

Cairde Shliabh Rua Newsletter, October 2016

I hope everyone is well and truly settled in to their school routines. I'd like to welcome all the new parents who started this year with us, We hope you love the school and our school community as much as we do. We look forward to seeing you at the Cairde Shliabh Rua meetings, as well as the events organised in aid of the school, not forgetting the Friday coffee mornings.



The **new committee** has been working away in the background. A few of you have probably been approached by one of them to do a few little jobs here and there in the last few weeks- we appreciate all the work everyone does to make Gaelscoil Shliabh Rua the best school it can be. Our committee details are at the end of the email, if you need to contact any member you will find the numbers there. We have 2 class reps in each class. They are happy to help you as best they can. A whatsapp group has been set up in all classes now, if you haven't been included in this then you might let your class reps know.

Siúlóid na gCailleach is on **Friday 28th October**.

The children can come in to school that morning in costume. The walk will be at 10am and all school community members are welcome to join in. It's such a special morning, we had lots of parents last year and it was certainly a day to remember. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards. Fancy dress encouraged by all... Big and small! Lots of chat about sponsorship forms filling up, we have spare ones if anyone needs them, just let Aine in the office know. All funds raised will go towards the school, in particular purchasing some much needed toys for the 4 infant classes we have this year. Please send in the money you manage to raise in with your child on Friday 28th. We will collect and lodge the money that day. Any money handed in after that date can be given to Aine in the office.

We will be hosting our annual "**Siopa Leabhar**" (pop up book shop) the first week after midterm, from **Tuesday 8th November to Friday 11th November**. This is another great event for the kids. There will be an array of books (bearla agus gaeilge) as well as stationary for the children & parents to browse through. The book shop will be open in the hall during the parent-teacher meetings. It will also be open that Thursday after school. You will be able to pick out the books you want, place the order by paying and filling out the order form, We will then place the order that afternoon and hopefully you should have the book the following day. There are some incredible deals to be had! Look out for the posters for more information.

Volunteers... We need you! If you have spare time, I know- who has free time these days?!! Please send on your details to your class reps. If you can help out in any way, we want to hear from you. Some things include the walking bus, the siopa leabhar, serving tea & coffee at the information night and other upcoming school events, helping in the mornings with drop off at the set down area, keeping our social media up to date, getting involved in our Christmas fundraiser raffle- collecting prizes & selling tickets, even translating things from English to Gaeilge. Perhaps you have a special skill, interest or hobby that may benefit our school in some way, if so then drop us a line!

We had an amazing turn out to our first Cairde Shliabh Rua AGM, thanks to all who turned up and those who sent their apologies. Our next **Cairde Shliabh Rua meeting** will be on **Tuesday 15th November** at 7:30 in the school. We would love to see you all there.

Here's to a brilliant year ahead, making decisions that benefit the school and always putting the needs of our precious children first.

Best wishes,

Emma Dowling-Kirwan, Chairperson



