



CAIRDE NA SCOILE

Newsletter

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Welcome to this edition of the Cairde na Scoile newsletter. We hope that everyone is enjoying the Summer term and the recent relaxing of Covid 19 restrictions.

Ag BÁCáil le Chéile.

Many of you participated in our 'Ag BÁCáil le Chéile' event and we are sure that everyone (children and adults!) enjoyed the delicious cupcakes that were produced in many homes. Special thanks are extended to Florence for her wonderful demonstration that made this Zoom event such a success.

Credit Union

As you will be aware, many of the children are squirreling away their pocket money by saving with the credit union in school. In appreciation of the children's participation, the credit union has donated the sum of €500 to Cairde na Scoile. This money will be spent on projects that are beneficial to the children, including the provision of up-to-date ICT equipment to assist in teaching and learning. Cairde na Scoile wish to express their appreciation for this generous contribution.

School Garden

The school garden has recently been updated with three new benches. A story-teller's chair has also been added, together with privacy screening along the new cycle path/walkway. These improvements greatly enhance the area for the children and enable the garden to be integrated into the school day as an outdoor classroom. Of course, the area can also be used by the children to take some time to relax during their busy school day. Many thanks to the volunteers in the gardening club that keep the garden spick and span!



Bags 2 School

Cairde na Scoile is again facilitating the 'Bags 2 School' initiative on Thursday 10th June. For those of you who have not participated before, this involves families bringing bags of **unwanted clothes, shoes (paired), handbags, hats, bags, scarves, ties, belts and soft toys** to school for donation – the collection company then pays Cairde a sum of money based on the weight of all of the bags combined. It also pays an additional 10% of total money raised to the Laura Lynn foundation.

We are asking as many families as possible to take part – as the shops re-open, now is your chance to make space for a new and updated wardrobe!

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, this year's 'Bags 2 School' will be a little different to previous years. Bags may only be brought to school on the morning of Thursday 10th June – they will be accepted from 8.30am until 9am on that morning only. Bags cannot be stored in the school prior to this unfortunately. Donations will be accepted from cars (by Cairde volunteers) as you drive onto the school grounds. They will also be accepted from parents and children at the bicycle shelter. Parents are encouraged to give their bags to their children for drop-off, where possible (of course, this won't be possible for all perhaps due to the size/number of bags). It is imperative that everyone observes social distancing and wears a mask when dropping unwanted items off. You may supply your own securely-tied plastic bags as collection bags cannot be distributed this year (do not use paper bags as they won't be accepted by the 'Bags 2 School' company). You will find further information attached to this newsletter/email detailing what will/will not be accepted. Your participation is much appreciated in this event!

Upcoming Event: Resilience Talk by Dr. Stacey Ball, Clinical Psychologist.

Cairde are delighted to host a talk by Dr. Stacey Ball via Zoom, focusing on resilience in children. This is an important topic for children and their parents, particularly during these uncertain times. Dr. Ball will speak about how to promote resilience in children and she will answer questions based on this topic also. The date for this event is yet to be confirmed but it will be before the conclusion of the school year and it will be communicated to you shortly.

Upcoming Event: Children's Summer Picnic.

Cairde intend to assist the school in organising a summer picnic for the children later in the term. This year has been challenging due to school shut-downs but now is the time for fun! Some treats will be provided for the children by Cairde and they will be permitted to wear their favourite Summer attire. Similar to other non-uniform days, parents are requested to make a donation, where possible, to Cairde for this day. All funds raised will go towards the provision of new and efficient ICT for the children.

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