



**Newsletter  
Dec 2023**

## Gaelcoil Faithleann Parents Council *Cairde na Scoile*



We had a busy term which started with our coffee morning for new parents on the first day, with welcome packs for the new N. Bheagas. Our planner for each family to keep track of upcoming events was distributed, we had our AGM, the church gate collection and GOAL jersey day. This year we also started a Halloween costume and Christmas jumper swap shop, which was warmly welcomed. There was a movie night, Daidí na Nollag visit and a bit more! Setting up 'Club Bricfeasta' was one of the highlights of the term, with this new service now up and running successfully, and helping so many families to be able to drop off their children from 8am. A very happy and healthy Christmas to you all, and we look forward to more activities in 2024.



### **Halloween costume & Christmas jumper swap shop**

This year we organised a Halloween costume and Christmas jumper swap shops. The environmental and economical benefits are wonderful, and this will become an annual event.



### **Club Bricfeasta**

One of the great successes of the term was the establishment of our Club Bricfeasta. Children can be dropped from 8am and will be given breakfast. It's a very flexible service as regards time of dropping, and also days can be chosen on an adhoc basis. Everyone is welcome and there are spaces available!



### **Gaelcoil Giving Gifts**



Handover of 'Giving Gifts' to residents at Killarney Nursing Home

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Gaelcoil Giving Gifts this Christmas. We had a large amount of wonderful items collected which were gratefully received by St Columbanus and Killarney Nursing Home. A group of children from R5 and R6 sang some carols for the residents. The children also wrote notes and cards to the residents. The true spirit of Christmas! Fíor spiorad na Nollag!



A very big thank you to Lisa, all the teachers, Erin in the office and all the staff of the school for all they have done all term—we all appreciate it!

Go raibh míle maith agat!

Hope you all have a lovely Christmas



*"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone"*

## A look back...

### Filte to new N. Bheagas

We made up welcome packs for parents of our new N. Bheagas again this year - the packs had small caring items along with a poem to mark the big 1st day!

### Year Planner

We put together a yearly school planner for each parent to keep track of holidays, and planned events!



### Fundraising

Our annual Church Gate collection raised €1,081.13. We again took part in the Kilarney Rotary Wine and Art event and raised €1,870. All this money goes to support events in the school for children and families. We also took part in GOAL's jersey day, and the school raised €398.95. Go raibh míle maith agat.

### Christmas Movie

We had a lovely afternoon in the Great Southern Hotel on Dec 3rd watching a Christmas movie together...



### Daidi na Nollag



The traditional visit by Daidí na Nollag—he arrived by Garda car this year!

## Class Reps—thank you

Thank you to all the Class Reps for texting parents about upcoming events and providing information—it is a great link to have for classes...feel free to contact them if you ever have a query. Our Facebook group also has all information posted. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way during the term, and if anyone wants to get involved at any stage you are always welcome.

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### Goodbye & goodluck

We said farewell to M Helena, M. Karen, and M. Olivia this term—a huge thank you to them and good luck in their future chapters! Seán Ó'Luanaigh also retired after almost 35 years as Chair of the Gaelscoil Board of Management! A wonderful achievement!

## A look forward...

We look forward to organising more events in the new year—Grandparents Day on **Feb 2nd**, International Day in early March, guest speaker for parents, and a family fun day



**Clear out**—We are having a used clothes collection at the school in February, so would be great if you can hold any used clothes/shoes you're collecting until then!

### Yoga for children

We are planning to hire a yoga teacher for children in school from January, with classes getting a set number of lessons over several weeks. Details to follow in Jan...



Nollaig Shona daoibh go lálagus guimíd gach raith oraibh le haghaidh 2024.

**REMEMBER ITS OUR COUNCIL TO HELP OUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING**