

# Nuachtlitir Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí

## Nollaig 2016



What a busy place Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí has been since September. We have loved welcoming all of our new Junior Infants and watching how well they have settled into school life! Blitzes and matches galore, after school training, communion and confirmation enrolment ceremonies, training with Enda O'Dowd (GAA) Will Thornton (rugbaí), Cyclesafe, Science Week, Maths Week and the school photographer to name but a few have added greatly to our first couple of months.

Our Coiste na Scoileanna Glasa / Green School's Committee under múinteoir Éilís's direction has been very active since September ensuring that we all do our bit to help keep our school green. Mary and Éilís once again organised our successful Christmas Fête in the school on 8th December. A great night was had by one and all. The Coiste na Mac Léinn / Student Council has also been elected and working away under múinteoir Pól's stewardship. Well done to all who went forward for election and comhghairdeas to those children who are now members of the Coiste na Mac Léinn. Lovely leithreas and Seomra spotless competitions are once more underway and the Coiste ran a very successful shoebox appeal to support Esker House. Go raibh maith agaibh.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful pupils, parents and staff for the great co-operation and support this year. Beidh spóirt agus spraoi againn ar fad agus muid ag ullmhú i gcomhair Daidí na Nollag! Guím Nollaig shona agus Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi mhaise daoibh ar fad.

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### COISTE NA dTUISTÍ/PA

We are extremely fortunate to have such an active Parents Association within our school community. Parents are always encouraged to become a part of the Coiste na dTuistí and support the aims and aspirations of Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí in this way.

The traditional Cóisir na Samhna was again a roaring success and the Coiste once again are organising a Christmas food-drop. All donations are welcome and can be left in the box at the back entrance to the school. The annual puppet show has also been organised by Coiste na dTuistí for the children in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December next.

### DÁTAÍ DON DIALANN/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Dátaí don dialann:

#### December

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Puppet show sa scoil. Donation €2.00 per child

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – children can wear Christmas jumpers/t-shirts/hats ar scoil. The 22<sup>nd</sup> is the day when children may give each other Christmas Cards

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – School finishes at 12.00.

#### January/February

School reopens Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January School closed for teacher in-service training

School closed Thursday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> for mid-term.



## FÁILTE ROIMH NA NAÍÓNÁIN NUA

Tá an chéad téarma beagnach thart agus tá an-socrú isteach déanta acu! Maith sibh a pháistí!

As first term comes to an end it is a perfect time to reflect on the successful start our junior infants have had immersing themselves into the everyday commitments of school life. The children have settled into their routine with ease and are thoroughly enjoying the new friendships that come with this new experience.

Tá na páistí ag foghlaim an-chuid Gaeilge! Táimid an-bhrodúil astu! We are most proud of the children, they have acquired a fantastic understanding of the Irish language and are steadily building their vocabulary 'As Gaeilge' focal by focal. We encourage you, as parents, to use your 'cúpla focal' with the children at home also! Here are some useful phrases:

Dia Duit .....Hello! Reply: Dia is Muire dhuit.....Hello!  
Conas atá tú? .....How are you? Reply: Tá mé go maith agus tú féin?..... I'm fine and you?

'Aistear' is a methodology that they have been fortunate to experience during this time. Aistear is a framework whereby the children learn and develop through the medium of play. It is wonderful for developing the children's oral language skills, socialisation skills, planning and problem solving skills - I'm sure you've noticed your child's junk art creations going home!! The children have experienced the topics of 'Ar Scoil/At School', 'An t-Ospidéal/The Hospital', 'Sa Bhaile/At Home' this term with a wide array of new topics to follow after the Christmas break! Finally, we would like to encourage you as parents to continue reading at home with your child.

There is nothing like the gift of reading and a love of books!

Remember...

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world.  
Love of books is the best of all" –Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis



Rang Éilís & Rang Raonaid

### **Parking**

Everybody is once again reminded that parent and visitor parking and drop/off pick up points are located in the car park in front of Athlone Town Football Club. **Please use designated bays only and do not park/setdown in the BUS areas.** Please note there is a one way system in operation and this must be observed. and that no cars are permitted to park on these lines or in areas marked by the cones. **The area to the front of the school should never be used as a dropoff/set down area.** Everybody is asked to cooperate with the above in order to ensure the safety of all of the children in the school. Children must not access the school via the main gate at the staff car park entrance.

