



2019-2020

Meitheamh



Dia dhaoibh,

On behalf of the Scoil Raifteirí Coiste na dTuistí, I would like to extend warm wishes to you all as the third and final school term comes to a close. What a strange and different time it has been for everyone.

I hope that you have been coping ok during the Covid 19 restrictions and that your loved ones are safe and healthy. For those of you who may have lost a loved one during this time, the coiste extends sincere sympathy to you. This time is particularly difficult for you.

The experiences during the past three and a half months have brought many challenges and much uncertainty. It is hoped that the time spent at home has also brought many good things - more time with each other; an opportunity to play, work and eat together; more of a chance to sit down given the absence of extracurricular activities and maybe an opportunity for some spring-cleaning!

For you, the parents, there has been the additional challenge of home schooling - trying to figure out Google Classroom and Zoom as well working through maths as Gaeilge! The challenge of keeping your children seated at the table in front of the books may have been enough to deal with at times! Trying to keep on top of your own work and responsibilities has been an added pressure. We acknowledge all of this with you and hope that we can all recognise that we have done the best that we could given everything. Let's not be hard on ourselves but be happy that we have all gotten this far...

We wish to acknowledge our children in all of this too. It has been difficult for them as well. The joy of not having to go to school had its own down-side. Children have been missing their friends; they have had to wait until more recent weeks to visit grandparents and family; birthday parties have been put on hold and their freedom has been reduced. Well done to all the children. This is quite a piece of history to talk about in years to come.

In particular, the coiste would like to mention certain classes within the school who missed significant moments during this time:

- The children in Naionán Bheaga who were just starting to settle in at school and beginning to find their feet. We think of you and hope that the experience you have in Naionán Mhóra will make up for things and get you back on track before too long.*
- The children in Rang a Dó who were due to make their First Holy Communion in May. The dresses and suits remain hung up in the wardrobe and the special day went by- marked only in a quiet way within the family home. Ye shall have your day--although the shoes may be tight and the trousers a little short!*
- The children in Rang a Cúig who were preparing to make their Confirmation in late April. A big day that has been postponed for another time.*
- The children in Rang a Sé who were also preparing for Confirmation as well as getting ready to say good bye to Scoil Raifteirí. The significance of this time for this group of children is particularly felt. Being the eldest group in the school and the 'rite of passage' that went with that could not be properly experienced or completed. They have missed their final school tour; the many team sports events of the last term; the opportunity to say goodbye to na múinteoirí (and get the t-shirt signed!); the foam fight (sorry teachers!) and the unwritten rule to have 'freedom of the school' (even just for a few hours!).
*Thankfully, Múinteoir Gearóid had whisked them to the RDS in January for the 'Young Scientist' Exhibition so they got a day out of Mayo and the precious Scoil Raifteirí Class of 2020 top and been ordered early on in Autumn so they could wear it with pride for a time.**

We hope you enjoyed your virtual graduation celebration on Friday 19th June. Many thanks to two of the parents in particular, for their work in designing a graduation cert for each 6th class child. These were sent in the post last week along with the fáinne and Scoil Raifteiri pen supplied by the school.

Go n-eiri an t-ádh libh go léir- the very best of luck to ye as ye continue your journey into secondary school.

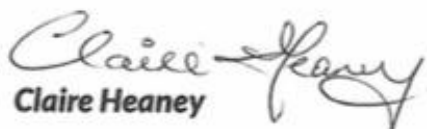
On behalf of all the parents/guardians of Scoil Raifteiri children I would like to acknowledge the great work of our múinteoirí. They too have had a difficult time trying to keep the curriculum moving along while managing the individual needs of each child. Thank you for your dedication; interest and perseverance throughout this school year.

We would also like to thank the other members of the staff who play such a significant and essential role in keeping the school in working order- to Laura- our fantastic rúnaí; to Chris our caretaker and to Melanie who keeps the school spick and span!

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the news of Scoil Raifteiri's Príomh Oide Máire Treasa who has announced her retirement. On behalf of the coiste, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Máire Treasa all the very best as she prepares to begin a new chapter in life. I would like to thank her for all her work and her dedication to Scoil Raifteiri for many years now. She has been at the helm since the very beginning and has worked through many challenging times. Thank you for the years of hard work, time and energy given to setting up and establishing our wonderful Gaelscoil. Máire Treasa is wished good health and happiness in retirement and it is hoped that life has much more to offer as she leaves Scoil Raifteiri behind.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and happy Summer. It is hoped that our 'new normal' will allow us to begin the next school year as positively as possible.

Until we meet again...


Claire Heaney

Chairperson

(On behalf of Coiste na dTuisti Scoil Raifteiri 2019/2020)

Ní neart go cur le chéile



[Litir](#) ón bpríomhoide 11.06.20

Seo an [mana nua](#) don téama Taisteal.

Roghnaíodh an ceann seo a scríobh Cáit i Rang 6.

Márta

Dúnadh Scoile/School Closure

Click [here](#) to access optional schoolwork

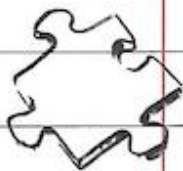
which *may* be completed at home during the period of closure.

Tráth na gGeist

TABLE QUIZ



Where? Bridge St. Bar
Main Street,
Castlebar



When? 9pm Sharp
Friday, 27th March



How much? €10 per person,
Max 4 per table

Proceeds to: Scoil Raifteirí



Scoil Raifteirí
Parents Association

All are welcome

*Quiz in English

Curtha ar ceall!



[Rang 6 ag rothaíocht](#)

Seachtain na Gaeilge

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE-2020				
2ú - 6ú Márta				
Luan 2/03	Máirt 3/03	Céadaoin 4/03	Déardaoin 5/03	Aoine 6/03
Amhránaíocht ar an sean nós le Lucia, Emily, Áine, Meadhbh	Damhsa Seit le R.5 & R.6	Ceol le R.4 & R6	Grúpa Bailéid le R6	Grúpa Ceoil
Rang 4 M. Cristín lena ndráma "An Múinteoir Nua"	Rang 1 M. Nóirín "Comórtas Bréagéadaigh"	Rang Naí. Bheaga le M. Audrey lena ndráma "An Trí Mhuicín"	Rang Naí. Mhóra M. Sinéad lena ndráma "Na Criáin Cráite"	Rang 2 M. Nóirín lena ndráma "An Gréasaí Bróg agus na Leipreacháin"
Rang 5 M. Michelle lena ndráma "Filleann an Feall ar an bhFeallaire"	Rang 1 M. Nóirín "Comórtas Bréagéadaigh"	Rang 4 M. Máire lena ndráma "An Teilifís"	Rang 3 M. Pádraig lena ndráma "Seanscéalta Suimiúla"	Rang 6 M. Gearóid lena ndráma "Cluiche an Domhnaigh"
		Tráth na gCeist Ranganna 4/5/6	Comórtas Litriú R.5 & 6	Bronnadh na nDuaiseanna sa halla ag 1 a chlog
Beidh na h-imeachtaí ar an ardán gach lá ag 11.20 a.m. On stage events will begin each day at 11,20 a.m				
Buail isteach má tá cúpla nóiméad agat. Tá fáilte roimh chách.				

[Buail Isteach!](#)

Feabhra



Seo postaer deas a rinne Rang 4 le Múinteoir Cristín.
Tá sé ag spreagadh cineáltais sa scoil agus ar domhan.
Leagan MÓR den postaer [anseo](#).

17.02 - 28.02

Ag dul ar Scoil: Clic [anseo](#) chun modhanna taistil a fheiceáil.
Click [here](#) to see means of transport used in February 2020.

19.02.20



Seo an capsule ón mbliain 1995-96! Pictiúir [anseo](#).

Comórtas Ealaíne Texaco



[Pictiúir ó 2020](#)



Labhair Lukasz faoi bhealaigh dul ar scoil timpeall an domhain

Pictiúir [anseo](#)

1995-2020

Taréis 25 bliain, tá sé in am an bosca seo a oscailt!

Eanáir

09.01.20



Bhí Rang 6 ag an BT Young Scientist: pics [anseo](#)

Nollaig



The Daily Mile

Thóg Alison Laredo pictiúr álainn de Frank Greally, Deirdre Donnelly agus páistí ón scoil a rinne míle rialta ó Mhí Dheireadh Fómhair.

Click [here](#) for large version of the picture

13.12.19

Nollaig Shona Duit Ó Ionad Oideachais Mhaigh Eo



Seo Cárta Nollag a bhuaigh comórtas ealaíne do Louisa, Rang 4

05.12.19:



Pictiúir agus físeanna [anseo](#)



Bí gí [cúramach ar na bóithre](#) an Nollaig seo!

Samhain



Déan Subh le Rang 3 agus Múinteoir Pádraig! Pictiúir [anseo](#)



Foireann Mini-Sevens: ag dul ar aghaidh!

Scoil Raifteirí NUACHTLITIR

Eagrán 4 Geimhridh 2019



Scoil Raifteirí
Parents Association

Samhain 2019



Tuilleadh pictiúirí le fáil ar
scoilraifteiri.com

Céad míle fáilte/Welcome to the fourth edition of the Scoil Raifteirí Parents Association Newsletter!

Focail don Gheimhreadh

Tá mé préachta leis an bhfuacht!
I am frozen with the cold!

Féach ar an bhfear sneachta.
Look at the snowman.

Daidí na Nollag
Santa Claus

Scátáil Oighir
Ice Skating

Lámhainní
Gloves

Calóga Sneachta
Snowflakes



Fonach na Nollag

5Ú Nollaig 2019
in **GMIT Hall.**

Tionól 5:30pm
Críoch 8:00pm

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



New Parents Committee/Coiste na dTuistí

Our welcome night was held on Wednesday 23rd October where a new parents committee was appointed:

Claire Heaney *Chairperson*
Joanna Jordan *Secretary*
Maria Sweeney *Treasurer*
Eileen Basquille *PRO*

Orlaith Corrigan
Róisín Keegan
Erin Scott
Susan Carney

New BORD Bainistíochta

If you are interested in putting your name forward for the new **Board of Management** please complete the slip (sent by email) and return it to the school office before Wednesday 13th November.

Riomhphost: parentscommittees@hotmail.com

Nuachtlitreacha eile [anseo](#)

Rinne micléinn den GMIT ranganna eolaíochta do na páistí óga i rith Seachtain na hEolaíochta, 2019



Pictiúir [anseo](#)

Students constructed a *treepee* to attract birds



Druid
(Seosamh)

Pictiúir eile [anseo](#)



13.11.19: Bhain an rang taitneamh as [cuairt ar an Helix](#)

05.11.19:



Rinneamar staidéar ar bhealaí Park 'n' Stride le Lukasz. Pics [anseo](#).

Deireadh Fómhair



Spikeball i gColáiste Daibhéid. Pix [anseo](#).



pictiúir [anseo](#)

Míle: trí lá sa tseachtain!

AM	LUAN	MÁIRT	CÉADAOIN	DÉARDAOIN	AOINE
R6	*	*	*		
R5 2.15-12.30	*	*	*		
R4 12.15-12.30	*			*	*
R3 9-9.30	*	*	*		
R2 10-10.15	*			*	*
R1 1-1.30	*	*	*		
NM9-9.15		*	*	*	
NBR510-10.30	*	*	*		

Tríd na bliana, 15 nóiméad, trí lá sa seachtain, nós a chothú, ceangal é le na Mataí, gach aois-ghrúpa, ní gá ar lá fliuch. 850 scoil á dhéanamh. Trí chiorcal=1km. Páirc Spraoi.



pictiúir [anseo](#)

Foghlaim faoin gchiorcal

Seo fíis bheag faoin gchiorcal a rinne Rang 6

Seo aiste a scríobh Fiadh i Rang 6
Tá aistí eile [anseo](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE

Greta Thunberg

Greta Thunberg, who is sixteen years old, is a Swedish environmental activist on Climate Change. Greta has 'Asperger's Syndrome, 'OCD' and 'Selective Syndrome' and that basically means that Greta only speaks when she thinks it's necessary. Greta only found out about Climate Change when she was just eight years old and she was really confused why so little was being done about it. Three years later she got depressed and stopped eating. Greta also convinced her parents to be vegan.

In late 2018 Greta began to do climate strikes and public speeches. She misses time off school, and, while her mother and father aren't too happy about that, they understand that the world needs to change.

What is Climate Change?

Climate Change means the world is getting hotter and hotter. It doesn't mean much, does it? It actually will do a lot to the world if we don't make a change!

What causes Climate Change? Whenever we plug in our devices, turn the light on, whatever. We are slowly affecting our planet! It's not just us, though. Gas and oil is affecting it too! It's making the world slowly but surely get hotter and, if the world gets hotter, icebergs will melt. Then, the water from the melted icebergs will flood the sea! It will flood countries so that means your home or town may be destroyed! They say Westport will be flooded in a hundred years if we don't make a difference. That is only one of the big problems. Bees are becoming endangered and Coral Reef is now ruined.

What can we do to stop Climate Change? Well, for a start we should plant trees. Trees give plenty of oxygen and oxygen helps the world. Trees are being chopped down for money and there will not be much oxygen in the world if this continues. You can buy plenty of tree seeds online for a very good price. Another thing we should do is to save electricity. Whenever you are leaving a room, it's best to turn off the light, as there is no good reason for it to be on. During the day there is no need for the lights to be on at all. And at night we sleep so there also no need for the light to be on. The only time you need the night is really before you go to bed and in the evenings, when it is dark. One of the reasons why the sun is here is to give light! The best thing to do to prevent Climate Change is to get solar panels. They may be expensive, but once you have them, you don't have to get them again. They are becoming a very popular choice now, so that is great because they are great for the environment!

Overall I think Greta is a very good person, despite what people think about her. She is very inspiring and I don't know why people hate her so much. She is only trying to help the world. Yes, she was a little overdramatic. But that doesn't mean to hate her!

I really enjoyed writing this essay.

STOP CLIMATE CHANGE!...Or the World will end!



Suirbhé taistil ar siúl ag Lucasz: pictiúir [anseo](#)

Fitness Trackers: fís déanta ag Rang 6



Eolas faoi Bhratach Uimhir 9 [anseo](#)

Meán Fómhair

20.09.19:

An Dá Fhoireann Peile Mini-Sevens (Pictiúir [anseo](#))

...agus bhuaigh na buachaillí!

18.09.19:

Pictiúir ó na rásaí tras-tíre [anseo](#)



[Cruthanna agus Uillinneacha sa Chlós](#) le Rang 5

05.09.19



Ranganna 5 agus 6: Pictiúir [anseo](#).

02.09.19: An chéad lá ar ais

Seo na naíonáin nua: Junior Infants [here](#)



click [here](#) to see pictures of naíonáin ag obair