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Mí na Nollag 2018

A thuismitheoirí /a chaomhnóirí,

Bhí na cailíní agus na múinteoirí an-ghnóthnach sa scoil ag ullmhú don Nollaig. Tá súil agam go mbeidh Nollag Shona Dhaoibh go léir.

Board of Management

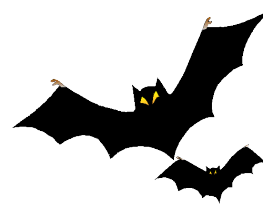
Our school has a dedicated and hard-working Board of Management, which meets regularly.

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 Tony Fallon 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. Tony Fallon and Ms. Clodagh Farrell.
Community Representatives: Mrs. Bernadette Hollingsworth (Treasurer) and Mr. Donal Friel.

Parents' Association Sponsored Walk Friday 26th October

Míle buíochas to all who came along and joined us (especially those in Hallowe'en outfits!) €7,857.83 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.



Seó Na Nollag

Lots of hard work and preparation went on for our recent Christmas Seó. Buíochas to all the girls in 3rd, 4th and 5th classes for the fantastic performances, to their teachers for all the hard work and preparation, to the SEN team who worked unseen backstage, to Mrs. Stokes for the help with planning and timetabling to ensure all ran smoothly, to our SNA's, Derek, office staff and to Pat Hollingsworth of PH Sound Systems. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Thanks to Nolan's Supermarket and the PA who donated prizes and to the parents who helped with the raffle - €1,581 was raised ☺

Carol Service

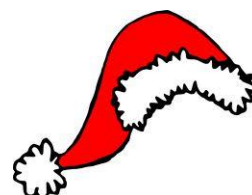
Míle buíochas to our lovely 6th class singers who performed in Clontarf Castle Friday 13th December for the "American Women's Club of Dublin". They were amazing! Buíochas to Mrs. Eva MacNamee and Ms. Shauna Davey for their musical input.



Thank you for joining us in our Carol Service **in St Gabriel's Church on Wednesday 19th December**- the start of our Christmas Countdown to the celebration of the birth of baby Jesus. It was a beautiful service and a sincere míle buíochas to Fr. Larry our chaplain, Deirdre Ward our Pastoral Worker, to Fr. Pat, to our 6th and 2nd class girls, their teachers: Ms. Julie Carroll, Ms. Aideen O'Connell, Ms. Emma Deegan, Ms. Ellen Duffy, Ms. Orlagh Daly and Ms. Marie Mason. To Ms. Ann McNamara and Mrs. Laura O'Toole for the power point. Buíochas to Ms. Julie Carroll and Mrs. Eva MacNamee for the organisation and co-ordination of our Service.

Wear Santa Hat

€703 was raised for CMRF Crumlin Children's Hospital!!! Míle buíochas.



GAA

Hard luck to our Corn Austin Finn team who were beaten in the final – however, getting to play in Croke Park was a privilege for them.

Buíochas to the teachers who helped with the teams – Caoimhe Carey, Kate McCarthy- to Ger Dinan, GAA PRO officer and also Julie Morrissey our parent helper.

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 Mrs. Laura O'Toole who is leading our Green School Initiative this year. 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. 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.



Assistant Principal 11

We wish **Mrs. Brodie** the very best, as she takes up her new role of Assistant Principal 11 within our school community.

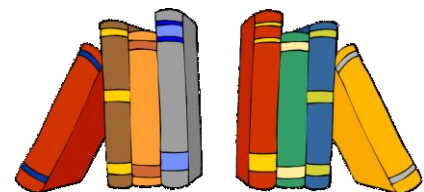
Leabhar Power (Book club)

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



The girls were very excited by the surprise visit of Ryan Tubridy, author of “The First Christmas Jumper” to the school on Friday 14th December. He visited all, from 2nd – 6th and you knew where he was from the excited voices of the girls!!

Raheny Library held a Christmas writing competition for children. Comhghairdeas to Ciara Oliver, Ms. Davey’s and Aoibheann Conlon, Ms. McCarthy’s who were both winners!

Furniture

The girls are enjoying the new tables and chairs. Míle buíochas to Mrs. MacNamee, Derek and parents who gave generously of their time to have all sorted for Monday 5th November.

Graffiti Classics

Thanks to the PA who funded the visit of Graffiti Classics to the school. The girls thoroughly enjoyed listening to classical music performed in a fun, vibrant manner!



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



Following the Carol Service on Wednesday 19th December, the girls participated in “**Crannchur an Phríomhoide**” - each girl received a raffle ticket and was in with a chance to win a prize! Such excitement in the hall as they watched the tickets being pulled out. Ms. Davey, Taiya McCann and Ciara Oliver accompanied us with our Carol singing. **Each class received 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 Cailte. **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 21st December** and reopens on **Monday, 7th January 2019. Classes finish as normal that day, at 2.20p.m.**

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!

Anne McCarthy,

Príomhoide

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