



# Nuachtlitir Ghaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin

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## Laethanta Saoire

*Fáilte romhaibh chuig an Nuachtlitir dheireanach don scoilbhliain seo. Bhí bliain ghnóthach againn agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh go léir taitneamh as na laethanta saoire.*

Welcome to our end of year newsletter. As you will appreciate it has been another 'different' year for us all but we have made it to the end of the school year and we are all still smiling! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people/groups associated with the school.

Firstly, our páistí.

Since we returned to school in September the páistí of the school have been an inspiration to us all. They have been such a positive force in the school and raised all our spirits when needed. The páistí have been courteous and mannerly and always represented the school with dignity and pride. Well done to our Naíonáin Bheaga on completing their first year with us and farewell to our current Rang 6. We wish them well in their secondary education and hope that they will pop in to see us whenever they are in the vicinity.

Secondly, thank you, the parents /guardians, for your support not alone over the last school year but since March 2020. We have all had to adjust to a new way of being but you have lent us your unwavering support during this time. Míle buíochas for always cooperating with the new measures we have put in place and for all that you have done to keep our school Covid free. I look forward to your continued support in the new school year in September.

Míle buíochas to Traolach Ó Donnabháin and the other members of the board of management. Each year seems to present new challenges to our board but through no shortage of hard work, these challenges are overcome.

Go raibh maith agaibh to Cairde na Scoile. Due to circumstances beyond their

control, the work of Cairde na Scoile was put on hold this year. Hopefully the new school year will bring new beginnings and Emily Piper and her team will be up and running again.

Finally, the staff of Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin. To the teachers and SNAs, our office staff, caretaker, cleaners and bus escorts I would like to say a huge míle buíochas.

Since the first lockdown in March 2020, all of the above people, just like you the parents/guardians, have seen their workplace turned upside down. Despite all this turmoil, the staff of the school have always turned up to school with a smile on their faces and have gone about their day's work with the utmost dedication and commitment. No words can express my gratitude to them and to the amount of time they spent to make sure that school, whether it was here in the building or online, was a pleasant and educational setting for the children. It is a pleasure and honour to work with such people.

I hope you all have a very relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer break and I look forward to seeing you all on August 30th for the beginning of the next chapter of Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin.

*Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Múinteoir Pádraig*

## Lá Spóirt



*Bhí lá den scoth againn ag an lá spóirt ar an Aoine seo caite. Bhí an ghrian ag scoilteadh na gcloch agus bhain gach éinne idir óg is aosta sult agus spraoi as an lá. Ar mbuíochas don Chumann Lúthchleas Gaeil*

*áitiúil a thacaigh linn i mbun eagrúcháin an lae, mar a thacaíonn i gcónaí.*

Excitement was at fever pitch on Friday, June 11th, as we held our annual school sports day at Clonakilty GAA Sports Complex in Ahamilla. Though damp underfoot to begin with the weather Gods looked favourably upon us, and we were blessed with one of the first good days of June. There were numerous sports stations for the children to navigate, with an endless list of activities including obstacle races, waiter's race, the wellie throw, tug - o - war, the sack race and the egg and spoon to mention but a few. Our páistí from Aonad Uí Mhuirthile were also busy navigating their way through many obstacle courses on the astro pitch as they were also enjoying a day out at Clonakilty GAA. There were little treats given out along the way and everyone received a medal going home as a memento of their 2021 school sport's day. Míle buíochas to the school staff for setting up and running our sports day and to Rang 6 who assisted them. Many thanks also to Ger McCarthy and John Collins of Clonakilty GAA club who were, as always, so helpful and accommodating to us regarding the organising of this day.

## Lá le Pádraig



*Bhí ár gceiliúradh do Lá le Pádraig éagsúl ón ngnáth cheiliúradh i mbliana, ach níor chuir sé sin stop leis an spleodar is leis an spraoi. Bhí mórshiúl ilscoile againn faoi stiúr méara an bhaile, bunaithe ar théama "Na Laochra."*

Lá le Pádraig was celebrated in style at Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin on Tuesday,

March 16th. The theme for our parade, similar to the other schools in the Clonakilty area, was 'Heroes'. We had a mixture of comic book heroes and present-day heroes as the children paraded from the senior yard to our entrance steps under the watchful eye of our Town Mayor at the time Pádraig O'Reilly. With the sound of David Bowie's 'Heroes' beating out in the background it really was a fantastic way to celebrate Lá le Pádraig.

## Slán le Margaret Collins, SNA



*Ar an 26ú Márta, d'fhágamar slán le Mairéad Ní Choileáin. Ball d'fhoireann na scoile a bhí linn ó 2003. Thug sí aire na h-uibhe i gcónaí do na páistí a bhí faoina cúram, agus bhí cneastacht agus cineáltas i gcónaí i réim, pé áit a bhí Margaret. Braithimid uainn í mar chomhghleacaí is mar chara, ach guímid gach rath agus beannacht uirthi is í ag tosú ar an gcéad cuid eile dá turas saoil.*

On March 26th Margaret Collins, one of our longest serving SNAs retired. Margaret has been ever present on the school staff since 2003 when our school was located in prefabricated buildings behind Super Valu. Margaret was a valued member of staff who always had a kind word for all the children under her care as well as for her colleagues. She often went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that each and every child she was linked with felt comfortable and cared for in the school environment. She was always willing to put her talents of baking and gardening to good use for the betterment of the school. The children, staff and the school community of Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin would like to thank Margaret for her outstanding contribution to our school and wish her a happy and enjoyable retirement.

**AsIAm**



*Bhí feachtas ag AsIAm, i gcomhréir le Autism Friendly Clonakilty maidir le daoine a chur ar an eolas faoi hUathachas. Comhgháirdeas le gach páiste a ghlac páirt sa chomórtas ealaíne "Say Yes to Autism Acceptance", agus comhgháirdeas ar leith le buaiteoirí ár scoile.*

AsIAm (Ireland's National Autism Charity) in conjunction with Autism Friendly Clonakilty held a very successful Autism Awareness campaign and colouring competition during the month of April. The main aim behind this campaign was to heighten people's awareness regarding Autism Acceptance. A number of platforms were used to reach our adult population, mainly Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Many local businesses and groups participated by posting on these various platforms. Our younger, primary going pupils, were invited to take part in a colouring competition, where again the message was all about Autism Acceptance. We had a huge response from all of our classes and the entries were on display in Scally's Super Valu. Congratulations to Arianna Nic Cárthaigh agus Molly Ó Donnabháin who won prizes in their respective categories. We would encourage you, parents/guardians, to follow Autism Friendly Clonakilty on any of the platforms listed above.

## **Lá Gorm 23.04.2021**

*Rinneamar ceiliúradh ar Lá Idirnáisiúnta an Uathachais ar an 23ú Aibreán mar nach rabhamar ar scoil ar an bhfíor lá. B'álainn gach éinne a fheiceáil gléasta i ngorm mór thimpeall na scoile, mar thonnna na farraige ag tuilleadh is ag trá i rith an lae.*

We celebrated International Autism Day in our school on the 23rd of April as the actual date fell during the Easter Holiday. It was lovely to see the tide of blue, ebb and flow throughout the school that day, recognising the fact that each and every one of us is unique, and that this in itself is reason for celebration.

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge**



*In ainneoin nach bhféadfadh an comórtas talainne ná an comórtas amhránaíochta tarlú leis na srianta Covid i mbliana, bhí seachtain ghnóthach, thaitheamhach againn do Sheachtain na Gaeilge, le gach rang gníomhach in imeachtaí teangan.*

Despite not being able to hold our annual Talent Competition and Song Competition this year due to the restrictions, we still had a busy and fun-filled Seachtain na Gaeilge. Between Tóraíocht Taisce (Treasure Hunts), Tráth na gCeist (Table quizzes), Comórtais Ealaíne (Art Competitions), Comórtas Seanfhocail, filíocht agus scéalta/Seanfhocail, poetry and stories competition, there was something for everyone in the audience!!

*Táimid thar a bheith mórtasach as ár dteanga dhúchais i nGaelscoil Mhíchíl Uí Choileáin!*

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## Foirgneamh na Scoile



*Síneadh na scoile: Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis na seomraí nua a bheidh againn do ranganna Fás agus Forbairt na bliana seo chugainn.*

The extension to our school has taken great shape over the past few months. This extension will lead to the creation of two specifically designed classrooms to accommodate our Fás and Forbairt classes from Aonad Uí Mhuirthile. These classes will also come with an attached quiet room each. We will also have a para-education room and an additional educational room for a support teacher. All going to plan the rooms should be ready for early August, with occupancy beginning when we return to school on August 30th.

## Eolaíocht



*Tá an scoil arís ag cur isteach ar na Duaiseanna Eolaíochta agus Matamaitice a bhronntar ar scoileanna ag an DPSM. Is iomaí imeacht eolaíochta agus matamaitice atá déanta ag páistí na scoile chun an duais seo a thuilleamh. Tá gach rang i ndiaidh oibre a dhéanamh ar na snáithe eolaíochta ar fad, ag déanamh turgnaimh, ag roinnt na turgnaimh le daoine eile, ag obair le teicneolaíocht agus le mata. Rinne ranganna cruinnithe zoom le Réadlann na Carraige Duibhe, taispeántais Powerpoint bunaithe ar thionscnaimh áirithe is rinne na ranganna sinsear coding. Ghlac ranganna páirt i ngníomhaíochtaí i rith Seachtain na hInnealltóireachta, Seachtain na hEolaíochta agus Seachtain na Matamaitice. Chomh maith le sin ghlac Rang a 5 páirt in Aonach Eolaíochta agus roinn siad a guid turgnaimh lena gcomhghleacaithe. Tá an duais seo tuillte*

*ag an scoil agus iad i mbun oibre ar na gnéithe éagsúla eolaíochta i rith na bliana.*

The school is currently applying for a plaque of excellence in recognition of all the fantastic work the children have done in the area of science this year. Each class carried out work covering all strands and strand units of the curriculum. Children carried out experiments, reported findings and drew graphs explaining the results. They gained many skills in the area of technology and senior classes now produce amazing PowerPoint presentations based on various topics. Senior classes participated in zoom classes with Blackrock Observatory regarding space and also participated in coding classes through zoom. Classes took part in Science Week, Maths Week and Engineering Week and 5th class held a Science Fair where they shared their experiments and findings with teachers and classmates. The school has been awarded this plaque on numerous occasions and the children will certainly deserve it this year after all their hard work in the area of science.

## Graduations



### Oíche Rang 6 (2020)

*B'álainn fáilte a chur arais roimh dhaltai Rang a 6, 2020 agus éisteacht lena gcuid scéalta faoina gcuid eachtraí ó d'fhágadar ár scoil.*

On Monday evening, June 21st, Rang 6 from the school year 2020 were invited back to their alma mater for an informal get together. Last year their Graduation Ceremony took place on line with the promise that we would have a face to face get together when times allowed. Little did we think at the time that it would take a full 12 months for this to happen. It was great to meet some of our past pupils and their parents/guardians, to



reminisce about their days in our school but also to hear how they are progressing in their secondary education and life in general.

### Oíche Rang 6 (2021)

*Go n-eirí go geal libh Rang a 6, 2021 is sibh ag tabhairt aghaidh ar bhur saol meánscoile. Táimid brodúil asaibh, mar a d'fhás sibh mar shaoránaigh inár scoil, agus beidh fíor chaoín fáilte romhaibh arais I gcónaí.*

Tuesday, June 22nd, saw Rang 6 celebrate their graduation from Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and the odd tear as they reminisced about the 8 years which they had spent together. It only seems like yesterday that they walked into school as the very first Naíonáin Bheaga (Junior Infants) in our newly built school here on the Fernhill Road. At the graduation ceremony they entertained us with some beautiful music and poetry. We wish them well in their transition to secondary school and there will always be a céad míle fáilte for them at Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin. Special thanks to Caroline and Michael from Clonakilty Homemade Ice Cream who came on the evening to make it an even more special occasion.

Beir Bua Rang 6 2021!

### Veain Uachtar Reoite



Uachtar Reoite....tra-la-la-la-la!!!!

There was huge excitement in school on Wednesday, June 23rd, when the chimes of the ice cream van were heard in our school yard. There can be nothing more relaxing on a summer's day than to sit with your classmates and enjoy a whipped ice cream. We hope the páistí enjoyed this treat and that it is only one of many that they will enjoy this summer.

## Comórtas Comhar Creidmheasa Chloch na gCoillte



*Níorbh linne an lá sa chomórtas uachtar reoite eagraithe ag Comhar Creidmheasa Chloch na gCoillte. Ár mbuíochas leo as ucht a léithéid de chomórtas a reachtáil.*

Despite a late rally in the ice cream competition, organised by Clonakilty Credit Union in conjunction with Clonakilty Ice Cream, we finished in 3rd position, just outside the top two. Congratulations to the two winning schools from Ardfield and Enniskeane and we hope they enjoy the treat heading their way. We did however receive 20 free passes to Clonakilty Park Cinema and these were raffled amongst the children before we broke for the summer holidays. *Bainigi taitneamh as an turas chuig an bpictiúrlann.*

### Bá Chloch na gCoillte



*Ghlac Ranganna 3-6 páirt i gceardlann eagraithe ag Scoile na Mara faoinár mbá áitiúil.*

Rang 3 to Rang 6 took part in a recent online workshop organised by Scoil na Mara. In the course of this workshop the páistí learned a lot about our local estuary, the sea and the animals/creatures that live there. As part of the workshop these classes also entered an art competition, designing a postcard for Clonakilty.

We were thrilled when Maya Manning Montero was announced as one of the winners. Comhghairdeas Maya.

## Ger Brick/iNetSafety



*An tábhacht a bhaineann le sábhailteacht ar an idirlín.*

Ger Brick from iNetSafety gave a very insightful and educational talk to our Rang 5 & 6 classes on Monday, June 21st. Formally an IT Program manager with Microsoft Ireland Ger calls upon all his experience and know how to deliver a very powerful message about the dangers which can lurk within the internet and any online workings. With so much of our time now spent online it is very important that we are all aware of what potential dangers are out there.

## Lá Gníomhach



Rang 3 to Rang 6 had an Activity Day on Thursday, June 3rd, in Ahamilla. Under the watchful eye of Lorna Collins of FeelGood Health & Fitness, they tackled various obstacle courses and activities in Boot Camp style. Though the weather was not the fairest on the day they still smiled their way through it all and the overall vibe was very positive. Míle buíochas to Lorna for organising the day and to Clonakilty GAA for the use of their facilities.

## Turasanna Scoile



### Rang 6

Rang 6 had a fantastic day at Ballyhass Lakes in Coachford recently. Departing the school early that day they enjoyed a memorable day on the lakes. The children took part in water activities, on-land courses and climbing exercises. Water inflatables were a huge hit with the class. On-land, army style obstacle courses brought out the competitive edge in the children, yet all was completed in good spirit and tested various skills from crawling to climbing to rolling and above all teamwork. Abseiling was another activity provided and some who were a little apprehensive at first turned out to really enjoy it. The weather was glorious adding to a memorable day for the class to cap off their final year at Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin.

### Rang 5

There was great excitement on the 1st of June, a hot, sunny day, as Rang 5 travelled to Inchydoney for their school tour. They participated in a surfing lesson with Inchydoney Surf School and are now highly proficient surfers! The sun shone as they honed their surfing skills and participated in many games and activities on the beach. Nothing beats a day on the beach!

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## **Rang 3 & 4**

Rang 3 & 4 had a most enjoyable trip to Smuggler's Cove in Rosscarbery on Tuesday, June 22nd. Shrills of joy were a plenty as they navigated the new tubing slides and when that was done, they had their feet back on terra firma for a round of crazy golf. The day was finished off with a picnic and games on the Warren Strand.

## **Rang 2**

Rang 2 had a fantastic day on June 17th when they kept it local and visited Clonakilty Park Adventure Centre. There were plenty of Pádraig Harrington's and Leona Maguire's on display as they tackled the Crazy Golf Course located at the Adventure Centre. Following the golf, the páistí were treated to a pizza & ice cream party. They returned to school that afternoon with smiles on their faces.

## **Rang 1**

Rang 1 also took to the 'fairways' of the Crazy Golf Course located at Clonakilty Park Adventure Centre on Friday, June 18th, for their school tour. Stopping along the way for a picnic and finishing their day at the playground, there were a lot of tired, but smiling páistí when they returned to school. Pizza and ice cream were also aplenty following their trials on the golf course. Maith sibh a pháistí.

## **Naíonáin Mhóra**

Naíonáin Mhóra had a fabulous fun day in school on the 9th of June starting off with some indoor orienteering and very enjoyable games in the sports hall in the morning. This was followed by the Teddy Bear's Picnic and as if this wasn't enough an ice-cream van awaited the children at the bottom of the steps, which was met with great

glee. The final highlight of the day was the arrival of the Punk and Suzy Puppet Show to the school to put on a special performance for Naíonáin Mhóra. Such frolics and fun you never saw!

## **Naíonáin Bheaga**

On Friday, June 18th there was great excitement as the Choo Choo Train from the West Cork Model Railway Village pulled up outside the school to transport Naíonáin Bheaga on their inaugural school tour. Following a tour of the town, where waves were aplenty, they finally arrived at the Model Railway Village. Here, they walked cheerfully through the village, enjoying the many trains and sights on view. They also spent some time playing in the playground and sensory garden and capped it off with a picnic.

We would like to thank Manager Kim McNamara and the staff who welcomed us so warmly and helped us plan a day which was unanimously described as "The Best Day Ever!" by our youngest class. Nothing beats spending some free time in the fresh air with your friends!

## **Aonad Uí Mhuirthile**

*Bhí téarma den scoth ag páistí agus foireann Aonad Uí Mhuirthile.*

Páistí and staff of Aonad Uí Mhuirthile had a most enjoyable, fun final term.

They went on lovely outings including trips to Rathbarry and Castlefreke Woods, Ardfield Playground, Glenview Gardens, Ballineen playground, and the sun shone beautifully.

Children from Aonad Uí Mhuirthile also participated in the School Sports Day this year out in Clonakilty GAA grounds and had their medals presented to them at a special Medal Presentation Ceremony back in school by M. Pádraig. The year concluded with a spin around town on Clonakilty's famous "Choo Choo" train, followed by ice cream back at the school. Buíochas mór to Kim and the team at the Model Railway Village for their usual support and generosity.

## West Cork Development Plan Consultation



Rang 5 & 6 were invited to take part in a zoom meeting with Holly Cairns TD regarding the West Cork Development Plan. The children had many fantastic ideas and opinions regarding the facilities required by young people in the local area. Holly was very engaging with the pupils during the consultation and we are sure it raised many important issues which she will be able to discuss with the powers that be.

## Other Highlights since our Return After Lockdown

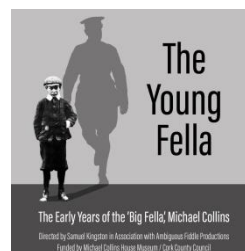
*Buaicphointí eile ó d'fhilleamar ar scoil.....*



The children in **Múinteoir Máirín's Naíonáin Mhóra** class piloted the '**Incredible Edibles**' project this year. They completed five tasks whereby they learned about the origin of food, enjoyed a virtual visit of how Farmer Joe grows his own vegetables and produces his own dairy products and meat. As part of the project Naíonáin Mhóra researched

and identified Irish potatoes, fruit and vegetables and herbs when shopping. The rang managed to grow their own strawberries, potatoes, lettuce, spinach, chives, tomatoes, carrots and turnips as well as planting wild flowers. They loved the opportunity to taste some of their own produce by having some salad and a smoothie in class. As a class they engaged in the Incredible Edibles Healthy Eating Week as well as the Keep Well campaign and learned that they should eat between five and seven portions of fruit and vegetables every day. The páistí enjoyed plotting foods on the Food Pyramid and were fascinated to learn about the importance of eating a variety of coloured food to benefit from the different vitamins and minerals provided by each colour. We hope this is the beginning of many enjoyable hours of planting and growing.

**Sam Kingston**, a local historian and documentary maker, gave a special talk to **Rang 6** about one of his latest pieces of work, *Michael Collins: The Young Fella*.



This documentary was completed by transition year students from the local Community College and funded by the Michael Collins House in Emmet Square. Sam oversaw the production and we were delighted that he came in and gave a detailed talk to the class. *Go raibh míle maith agat Sam.*

As part of our initiative to promote local history, **Rang a 6** visited the **old Kilgariffe cemetery** recently with **M. Eimear & M. Seán**. This was a really nice



trip for the class and allowed them the opportunity to examine some of the local history of Clonakilty.

M. Cionnaith also kindly took the class on a historical walk around the town recently. Cionnaith's local knowledge about the history of both the town and the associated buildings was invaluable and it really gave the páistí a unique perspective of the town they live in. To help keep the children and staff energised a stop for a portion of chips each was enjoyed at Apache Pizza at Harte's Spar. Míle buíochas to M. Cionnaith, M. Seán and Spar for facilitating this field trip.

**Naíonáin Bheaga** have had an extremely busy few months since our return in March. They took part in treasure hunts, Teddy Bear picnics, games, and science experiments as well as beginning on the exciting and much-loved Aistear programme.



During **Aistear** they had different themes every fortnight for example "Construction," "Space," "The Restaurant," "The Farm" and "Camping." The children built houses which would rival anything on Room To Improve. The restaurant they opened served cordon bleu meals; they milked cows and cared for farm animals. Time was spent on the Space Station; they saw aliens and visited Mars. They finished-off the term camping by a river and exploring in the woods. They also honed their baking skills with Rice Krispie Buns and Top Hats. Maith sibh on a great start in Gaelscoil Mhichíl Uí Choileáin.

**Rang 1** had a busy few months since March where they put a huge effort into their reading programme. Lots of interesting and

wonderful books were introduced into the classrooms and it was great to see them reading with such enthusiasm. Baking skills were also to the fore in this room as they created chocolate nests which were extremely tasty.



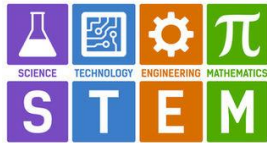
Exploding science experiments, creating rockets and learning about our solar systems were other topics which captured the children's imaginations. The Cup Song brought music to a different level in **Rang 1** as they learned how to create rhythm by using a cup rather than your voice.

**Rang 6** were the lucky recipients of an art workshop with **Múinteoir Michelle Nic Gearailt**. During this class they learned how to draw and approach techniques such as shading while incorporating the light in their surroundings. M. Michelle gave the class fantastic tips and advice on how to draw/shade. Her presentation was complimented with brilliant resources and samples from her own art portfolio. *Go raibh mile maith agat M. Michelle.*

Míle buíochas also to **Vivian Fogarty** who facilitated a ceremonial yoga class for **Rang 6**. Vivian has been brilliant to the school over the last few years and Rang a 6 were delighted that she was able to visit and co-ordinate a special end of year/school yoga lesson to the class.

On Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Rang 5** celebrated reaching the end of the school year with a fun filled day of sporting activities and other events including reading time, pizza, and a film. It was a perfect end to a year filled with activities, fun and learning. *Maith sibh Rang 5.*

**Rang 3 & 4** spent time exploring various aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) recently.



They particularly enjoyed designing and building their own bridges. Their chess and draughts tournament also brought great excitement to the classrooms with plenty of strategists on show. Last week the páistí, from these classes, wrote and posted home postcards to themselves offering advice for our future selves in 10 years' time. How interesting that should prove to be!

## Record Daffodil Day collection



We had a record Daffodil Day collection this year. Once again, the páistí dressed up in Green/Yellow and brought in financial donations of their choice for the Irish Cancer Society.

When it was all counted, we were amazed that €1,331 had been donated by the páistí agus a gclanna cneasta. This far exceeded any amount we ever collected in previous years for this good cause.

Therese Hayes of the Clonakilty Daffodil Day committee came to the school to accept the cheque from a representative group of the pupils and expressed her “Go raibh maith agaibh go léir” for the outstanding support.

## New “Le Chéile” contact details



After eight years, M. Kate is standing down as Manager of the “Le Chéile” facility. *Buíochas ó chroí léi as gach a rinne sí do pháistí na scoile (agus tuistí!!).*

*Fáilte roimh Laura who will be taking over the running of “Le Chéile” after the summer holidays.*

Please note that the new contact details are as follows:-

**E-mail: LeCheileGSMC@gmail.com**

**Phone: 087-4093717**

*Please be aware that the phone is kept in the school building at all times and is only monitored during “Le Chéile” hours which are 8-9am and 1.30 – 5.30pm during school days. You should not expect to receive replies to text messages or calls outside these hours.*

## Sacraments



Like last year the administration of the First Confessions, Catholic First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies were affected by the COVID restrictions. Children who are opting for these sacraments had their schedules interrupted and it was difficult to plan anything.

However, thanks to Mons. Aidan O’ Driscoll, PP and the relevant Parish Assembly Team members, the First Confessions were held recently and the First Communion and Confirmation dates (for both last year’s R 6 and this year’s R 6), have been announced and will take place over the coming months.

**CRÍOCH!**