



Scoil Náisiúnta Chaisleáin Uí Liatháin

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Nuachtlitir na Cásca 2021

* We are looking forward to the return of our remaining classes, Rang 3, 4, 5 agus 6 on Monday (15th).

* Please remember to **complete** the **Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form** on **Aladdin, any time after 3 pm on Sunday (14th)** but **prior to** your child arriving to school on Monday morning.

* We ask all parents (and pupils) to **please adhere strictly** to all guidelines issued in recent correspondence prior to pupils returning to school. Let us all play our part going forward in ensuring that schools **remain** open in the coming weeks / months for everybody's sake.

* Please see important information links for parents and pupils from the DE (Department of Education) underneath on the reopening of schools.

<https://youtu.be/IfrNHfHo5vI>

<https://youtu.be/hg2wRiXXSpc>

* **Seachtain na Gaeilge:** As we celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week, the children are getting involved in various activities to promote our language and culture. You can play your part also by using your “cúpla focal” at home. Beatha teanga í a labhairt.

* **Lá ‘le Pádraig:** As Wednesday next is a public holiday, Lá ‘le Pádraig, the school will be closed on that day. Children can wear green on Tuesday (16th) and we hope each class will have its own “parade” in the school yard on that day, weather permitting.

* **World Down Syndrome Day / Rock Your Funky Socks Day:** As Sunday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day, we will celebrate it next **Friday 19th** where children (and adults) can **wear odd socks**, something which has become synonymous with World Down Syndrome Day. As our two special classes, Le Chéile and Sonas accommodate children with moderate learning needs, it is fitting that we celebrate this day. We will take a voluntary contribution (€1 even) for DSI (Down Syndrome Ireland) on that day, for anybody who wishes to donate. Also, we'd like to express our sincere thanks to Gillian Byrne (parent) who set up a “Gofundme” page to celebrate her big birthday recently and

has donated €2,200 to the school for specialised equipment to be installed in our special needs play area which will be developed later this year. Go raibh míle maith agat, Gillian, Go gcúití Dia leat é.

*** Bóthar na nGabhar / Fly a Goat to Africa:** Each year during Lent, we sell raffle tickets to the children (at 50c each) to support Bóthar na nGabhar / Fly a Goat to Africa. Due to the school being closed for much of Lent this year, we have decided to hold a collection for Bóthar on **Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th March**. Children can bring a voluntary contribution on either of those days and each child that contributes will be entered in a class draw for an Easter Egg on the day of the Easter Holidays (Friday 26th March). All the names will then be put in a draw and one name selected to name the goat, with an Easter egg for the winner. The target figure to fly a goat to Africa for Bóthar is €350. Any surplus money, (if there *is* a surplus), will be divided among other worthy charities.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support and co-operation. Should you have any other queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cáisc Shona dhaoibh go léir! / Happy Easter to all!

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Nelius

