to help facilitate these yearly activities. Unfortunately, without the help of these groups we will not be able to host all of these events and fundraisers. If you can get involved please email your interest to our email address below.*

*Following the voting via the Whatsapp groups last term, regarding the Open Cairde meetings, the clear request was that the next one should be via Zoom during the evening to allow more parents to attend. The meeting will be held on the evening of Monday February 24 th from 8.30-9.30pm. The Zoom link will be sent out via Aladdin closer to the day and we look forward to seeing you there.*

*For anyone who will miss the cuppa and the chats that usually occur at the in person Open Cairde meetings we will be hosting a Uniform Swap Coffee morning in Áras Chrónáin on Monday 10th February directly after drop off until 10am. If you need larger sizes of uniforms we will have our full stock there available to take for free.*

*As always, should you like to get in touch with us, please don't hesitate to grab us in the yard, email us at [cairdecamoige@gmail.com](mailto:cairdecamoige@gmail.com) or contact us through your Class Rep.*

*Tabhair aire,*

*Your Cairde Committee,*

*Jen, Laura and Richie*

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