



Newsletter June 2023

Gaelscoil Faithleann Parents Council Cairde na Scoile



Another busy term with lots of activities and changes. We said goodbye to M. Proinsias as he took early retirement in April, after many years of service to Gaelscoil Faithleann. We were delighted to welcome M. Lisa into the post of Príomhoide, and wish her every happiness in the role. Also congrats to M. Treasa who was selected for the role of deputy Principal.

We organised parenting coach Eileen Buckley to come speak to parents, we hosted Grandparents Day, our annual communion party was back, we brought the Exploration Dome to the school and we held a special day in Innisfallen to say goodbye to Proinsias.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped all year especially the great team of Class Reps who keep all parents informed and in the loop of what is happening. A very happy and healthy summer to you all, and we look forward to more activities in the next school year!

Congrats to M Lisa— Príomhoide Nua



Lisa took over from Proinsias as our Príomhoide nua, and we are all delighted to have her in post and wish her the very best in her journey ahead.

Congrats M, Treasa

Well done also to M. Treasa on being appointed 'Leas Príomhoide' - best of luck to them both in their new roles leading the Gaelscoil.

Goodbye to M. Proinsias

We were sad to say good bye to M. Proinsias after 34 years in the Gaelscoil, but we also were happy for him as he sets off on his new path. His final day was a wonderful celebration of his time in the school. All the classes performed special songs, Principals from local schools attended, and a guard of honour of parents stood outside...a very special celebration.



Exploration Dome

We were delighted to bring the Exploration Dome to the school in May— each class had a session in the dome learning about space, science and nature with the Dome educators.



"Be the change you wish to see in the world" Mahatma Gandhi

Grandparents Day



We were delighted to have Grandparents Day back in early February, the first time since Covid. The Halla was full to the brim on the day—a wonderful event with Fr Kieran giving a blessing and the wonderful school biddies doing their bit.

As well as entertainment and tea and cake in the Halla, the grandparents got the chance to visit their grandchildren's classrooms and see and hear from the children—a truly special day.

Parenting talk



In February we organised parenting mentor, Eileen Buckley, to come and speak to parents in the school. The night was very well attended and it was very interesting. More talks will be organised in the new school year.

Communion party



For the first time since 2019, we could host our traditional Communion Party in the Halla again this year, and what a great day it was. After the mass, the families came back to the Halla for teas, coffees and cakes, with the children getting special treat bags. We had organised for a photographer to be there to take family photos for those who had booked in with her. Thanks to all the parents who helped on the day.



"In a world where you can be anything, be kind" Roald Dahl

Trip to Innisfallen island

Our trip to Innisfallen island on March 25th was a very special day for the school community. We decided to make the pilgrimage to mark the departure of M. Proinsias and to wish him well as he set sail for new shores! It was a lovely gathering of parents, and a great way for families to connect. A huge thank you to parents Tony and Mike Fleming of Ross Castle Boat tours for getting us safely across the waters, and to Fr Joe Begley for a lovely open air mass.



Ag rothaócht ar scoil

The cycle to school programme was a wonderful initiative this year and it was great to see so many children cycling in. A huge thanks to M. Helena, Antóin and Jamie and all others who helped with this.



Sport and other activities

Well done to children who did so well representing the Gaelscoil in sporting and other activities—we are proud of you all!



Fundraising

We held several fundraisers during the year—GOAL Jersey day in October and gift giving for St Columbanus home at Christmas. We had a few Mufti Days and a pyjama day as fundraiser for school activities. We also were involved in collecting old shoes and eye glasses for charities. Thank you to all for your generosity.



"Don't let anyone dull your sparkle!" Doreen Virtue

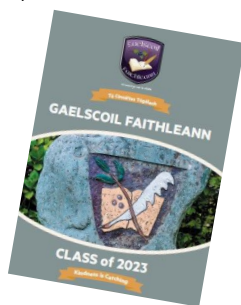
Good luck to Rang 6



Back row from left: Aoife, Alana, Jodi, Setanta, Luke, Daniel O'M, Emily, Katie Middle row from left: Mínteoir Treasa, Marco, Taesha, James, Ailbhe, Josh, Bbinn, Noah, Aisling, Elizabeth, Mícheál, Sianna, Daniel O'S, SNA Katrina. Front row from left: Callum, Hannah, Tomás, Orlaith, Tristan, Etaoin, Joey and Lily (Missing from pic Killian)

Rang 6 Yearbook

This year again we have produced a Yearbook for Rang 6 capturing all their memories from their years in Gaelscoil Faithleann—thanks to the class and M. Treasa for pulling so much information together.



Class Reps—thank you

Thank you to all the Class Reps for keeping parents in their classes informed all year—it is a great link .. feel free to contact them if you ever have a query. Our Facebook group also has all relevant information posted.

NB – David Byrne and Eleanor Glynn

NM—Marie Linehan

R-1 – Angela Mannix

R-2—Michelle Sweeney

R-3 – Anne Cronin and Breeda Burke

R-4 – Laura Fleming

R-5 – Caroline Cox

R-6 – Catherine O'Callaghan

Any parent coming into N.Bheaga this September interested to be Class Rep for their class, get in touch!

A very big thank you to Lisa (and Proinsias), all the teachers, Erin in the office and all the staff of the school, for everything all year — we all appreciate it!



Go raibh maith agat

BEIR BUA

Good luck to our Rang 6 who finished in the school on June 27th. You will be missed! All the very best to you all in your future journey...the next chapter begins! A huge thank you to M. Treasa for all she has done with the class all year.

Of the 28 families in Rang 6, 14 are leaving the Gaelscoil for good, as their youngest child graduates. A very special goodbye to those families — you will all be missed from the Gaelscoil community.

Goodbyes are not forever, are not the end; it simply means I'll miss you until we meet again.

A look forward



We will start the next school year with our welcome coffee morning 'Tea and Tissues' on our first day back—Thurs Aug 31st. Come into the Halla after drop off and meet other parents. We will have a 'welcome pack' for each new N.Bheaga parent..

Other planned events:

- ◆ AGM of Parents Council
- ◆ Family fun day

We will also be supporting the exciting development of the new Astro turf pitch in the school !



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