



29/06/2021

A thuismitheoir, a chara,

As we approach the end of another disjointed school year in which there has been so much upheaval, I would like to take the opportunity to commend the whole Gaelscoil na mBeann school community for how they have dealt with the challenges they have faced. The children and you, their families, have coped admirably with all of the challenges that have arisen throughout the year. The manner in which you all embraced and worked through our periods of remote learning must be commended. I would also like to thank the whole school staff for their efforts throughout the year. Remote working and teaching was a new experience for all of us and our whole staff- teachers, classroom assistants, secretary, dinner ladies, caretaker and bus driver alike must be praised for how they have met every challenge head on. Go raibh maith agaibh!

I would like to say a special word of thanks to our classroom assistant, Maria Bird who is retiring after 8 years of service in Gaelscoil na mBeann. She has witnessed the growth of the school into what it is today and has contributed hugely to that growth. Go raibh maith agat. I would also like to wish Gerard, our bus driver all the very best as he moves on to pastures new. Good luck to you both in the future. Ádh mór oraibh!

On Friday we said goodbye to 11 Rang 7 pupils, who have been exemplary despite all the curve balls thrown at them in their last two years in Gaelscoil na mBeann due to the pandemic. We wish them all the very best wishes as they move on to Ardscoil Naomh Maolmhaodhóg and Our Lady's GS, Newry, where we know they will continue to thrive and flourish! Go n-éirí go geal libh, a chairde!

Looking forward to next year, I have already communicated to you about the changes to our school day to cater for the new EA bus service. We aim to commence our Club Bricfeasta/Breakfast Club from Monday, 6th September (8:00am-8:30am) and hope to reintroduce our afterschools clubs in Term 1 also. We must continue to abide by the Department's guidance on this however. Current guidance from DE and the PHA still demands that we adhere to class bubbles. We will, of course, keep you updated with developments on this matter during the summer as soon as we have further news to relate. Please see our proposed school day below (please note this is subject to change):

<b>8:00-8:30am</b>	Club Bricfeasta
<b>8:30am</b>	School starts
<b>1:30pm</b>	Rang 1-3 finish
<b>1:30pm-2:30pm</b>	Rang 1-3 after school club (Mon-Thurs)
<b>2:30pm</b>	Rang 4-7 finish
<b>2:30pm-3:30pm</b>	Rang 4-7 after school club (Mon-Thurs)

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Below is the list of class teachers for next year:

Rang 1 – Múinteoir Laura & Múinteoir Ciara

Rang 2/3 – Múinteoir Emma Louise

Rang 4/5 – Múinteoir Niamh

Rang 6/7 – Múinteoir Claire

Finally, I would like to thank you all sincerely for your continued help and support. I hope you all have an enjoyable, healthy and safe summer break!

Míle buíochas ó mo chroí libh as ucht bhur gcuid tacaíochta agus cuidithe! Bainigí sult mór as an samhradh!

Is mise le mór-mheas,

Mícheál Ó Brádaigh

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