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Mí na Nollag 2017

A thuismitheoirí /a chaomhnóirí,

Tá na cailíní agus na múinteoirí an-ghnóthnach sa scoil anois ag ullmhú don Nollaig!

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 30th November 2019. Fáilte chuig Clodagh Farrell our newly appointed parent nominee.

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. Clodagh Farrell.

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

Parents' Association Sponsored Walk Friday 27th October



Míle buíochas to all who came along and joined us (especially those in Hallowe'en outfits!) €6,067.30 to date, was raised ☺

St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree Appeal



Míle buíochas to all those who donated to our Giving Tree appeal.

You have been extremely generous and all gifts have been donated to the Vincent de Paul who are very grateful. **Parents may, of course, prefer to donate privately to a charity of their choice. No parent should feel under any pressure to donate.**

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Buiochas mór to Fr. Larry who lead us in our whole school prayer service on Friday 8th December and also to Mrs. MacNamee who co-ordinated the service.

Carol Service

Maith sibh to our 6th class girls who entertained the residents of "La Verna" Haddon Road with Christmas Carols on Thursday 14th December!



Our 2nd & 6th class girls along with their teachers, are busy preparing to lead us with our Carol Service. Is deas an rud é bheith ag éisteacht do na cailíní ag canadh! This will take place in **St Gabriel's Church at 12noon on Wednesday, 20th December 2017.** Please note time change from 11.30a.m. due to a funeral.

Parents are invited to join us in preparing for the coming of Jesus. **We will use the two middle aisles to seat the children,** leaving the side aisles free for parents. **The children will be returning to school afterwards with their teachers and collection is at the normal time of 2.20p.m.**



GAA

We had the privilege of welcoming Sarah and Jack McCaffrey, Dublin players and winners of the Brendan Martin Cup and Sam Maguire Cup respectively, to our school on Monday 4th December. What a fantastic achievement! It was a particularly special occasion for me as their grandmother, Sal McCaffrey, taught me during the 5 years I attended Belgrove Senior Girls' School. I was very proud to welcome her grandchildren to the school on such a momentous occasion for the Dubs!



Comhghairdeas to our League Team who were winners of the League. Jack and Sarah McCaffrey presented the Team with their medals! **GO BELGROVE! & Áth Cliath Abú!**

Buiochas to the teachers who helped with the teams - Catherine Brodie, Kate McCarthy & Clare McManus - to Ger Dinan, GAA PRO officer and also Aidan O'Callaghan our parent helper.

Mangahigh

We participated in Mangahigh Maths Week Challenge 2017 and Anna Gallogly, Maria Finlay Doody, Eva Magner & Caoimhe McDaid were all awarded medals for earning over 150 points! Maith sibh a chailíní ☺

Hour Of Code

Míle buíochas to Fiona Costigan, parent who helped 4th and 5th classes to participate in the Hour of Code on Thursday 7th December 2017. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience! See www.code.org/Minecraft for futher puzzles or www.youthsparkhub.com for additional resources.

Be safe on line

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 by taking a screen shot of it, as this can be reported to the website owners and the Gardaí.

The following sites may be of help to you in keeping children safe online. We would also advise you to turn on the Safe Search feature on your search engine.

- webwise.ie (Irish Site)
- www.internetmatters.org

Green School

Míle buíochas to Ms. Julie Carroll who is leading our Green School Initiative this year. Fáilte to Paul McDermott, our volunteer parent helper who will be joining the committee. The committee meets once a month at 8.30a.m. in the library. 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.** Follow the Green School Blog on the school website for updates!

Credit Union

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). If any other student wishes to join the Clontarf Credit Union Savings scheme, application forms are kept in the office. Should parents/guardians have any further queries please contact Clontarf Credit Union directly at (01) 8331687 or clontarfcu@clontarfcu.ie.



Garda Visit

The 5th classes were paid a visit by local Gardaí, Sharon Kavanagh and Deirdre O'Donnell, as part of the community programme, on Wednesday 13th December. They spoke about the role of the Gardaí.

Learning Support

Our Learning Support Team continues to be in a position to offer in-class support in English and Maths to some classes in the school. Children will continue to be withdrawn if their needs require it. This is in line with the DES staged approach to Assessment, Identification and Programme Planning- Circular SP ED 02/05: Appendix 3.

Assistant Principal 1

We wish **Mrs. MacNamee** the very best, as she takes up her new role of Assistant Principal 1 within our school community.

Leabhar Power (Book club)

Míle buíochas to the parents who come in to help with the book club. It is a fun enjoyable time for all girls who have a real passion and love for reading!

Even if your daughter is not coming to the book club each month, the suggested monthly books for reading are on the school website under the relevant book club blog. The books for each class grouping are also listed on the notice board outside the principal's office. The girls are not obliged to come every month and the book club is open to all ☺ Fáilte roimh cách ☺

Helpful websites websites:

- www.amightygirl.com
- www.obrien.ie
- www.childrensbooksireland.ie/inis
- www.librariesireland.ie



Library/Leabharlann

Buíochas to Joanne Teeling and the parent helpers who are helping with the library updates.

Raheny Library are holding a Christmas writing competition for children. Entry forms are available at Raheny Library. Entries must be sent to Raheny Library by the closing date of December 15th 2017.

Minor Works Scheme

The grant has issued to primary schools with permanent recognition. The rates payable are €5,500 per school plus €18.50 per mainstream pupil. Pupil numbers will be based on the number of pupils on the rolls on the 30th September of the year prior to the issue of the grant.

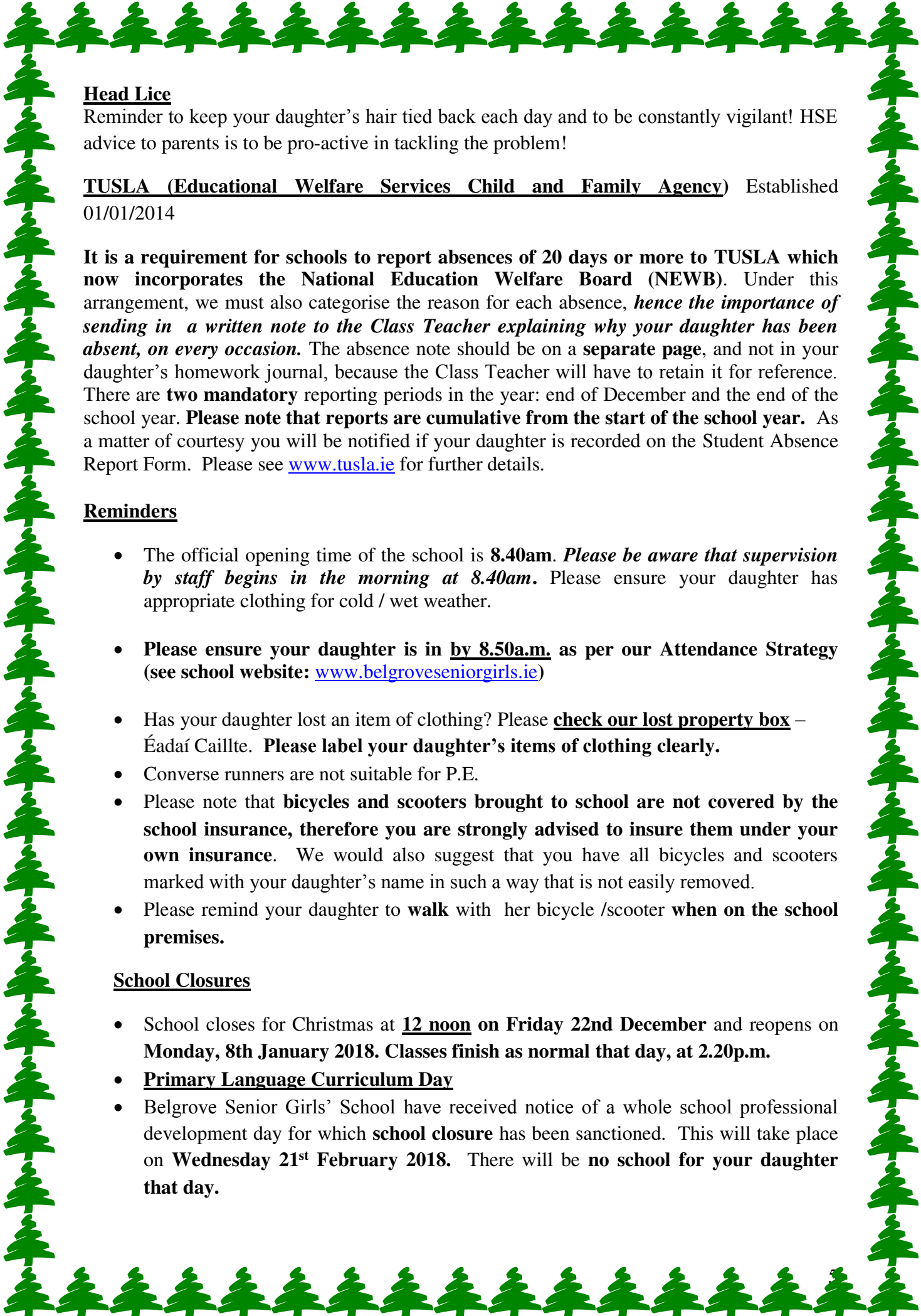
Crannchur an Phríomhoide



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We will also have “**Crannchur an Phríomhoide**” on Wednesday 20th December - each girl receives a raffle ticket and is in with a chance to win a prize! Such excitement in the hall as they hope their ticket is the one pulled out from their class!! **Each class will also receive a box of chocolates from the Parents' Association** ☺





Head Lice

Reminder to keep your daughter's hair tied back each day and to be constantly vigilant! HSE advice to parents is to be pro-active in tackling the problem!

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 **two mandatory** reporting periods in the year: end of December and the end of the school year. **Please note that reports are cumulative from the start of the school year.** As a matter of courtesy you will be notified if your daughter is recorded on the Student Absence Report Form. Please see www.tusla.ie for further details.

Reminders

- The official opening time of the school is **8.40am**. *Please be aware that supervision by staff begins in the morning at 8.40am.* Please ensure your daughter has appropriate clothing for cold / wet weather.
- Please ensure your daughter is in **by 8.50a.m.** as per our Attendance Strategy (see school website: www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie)
- Has your daughter lost an item of clothing? Please **check our lost property box** – Éadaí Caillte. **Please label your daughter's items of clothing clearly.**
- Converse runners are not suitable for P.E.
- Please note that **bicycles and scooters brought to school are not covered by the school insurance, therefore you are strongly advised to insure them under your own insurance.** We would also suggest that you have all bicycles and scooters marked with your daughter's name in such a way that is not easily removed.
- Please remind your daughter to **walk** with her bicycle /scooter **when on the school premises.**

School Closures

- School closes for Christmas at **12 noon on Friday 22nd December** and reopens on **Monday, 8th January 2018.** Classes finish as normal that day, at 2.20p.m.
- **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 **Wednesday 21st February 2018.** There will be **no school for your daughter that day.**

On behalf of all of us here in Belgrove Senior Girls' School, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your support and help. I would also like to wish you and your family a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Keep up to date with school news on the school website and blogs! **NOLLAIG SHONA DAOIBH GO LÉIR!**

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