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Deireadh Fómhair/ October 2020

A thuismitheoirí / a chaomhnóirí,

We have all settled back despite all the COVID-19 changes, and it has been great to see and hear the girls about the school over the past two months! Míle buíochas to the staff who work hard to keep the school a safe space for the girls.

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 2023.

It is comprised of:

Patrons' Representatives: Dr. P.J. Sexton (Chairperson) and Fr. Larry White.

Teachers' Representatives: Mrs. Anne McCarthy (Principal) and Mrs. Katie Stokes.

Parents' Representatives: Ms. Clodagh Farrell and Mr. Martin Dolan.

Community Representatives: Mrs. Bernadette Hollingsworth (Treasurer) and Mr. Shane Brodie.

Maths Week

Comhghairdeas to **Ms. Carroll's 5th class, overall winners** of our *Maths Door* competition. See school website for the list of class *Tables Champ* and *Maths Star!* Míle buíochas to Mrs. O'Toole for organising maths week!

Parents' Association

Míle buíochas to Helen Gleeson, Chairperson and Niamh Hodnett, Secretary, and to all of you who work so hard as volunteers on behalf of the school. Bhí sé go h-iontach na cailíní a fhéicáil gléasta suas ar an Aoine! The girls had a great time on the sponsored walk – we were very lucky with the dry weather. Buíochas for the drink and hair scrunchie for the girls. Míle buíochas to you for all donations.

Comhghairdeas to **Keeva Lydon, 4th class, Ms. McCarthy**, overall winner of the PA Logo competition (€20 voucher for Penneys). The list of class winners is on the school website. Each girl received a €10 voucher for Penneys! Great excitement.

The PA contact e mail is : pa@belgroveseniorgirls.ie

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 €95.00. Please pay online** – your e mail address is required for this. Should 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. This will be on a confidential basis. 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).

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 €6.40 and is included in Booklist Extra Costs.**

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.**
- Please ensure your daughter has a drink each day.
- ***All unfinished lunches should be brought home.*** In this way, you will know what your daughter is not eating at school.



School Uniforms

- Please ensure that tracksuit tops and jackets etc. are clearly labelled with your daughter's name.
- Only minimum, safe jewellery should be worn at school.
- Your daughter can wear layers under the tracksuit top to keep warm – vest, cami, long-sleeved white top.
- **Please keep uniform for school use** – change out of it when at home.
- Remind your daughter to have appropriate rainwear for when the weather changes.

Brat Glas

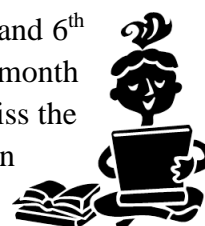
The school is very proud to have five Green flags! We have four of the pennants on the flag pole (Litter, Energy, Water, Transport). Please see the school website www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie for information and regular updates.



In order to reduce the amount of waste produced by the school, **children are asked to bring all wrappers/ uneaten food home. Remind your daughter to eat all of her lunch and to bring home uneaten food.**

Leabhar Power

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions, the book clubs for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes could not resume this year. Usually each group would meet once a month in the school library to share ideas on books read. Tá fíor bhrón orm ☹️. I miss the buzz of the book clubs and having the parents in to help. However, you can set up your own book club with your daughter –read the same book and discuss it with her– the plot, the characters, the ending! The books for each class grouping for last year are still listed on the school website – you can refer to them.



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.

Remind to travel at a slow pace when driving by the Belgrove Schools! Keep our children SAFE.

NO PARKING

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

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 one. **If you require a hard copy please contact the school office.**



Cyberbullying

As per the Department of Education and Skills document “Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools September 2013 & our Anti-Bullying Policy “*placing a once-off offensive or hurtful public message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed and/or repeated by other people will be regarded as bullying behaviour*”
Please ensure your daughter fully understands this.

www.webwise.ie has good advice and support for parents regarding online issues, latest apps and social networks.



Information Booklet

On our website www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie you will find our “Information Booklet” for parents/guardians on the right hand side. Please read this to familiarise yourself with school procedures.

Beginning of Year Teacher/Parent Talk

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we have been unable to have parents into the classrooms at the beginning of the year the way we usually do. You will receive an email with the updated *Additional Information Sheet* when school reopens after the October midterm. Currently, the sheet is available on the school website –Annual Information -click on the relevant year e.g. Second Class Information.

SEN (Special Education Needs) Model

Department of Education and Skills Circular 13/2017: Circular to the Management Authorities of all Mainstream Primary Schools
The Special Education Teaching model provides a single unified allocation for special educational support teaching needs to each school, based on the school's educational profile. This single allocation allows schools to provide additional teaching support for all pupils who require such support. **Schools will deploy resources based on each pupil's individual learning need, as opposed to being based primarily on a diagnosis of disability.**

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.



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.** Please see www.tusla.ie for further details.**

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 coat/ jacket and uniform.** The amount of lost property that builds up over the school year is incredible. Lynch's of Marino sell iron on labels. Sew on labels can be ordered online.
- 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. As a parent/guardian, this is your responsibility.**
- **Dog Owners/ Minders**

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 contact the school. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are not having parents onto the school campus unless it is necessary and by prior appointment only. Please email or phone the office with your query.

Should it ne=be necessary to call to the school, please ring the Senior School doorbell. The secretary will speak to you via the intercom.



School Holidays/Laethanta Saoire:

Available on the school website 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).

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Parent Teacher Meetings

- Currently, we are awaiting guidelines from the DES.

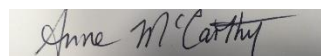
6th class Graduation

- Monday 28th June 2021 at 11.00a.m.

Please contact me on a confidential basis if you are experiencing any difficulties given the huge changes we have had in recent months. Míle buíochas for all your support agus fan slán

Le gach dea-ghuí don scoil bhliain nua.

Is mise le meas,



Mrs. Anne McCarthy

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