

## Deireadh Fómhair/ October 2016

### A thuismitheoirí / a chaomhnóirí,

Fáilte ar ais! Céad míle fáilte to the parents of ranganna a dó (second class), and to the parents of our new cailíní, who have joined other classes. Tá súil agam gur bhain sibh go léir taitneamh as na laethanta saoire. ☺

### Enrolments

- **Reminder**

The name on school records **must be the name that is on your daughter's birth certificate or other appropriate legal document.** This is the name that must be held in electronic format in the Primary Online Database (POD), as per **Circular 0033/2015.** (See also Circular 0028/2013. These circulars can be accessed on the Department of Education and Skills website).

We use the Aladdin Electronic System for the purpose of recording data and attendance of pupils. **Parents of girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class:** If your contact details have changed please inform your daughter's teacher so we have correct up to date information should the need arise to contact you urgently.

### PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE – 24HR COVER:

In accordance with the policy of the Board of Management of the school, all pupils in the school are included in the Personal Accident Insurance Scheme with 24hr cover. **The cost of this is €5.60 and is included in Booklist Extra Costs.**

### Extra Costs

Míle buíochas to all parents who have paid the Booklist Extra Costs so promptly. Some Extra Costs payments are still outstanding and I remind anyone who has not paid these costs yet to try to do so as soon as possible. **The total for Extra Costs is €110.00 If possible please pay online** – your e mail address is required for this. If by chance your financial circumstances have changed to such an extent that you have a genuine problem regarding this payment, please talk to your daughter's Class Teacher or to myself. Please note **this is a separate payment to the Voluntary Contribution.**

### Voluntary Contributions

On behalf of the Board of Management of the school, I sincerely thank those parents who have also given the Voluntary Contribution to school funds. You will receive an official receipt for this in due course.

**The Voluntary Contribution requested is €75 (or €100 per family).**

### Uniform Sale

The uniform Sale at the end of the school year raised €219. This money was donated to Temple Street, Childrens' Hospital. Míle buíochas to the Parents' Association for organising it.

### School Lunches

- We encourage your daughter to have a healthy and nutritious lunch each day including fresh fruit and/or veg. As well as being good for your child's general well-being, healthy eating also adds to her ability to concentrate at school. Please try to avoid sweet treats or chocolate, and to also include other healthy options (e.g. sandwich, pitta bread, rice-cake, etc.). **We do not allow fizzy drinks, crisps or chewing gum or boiled sweets.**
- ***All unfinished lunches should be brought home.*** In this way, you will know what your daughter is not eating at school.



### Parking and Stopping:

May we remind you to respect the **'no stopping' zone** outside the school gates and also to keep our neighbours' gateways clear at **all** times. For your daughter's safety and your own, please always use the small pedestrian entrance gate to the school rather than the wider vehicle entrance.

Please remind your daughter to walk across the road with her bicycle or scooter when crossing with the school warden.

### NO PARKING

- ON THE YELLOW BOX OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME
- OUTSIDE NEIGHBOURING DRIVEWAYS LE DO THOIL

### Morning Supervision:

***Please be aware that supervision by staff begins in the morning at 8.40am.*** Remind your daughter to have **appropriate rainwear** for when the weather changes.

### School Uniforms

Remember that **the regular uniform is regular school wear** – in other words, your daughter should not get into the habit of only wearing her tracksuit. If wearing **socks only white or navy should** be worn with the school uniform please.

- **If wearing leggings only long black or navy ones with matching socks should be worn.**
- Uniform tracksuits with **white polo-shirts** are required wear for PE. Please note that **suitable flat shoes are required for school wear** and trainers (with laces tied properly) are required for PE. When purchasing trainers for PE please ensure that they are **suitable for sportswear** and not just designer wear.
- **Please ensure that jumpers, tracksuit tops and jackets etc. are clearly labelled with your daughter's name.**
- Only minimum, safe jewellery should be worn at school.

### Clontarf Credit Union Savings Scheme

In 2013 we launched a school savings scheme in conjunction with Clontarf Credit Union. The scheme has been a great success and collections began again on Thursday 22nd September and take place every Thursday. New students to the school have received a letter and application form inviting them to join the scheme. However, if any other student wishes to join the Clontarf Credit Union Savings scheme application forms are kept in the office. Míle buíochas do na



tuismitheoirí a thagann isteach gach Déardaoin chun cabhair a thabhairt linn ☺. (Many thanks to the parents who help run the scheme every Thursday. Should parents/guardians have any further queries please contact Clontarf Credit Union directly at (01) 8331687 or [clontarfcu@clontarfcu.ie](mailto:clontarfcu@clontarfcu.ie).

### **Brat Glas**

The school is very proud to have four Green flags! This year we start work towards our 5<sup>th</sup> Green Flag, Bio-Diversity! The “Green Girls” have all been selected and we also have a Deputy Green Girl. There are representatives from each class on the committee. Meetings are held once a month in the library at 8.30a.m.

The Green School committee encourage girls to walk, cycle or scoot to school as often as they can. **Thursday is the targeted day** with walk on Thursday WOT, cycle on Thursday COT and scoot on Thursday SOT! Not only is it good exercise but it’s great for the environment. Keep up the good work girls! Míle buíochas to Mrs. Laura O’Toole who led our Green initiative for the past few years. Táimid fíor bhuíoch di as ucht an méid oibre déanta aici ar son na scoile. Ms. Julie Carroll will now take over this role. We would like to thank Niamh Creighton, for volunteering to be the parents’ representative on the Green School Committee again this year.



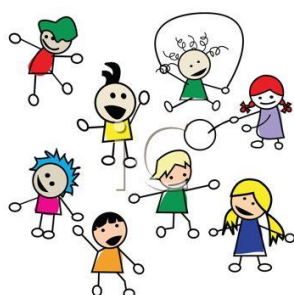
<b>Rang</b>	<b>Múinteoir</b>	<b>Green Girl</b>	<b>Deputy Green Girl</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ms. Rowley	Emily Scott	Ana Walsh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ms. McManus	Rebecca Furey	Sarah Canavan
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. O’Toole	Orlaith Kavanagh	Lauren Hamill
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. Stokes	Maeve Foley	Suzie Geraghty/Eva Magner
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. DeBurca/Ms Foley	Alanna Campbell	Anna Brereton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. Curtis	Ava O’Halloran	Juliet Sweeney
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Furness	Isabel Guerin	Ellen McAdam
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Walshe	Clíona Walsh	Orla Persse
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Carey	Aoife Cosgrave	Radha Kumar
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. O’Connell	Andrea Cunningham	Anna Lise Bryans
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Daly	Hannah Simpson	Hannah Murphy
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Finn	Molly Mack	Rebecca Kavanagh
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. McCarthy	Robyn Kell	Anna Leonard
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. Brodie	Aoife Caulfield	Orla Bates
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Carroll	Caroline Roddy	Medb Hannigan

We are continuously working on our current Green School flags: litter and waste, energy, water consumption and travel. We are grateful to **360 Cycles, Clontarf** for providing a free winter Bicycle Safety Check on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Always remember to record and keep safe the details of your bicycle in case of theft.



In order to reduce the amount of waste produced by the school, **children are asked to bring all wrappers/ uneaten food/ tetra packs (milk or juice cartons) home.** We have a skin bin in the yard for recyclable waste – no half eaten apples or sandwiches please! **Remind your daughter to eat all of her lunch and to bring home uneaten food.**

We would appreciate if you would help cut the usage of paper towels by giving your daughter a small hand towel for her own use, which she could take home at the end of the week for washing. We returned to a well maintained, clean school and grounds after the summer so I would like to remind the girls to do their part in keeping the grounds litter free please.



### **BÍ GLAS!**

**Active Flag** Our Active Flag Committee, under the guidance of Ms. Anita Walshe and Ms. Christine Furness, will be in operation again this year. Míle buíochas to Ms. Kate McCarthy who has led this initiative over the past few years. We encourage you, with your daughter to keep active. Currently we are in the process of selecting a new committee from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class girls. [www.getirelandactive.ie](http://www.getirelandactive.ie) has some great tips!

### **Primary Athletics**

Girls from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes have been taking part in the weekly training sessions Wednesday and Friday mornings on the Astro at 8.30a.m. Buíochas to Christine Furness, Louise Curtis, Michelle Rowley, Clare McManus & Aoife Nic Lughadha, who have been training the girls. We participated in the North Dublin Primary Schools Annual Cross Country Competition again this year on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 3p.m.** in Portmarnock. The following girls were chosen to represent the school:

4th	Ms. Furness	Liv Foley, Lily May Connolly, Daisy Metcalfe, Mischa Mulvaney, Mia Hodson & Katie Morrissey
	Ms. Walshe	Líle Treacy, Camelia Patachi, Marina Mc Mahon, Kate Quigley, Lara Mc Cormack & Heather Rothwell
	Ms. Carey	Aoife Cosgrave, Ella Foley, Sophie Condon, Sarah Courtney, Abbie Corcoran & Nicole Carroll
5th	Ms. O'Connell	Robyn Confrey, Aoife Connaughton, Rosie Clarke, Eloise Bryans, Beth Collins, Rebecca Brady & Naoise Finnegan
	Ms. Finn	Síomha Magee, Fearne Morrissey, Molly Mack, Orlaith Hickey, Bláthnait Keogh, Zoe Magner & Cara Hayes
	Mrs. Daly	Caoimhe Mc Daid, Alice Walsh Aoibhe Smyth, Róisín O'Brien, Caitlyn O'Connor, Karina Walsh & Eden Mc Keown
6th		Sarah Bredican, Ellen Mary Sheehan, Dumi H, Lily Boles, Áine Mc Grath & Aoife Kennedy

**The following 5<sup>th</sup> class girls came 2<sup>nd</sup> and won silver medals!** Caoimhe Mc Daid, Alice Walsh, Aoibhe Smyth, Róisín O’Brien, Caitlyn O’Connor & Karina Walsh. All 4th class girls who ran received a certificate for 3rd place. **Comhghairdeas a chailíní!**

**Cumann na mBunscol**

We have two GAA football teams again this year, Corn Austin Finn team and a league team. Huge numbers signed up to try out for the school football teams. There is a very high standard of football in the school and it was very difficult to pick the teams. Buíochas mór to all the girls who tried out and comhghairdeas to the girls who were chosen. Our League team played their last match on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October against Scoil Bhríde, Cabinteely. They won the match and are **over all winners of the league!** FANTASTIC! **MAITH SIBH A CHAILÍNÍ!**



Corn Austin Finn team now **through to the final which will be played against Hollypark in Croke Park on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. GO BELGROVE!**

Buíochas to the teachers who help with the teams - Catherine Brodie & Kate McCarthy, to Stephan Behan, GAA coach and also David O’Neill & Darren Ryan our parent helpers.

**GAA Football Panel 2016/ 17**

<b>Corn Austin Finn Team</b>	<b>League Team</b>
Abby Eccles	Kira Allman
Aisling Courtney	Laura Aylward
Gráinne McDaid	Lucy Curran
Orla Bates	Lucy Downes
Anna O'Brien	Caroline Roddy
Grace Smith	Jennifer O'Byrne
Keelin Ryan	Medb Hannigan
Mairéad O'Neill	Anna Leonard
Rachel Scott	Áine Mulligan
Sarah McHugh	Aisling Vickers
Sorcha Corr	Fiona O'Sullivan
Caoimhe Creighton	Róisín O'Neill
Sam-Alice Lynch	Sarah O'Callaghan
Sophie Kilmartin	Grace Meikle
Aoife Quigley	Rebecca Kavanagh
Jenny Wilson	Sara Hanley
Lucy Owens	Effie Clancy
Alison Garvey	Ellie Doyle
Danielle Dinan	Emma Connolly
Ellen Leddy Doyle	

**Sam Maguire Visit**



The name of the All-Ireland Senior Football Trophy is the Sam Maguire Cup. It is named in honour of Sam Maguire, a prominent member of London GAA. Sam Maguire was born in Dunmanway, Co. Cork, in 1879. The trophy is awarded annually to the winners of the All-Ireland Mens’ Senior Football

Championship. **The Sam Maguire Cup is modelled on the Ardagh Chalice and it was presented in 1928.** Kildare was the first county to win the Sam Maguire Cup. The original cup was replaced with an exact replica in 1988. Meath was the last county to win the original Sam Maguire Cup. Meath was the first county to win the new Sam Maguire Cup!

**Dublin were also winners again this year of the O’Byrne Cup, the League Cup and the Leinster Championship Cup!** We will welcome the Sam Maguire Cup to the school on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016. **Two in a row - a fantastic year for Dublin!!**

Hard luck to our Dublin Ladies team who despite their best efforts were beaten by Cork in the All-Ireland Football Final.

**RIO 2016**



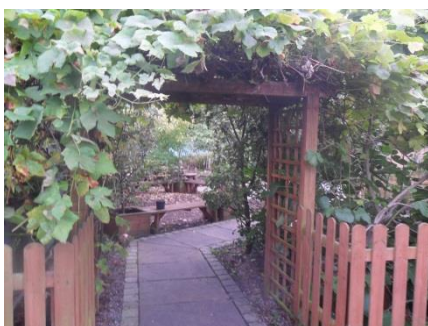
Comhghairdeas to Ellen Keane and Mick Clohisey, Past Pupils of Belgrove who participated in the Paralympics 2016. Ellen was a Bronze Medal Winner for the 100m Breaststroke! We look forward to welcoming Ellen to the school at a future date!

**Leabhar Power**

The book clubs for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes resumed again this year. It was also extended to the third classes for the first time. Each group meets once a month in the school library to share ideas on books read. The books for each class grouping are listed on the notice board outside Mrs. McCarthy’s office. Buíochas to the parents who help once a month and to Ms. Aideen O’Connell & Ms. Julie Carroll.



**Gairdín na Scoile/ School Garden**



Buíochas mór do na tuismitheoirí agus na cailíní a bhí ag obair go dian sa ghairdín Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Thanks to their hard work and efforts, the garden is looking lovely and we hosted a 2<sup>nd</sup> class parent coffee morning there on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Girls from the 5<sup>th</sup> classes worked in the garden helping Mrs McGrath to reap the harvest. They gathered onions, apples, pears, radishes, figs and potatoes! Some are on display in the corridor for all to see!

### Parents' Association

I would like to say a very sincere thanks to all of you who work so hard as volunteers on behalf of the school. Contact e mail: [pa@belgroveseniorgirls.ie](mailto:pa@belgroveseniorgirls.ie) Chairperson: Liz Tierney

### ACCORD

Anita Conlon, of ACCORD, spoke to parents of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 8p.m. ACCORD Counsellors spoke to the 6<sup>th</sup> classes on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, as part of our SPHE programme.

### Garda Visit

The 5<sup>th</sup> classes were paid a visit by local Gardaí, Sharon Kavanagh and Deirdre O'Donnell, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October for a talk on Road Safety. The girls received an RSA bag and a Bicycle ID Card sheet. The Gardaí will visit again on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October to talk about Hallowe'en Safety as part of their community programme.

### Obair Bhaile: Homework Policy:

Below are the approximate times children should spend on homework:

Rang 2:	20 – 30 mins
Rang 3:	30 – 40 mins
Rang 4:	40 – 50 mins
Rang 5&6:	50 – 60 mins

It is important that you inform your daughter's class teacher if she is not managing to complete her homework in the recommended time.

Our "Additional Information" sheet from your daughter's teacher regarding what is expected this year will issue shortly.

### Code of Behaviour

Reminder to read over the school Code of Behaviour with your daughter. You should have a hard copy and it is available on the school website. Working together, as teachers, parents and pupils we endeavour to make each girls school experience a positive experience. **We are having some difficulty accessing parts of the School Website currently. If you require a hard copy please contact the school office.**



We hope to have a speaker from My Life Solutions for each class, early November. Please talk to your daughter following her visit – last year the girls were given little cards with the following.

#### **MY RULES**

Loud & clear – say STOP  
Be Funny & Creative

Sliders – let hurtful comments slide  
Always Eye contact.

**Internet Safety:** The positive aspects of the internet outweigh the negative. The Internet is an excellent educational and recreational resource for children. However, some children have access to social network sites which are not age appropriate. **Please be aware of what your daughter is posting.** If hurtful comments have been posted about your daughter, keep the offending message, as this can be reported to the website owners and the Gardaí.

**TUSLA (Educational Welfare Services Child and Family Agency)** Established 01/01/2014

**It is a requirement for schools to report absences of 20 days or more to TUSLA which now incorporates the National Education Welfare Board (NEWB).** Under this arrangement, we must also categorise the reason for each absence, *hence the importance of sending in a written note to the Class Teacher explaining why your daughter has been absent, on every occasion.* The absence note should be on a **separate page**, and not in your daughter's homework journal, because the Class Teacher will have to retain it for reference. There are four reporting periods in the year with reports for period 2 (end-Dec.) and Period 4 (end of school year) being **mandatory. Please note that reports are cumulative from the start of the school year.** As a matter of courtesy you will be notified in writing if your daughter is recorded on the Student Absence Report Form. Please see [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie) for further details.

### **Information Booklet**

On our website [www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie](http://www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie) you will find our "Information Booklet" for parents/guardians on the left hand side (under Information for Parents). This may assist with some queries you have.

### **Board of Management**

Our school has a dedicated and hard-working Board of Management, which meets regularly.

The Board has eight members, with equal representation from the Patron, the Teaching Staff, Parents, and the wider community. The term of office is for four years and the current BOM is in place until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

It is comprised of:

**Patrons' Representatives:** Mr. Owen Wilson (Chairperson) and Fr. Larry White.

**Teachers' Representatives:** Mrs. Anne McCarthy (Principal) and Mrs. Eva MacNamee.

**Parents' Representatives:** Mr. Mark Bryans and Ms. Claire Roddy.

**Community Representatives:** Mrs. Bernadette Hollingsworth (Treasurer) and Mr. Donal Friel.

### **Ná déan dearmad**

- **Rented Books** Please ensure your daughter treats the books she receives from the school with care over the year, as they will be used again by other children.  
**Please LABEL your daughter's uniform parts.** The amount of lost property that builds up over the school year is incredible. Lynch's of Marino and Pender's Vernon Avenue, both sell iron on labels. Sew on labels can be ordered online.



- We have some tracksuit tops and a few uniform pieces in the wooden unit beside lost property, so if you need to replace an item please look here first. Should you wish to make a small donation it will be sent to St. John's Ward, Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin.
- Please note **we do not allow the distribution of party invitations in classes or on the school grounds.**
- Please **ensure your after school arrangements are very clear with your daughter** before she comes to school. The school phone is for emergencies only.
- **Head-Lice**  
For the sake of all our children and of our parents, please ensure your daughters' hair is tied back, remain vigilant at all times and check her hair regularly.

#### **School Grounds**

- Please do not allow your children to climb on the railings both outside and inside the school gate.
- Please do not allow children to play in among our parked cars.
- **Dog Owners/ Minders**  
Please **clean up after your pet** and on the grounds of health and safety, **please do not bring your dog inside the school gates, even if you are holding the dog!**

#### **Fáilte: Parents are welcome!**

Please remember that parents are welcome to call to the school. However, if you wish to discuss something with your daughter's Class Teacher or with myself, **it is important to make a prior appointment.**

When calling to the school during the day, even just to drop off a lunch, **please call to the main door only** and ring the Senior School doorbell. The doorbell sounds in the Secretary's, office. If she is not in the office at the time, please be patient and try again.

#### **School Holidays/Laethanta Saoire:**

**Aavailable on the school website** [www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie](http://www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie). You can keep up to date with newsletters on our school website and follow us on [twitter@belgrovesgns](https://twitter.com/belgrovesgns).

## Dataí

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, 24th November 2016

### Primary Language Curriculum Day

Belgrove Senior Girls' School have received notice of a whole school professional development day for which **school closure** has been sanctioned. This will take place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. There will be **no school for your daughter that day**.

### Sacramental Dates

#### **First Holy Communion**

**Parent Meeting:** First Holy Communion Programme Meeting was held on

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 8.p.m. Senior Girls' School Hall

**Sacrament of First Penance:** Dates to be decided

**First Holy Communion:** Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Photographs on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

#### **Confirmation**

**Parent Meeting:** Confirmation Programme Meeting was held on

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 8.p.m. Senior Girls' School Hall

We are still waiting for approval from Archbishop's House for our date for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** but the **proposed date is Thursday 18th May 2017**.

Photographer provisionally booked for Friday 19th May 2017.

**6<sup>th</sup> class Retreat:** Manresa House Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>/ Tuesday 4th/ Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Further details for your daughter's class will be given nearer the time.

### 6<sup>th</sup> class Graduation

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 11.00a.m.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, please retain it for reference.

Le gach dea-ghuí don scoil bhliain nua.

Is mise le meas,

Anne McCarthy      Príomhoide