

Summer Newsletter, 2024

Please take some time to read about our school news and Highlights from the summer term.



Pyjama Day and Parents Coffee Morning

Our annual Pyjama Day will be held tomorrow. The children can bring in €2 if they wish, or pay to Cairde na scoile, our Parents' Association at www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/GSLpajama.

Also, Cairde na Scoile will host their final coffee morning of the school year tomorrow morning from 8:30am in the staffroom. It's a lovely opportunity to catch-up and make new connections within Gaelscoil Lir.



School Tour

We had the most incredible day out in Explorium this month. The children had a great time, and did some serious exploration. We returned to Gaelscoil Lir exhausted but happy, and full of wonderful memories. The children were a credit to the school and their families.

School hours

From 28 August, 2024, the school will officially open from 8:20am to 1pm for infant classes, and 2pm for senior classes. Supervision will be offered from 8:15am. We hope that this change will help to alleviate traffic congestion on campus. Thank you all for your support with this change.

Parent Contributions

Although the Department of Education is covering the cost of school books for families again this year, the funding we receive to cover day-to-day costs is not enough to pay for everything we need to properly run the school.

When the new school is built, we will be able to rent parts of the building out to clubs and societies to generate additional income. However, as we do not have any avenue to generate additional income for the next year or two, the Board of Management is requesting that parents contribute the following.

- Art and crafts: €10
- Photocopying: €15
- Irish Dancing: €10
- Patron fee: €10
- Personal insurance: €6

Total: €51

In addition to this, if possible, an **additional contribution of €60 per child** is being requested to help to cover the cost of cleaning the school.

We do not want to put families under financial strain, and if you are unable to pay we understand. There will also be an option to pay in instalments via Aladdin. Further details and links to pay will be shared next week.

Sports Day

We had the best Sports Day yet last Friday. The children had the opportunity to test their running, jumping, skipping, and even limbo skills. They also showed their great sense of sportsmanship, cheering each other on. Many thanks to Daragh, Eimear, Michaela, and Jillian for organising the whole day.



New school policies

Thank you for your feedback in relation to the School Tours Policy, and Mobile Phone and Smart Device Policy. They were ratified by the Board of Management on 11 June. They will be on our school website and can be found below.

[School Tour Policy](#)

[Mobile Phone and Smart Device Policy](#)

BLAST 2024

The school has made a successful bid to participate in BLAST 2024. BLAST aims to provide pupils in schools all over the country, time and the space to work with a professional artist/creative practitioner on imaginative and joyful projects. A huge thank you to Caitriona for managing the application from start to finish.



Goodbye for now

Laura will return to fulltime education this September, but we hope that she will continue to regularly work in Gaelscoil Lir throughout the year. The very best of luck to her as she commences her postgraduate degree in Primary Education.



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER HQ

Michaela is off on her adventures for the year, and will circumnavigate the globe over the next 12 months. She will also volunteer as a teacher in South Africa for five weeks, and is currently fundraising money to support this worthwhile charitable work. If you would like to contribute, you can do so by clicking [here](#).

It is with a heavy heart that Sinéad has decided to leave Gaelscoil Lir. As she is moving from the area, she will finish up as Principal of Gaelscoil Lir at the end of the summer. The new Principal will be recruited within the next few weeks, and there has been huge interest in the position from highly qualified candidates, who wish to continue to build this wonderful, warm and inclusive school community. You can read Sinéad's farewell letter [here](#).

Permanent building

The construction of the permanent build is still on schedule to start this summer. The project manager, Danny White from KSNPM will oversee the project and will be in contact with the school over the summer months with a more detailed project schedule. Exciting times ahead!

Calendar 2024 -25

The school calendar for 2024 -25 is available below and can also be viewed on the school website. Please note, this calendar is subject to changes, with curriculum training days, closure of red weather warnings and more. The calendar can be downloaded [here](#).



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■ Céad lá scoile / First day of school

■ Leath lá / Half day (Páistí ag dul abhaile ag 11:30m/ All children going home at 11:30am)

■ Scoil Dúnta (Laethanta Saoire)/ School Closed (Holidays)

Thank you for all support throughout the year. We are very lucky to work with such wonderful children and their families.

We wish you a happy and sunshine filled summer.

Le buíochas,

Foireann Ghaelscoil Lir

