

Scoil Mhuire na nGrást,  
Béal Guala,  
Co. Chorcaí.



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**Re: SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS 2022/2023 (v. 09/06/2022)**

09/06/2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

It is hoped that the following information will be of benefit in assisting with initial preparations for when pupils resume school after the summer break.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022/2023**

Further to 'School Calendar 2022/2023' (v.22/03/2022) which you received earlier in March (and attached again), please note that the school will be re-opening after the summer break on **Monday, 29 August 2022**.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLY DETAILS 2021/2022 (CAHILL'S CARRIGALINE)**

The Scoil Mhuire na nGrást uniform consists of wine jumper/cardigan with school crest, grey trousers/pinafore/skirt, wine tie, blue shirt and regular school shoes. Pupils wear tracksuits for sporting and PE related activities, class teachers will inform you of these days in September. A white polo shirt is to be worn under tracksuit and pupils may wear runners with tracksuit.

During the months of May, June & September, in addition to the main school uniform or the school tracksuit on designated days (as above), pupils may also wear a white polo t-shirt, an up-cycled short version of the existing school tracksuit or wine-coloured shorts (the latter being available from the school's uniform supplier). **To assist with returning lost uniform items, please label clothing clearly with your child's name.**

*Cahill's Carrigaline has advised of the following:*

### **CAHILL'S SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

- Uniforms are now available to buy in our **store** in Carrigaline and **online**.
- Please check out our website for directions and opening hours - [www.cahillschoolwear.ie](http://www.cahillschoolwear.ie)
- There is a 'click and collect' or delivery option available
- To facilitate correct sizing, it may be best, if possible, for Junior Infant pupils to visit the store in Carrigaline
- If visiting the store, please note that due to restrictions on numbers, there may be queues and some delays, so please bear with us
- August is always particularly busy, so if at all possible, please come earlier this summer.

If you have any questions or queries please email us and we will get back to you as soon as possible

**Cahills Menswear, Kilmoney Road, Carrigaline**

[www.cahillschoolwear.ie](http://www.cahillschoolwear.ie)

**Email: - [info@cahillschoolwear.ie](mailto:info@cahillschoolwear.ie)**

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**SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023**

The school's enrolment for September 2022, DES staff allocation, available physical classroom space, age, gender balance, previous class groupings and SET requirements form the basis for *Class Groupings 2022/2023*. Based on these criteria, the Board of Management has approved and confirmed the following class groupings for the next school year.

**NOTE – First Column** – Your child's current class & teacher (2021/2022)

**Second Column** – Your child's class & teacher for next school year 2022/2023

**Third Column** – You will find your child's booklist for next school year (2022/2023) on this page number in the '**Booklists 2022/2023**'(v.09June2022) which is attached

<b>CLASS &amp; TEACHER 2021/2022</b>	<b>CLASS &amp; TEACHER 2022/2023</b>	<b>BOOKLIST 2022/2023 (PAGE NO.)</b>
N/A	Junior Infants A (New Teacher - TBA)	1
N/A	Junior Infants B (Ms Hurley)	2
Junior Infants A (Ms S O'Leary)	Senior Infants A (Ms L Collins)	3
Junior Infants B (Ms Hurley)	Senior Infants B (Mrs Finn)	4
Senior Infants A (Ms. L Collins/Ms A O'Sullivan)	First Class A (Mrs Lennon)	5
Senior Infants B (Mrs Finn)	First Class B (New Teacher - TBA)	6
First Class A (Mrs Lennon)	Second Class A (Mr Cotter)	7
First Class B (Mr. Cotter/Ms. E O'Leary)	Second Class B (Ms O'Driscoll)	8
Second Class A (Ms O'Driscoll)	Third Class A (Ms J O'Sullivan)	9
Second Class B (Ms O'Donovan)	Third Class B (Ms O'Hea)	10
Third Class A (Ms J O'Sullivan)	Fourth Class A (Mrs Ryan & Mrs. Miyazaki who will job-share)	11
Fourth Class A (Mrs Ryan & Mrs Miyazaki)	Fifth Class A (Mrs Clancy)	12
Fourth Class B (Mr O'Flaherty)	Fifth Class B (New Teacher - TBA)	13
Fifth Class A (Mrs Clancy)	Sixth Class A (Mr Lane)	14
Fifth Class B (Mr McKeown)	Sixth Class B (Mr Hayes-Curtin)	15

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING TEAM 2022/2023**

Ms C Murphy, Mrs Hickey, Ms O'Neill, Ms Cronin & Mrs Hellstern/Ms Walsh (job-share) & SET (New Teacher TBA)

**SCHOOL BOOK REQUIREMENTS 2022/2023 & HIGH STREET BOOKS**

High Street Books will operate an online purchase facility (active from 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> week in June). For those books which you will need to purchase for 2022/2023 (top section of booklist), please:

- Visit [www.hsb.ie](http://www.hsb.ie)
- The 'HSB Online Order Details Summer 2022' sheet (attached) outlines how to order your child's school books

High Street Books offer free Home Delivery on orders over €25 (otherwise €5.95) for the summer months. (*Contact details* - High Street Books (085) 2526912 & [orders@highstreetbooks.ie](mailto:orders@highstreetbooks.ie))

If you do not wish to avail of 'Book Rental Scheme 2022/2023' (bottom section of booklist) from the school, you also have the option of purchasing these books from High Street Books.

Alternatively, if you wish to avail of Book Rental Scheme 2022/2023 from the school, and this is encouraged, *see below*.

**BOOK RENTAL SCHEME 2022/2023 (BRS 2022/2023)**

It is planned to operate the Book Rental Scheme for 2022/2023. Please note the following:

- E-Payment requests for BRS 2022/2023 will issue on our return to school in late August  
*Note:* - Annual Rental Charge (*i.e.* €10 – *Junior Infant to Second Classes & €20 - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes*) & Book Rental Deposit (*i.e.* €10 - *only applicable if a child is joining the scheme for the first time*).
- Once existing BRS stock has been returned from BRS 2021/2022 participants (*see below*), it is planned to be in a position to distribute Book Rental Scheme related books to pupils, on receipt of payment.

**BOOK RENTAL SCHEME 2021/2022 PARTICIPANTS & RETURN OF BOOKS**

In preparation for Book Rental Scheme 2022/2023, **Tuesday 14 June** is the designated date for the final return and collection of books from all pupils who participated in Book Rental Scheme 2021/2022. Should your child not be in school on this day, please return books to your child's class teacher before this date. Also, should your child have any class library books, guided reading books (e.g. PM books...) or school class novels, please ensure that these are also returned by this date.

**SHERPA KIDS (Before & After-School Childcare Programme 2022/2023)**

Further to a previous email from Sherpa (18/05/2022), families may avail of the above-mentioned service at the school. Should you wish to avail of this service, Sherpa has requested that, in the first instance, contact be made via email.

**Email:** [bns@sherpakids.ie](mailto:bns@sherpakids.ie)

**Telephone:** 083-0103968

The Board of Management wishes to advise families that this activity, facilitated by an independent contractor, is independent of the primary function of the school. Therefore, all queries, related arrangements (including, where necessary, individual pupil needs/requirements) and other contact in respect of this facility is to be made directly and separately with Sherpa and not through the school office.

**AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2022/2023 – Irish dancing, Music, Drama & Art**

Further to a previous school email on 17/05/2022, relevant details are outlined on the school's website at <https://www.belgoolyns.ie/after-school-activities>

The Board of Management wishes to advise families that these activities, facilitated by independent contractors, are independent of the primary function of the school. Therefore, all queries, related arrangements (including, where necessary, individual pupil needs/requirements) and other contact in respect of these activities is to be made directly and separately with the respective tutor/group and not through the school office.

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**GREEN FLAG & TRAVEL FLAG SUCCESS**

The school was awarded the Travel Flag by *An Taisce* on Wednesday, 25 May. This is the fifth Green Flag to be awarded to the school. It came at the end of a two year process, whereby the school's Green Committee, comprising of 6<sup>th</sup> class students and school staff, worked together through various initiatives to promote active travel to school. Activities such as *Walk on Wednesday (WOW)*, *Scoot to School*, travel surveys, *Bike Week* and an exploration of safe routes to school led to this achievement. The Parents Association and An Garda Síochána's support are to be acknowledged in this achievement also.

To celebrate, on the day, the children were invited to wear green and the school held a flag raising ceremony by our newly constructed bike shelter. As well as featuring in the local press (The Carrigdhoun & Southern Star), we went national! The celebration featured on *news2day* on Friday, 27 May. To view, click on the following link & the segment on Scoil Mhuire na nGrást is at 5:40.

<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/news2day/SI0000001210?epguid=IH000412442> This communication piece was compiled and produced by 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils.

The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes enjoyed bike workshops with Ulick O'Beirne of "Bike Wizards" earlier in the day.

**CREATIVE SCHOOLS 2022 "Creativity Live Here!"/HISTORY FORTNIGHT**

Given its success last year, we are very excited to be celebrating the Creative & History fortnight again over these first two weeks in June. We are fortunate to run classes in both Creative Dance with Lisa Cliffe, dance-offs on the yard and Zumba with Dancing Derek! Classes will have an opportunity to showcase their creative skills by putting on plays, reading poetry, sharing books they have written and displaying some summer art they have recently created. Pupils will also enjoy an art walk to view and appreciate displays of a variety of creations from all classes. Sand sculpting will be a new skill taught to third class. All pupils have had the opportunity to try African drumming during the year. History walks & quizzes will also feature during the fortnight. Scoil Mhuire na nGrást will be alive with song, dance, history & art! These fun and creative experiences have a positive impact on student learning, development and well-being.

**SCRATCH**

Sixth class are being digitally creative and currently having great fun learning with how to code using Scratch. Scratch is a free coding language with a simple visual interface that allows young people to create digital stories, games and animations. Scratch promotes computational thinking and problem solving skills. It also facilitates creative learning and builds collaborative peer learning and teamwork skills.

**BELGOOLY SHOW (2022)**

Well done to all the pupils who submitted entries and took part in various events at the *Belgooly Show*. This community event provides a unique educational, creative, social and cultural experience for the children of *Clontead Parish*.

**CRUINNIÚ NA nÓG**

Continuing with the creative theme, the above is a flagship initiative of the *Creative Ireland Programme* that may be of interest to families.

Further details of free events for children and young people at

<https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/cork/>

Also, related story-telling event details at Kinsale Library attached.

**FARM SAFE STAR CERTIFICATE (FOURTH CLASSES)**

Being mindful of our rural location, and given the importance of farm safety, our fourth class pupils were busy participating in a series of three related webinars over the past few weeks. Their efforts culminated in being awarded a *Farm Safe Star School* certificate, as part of *Farm Safe Schools*

(<https://farmsafeschools.ie/awards/index>). Well done!

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**CORK CARNIVAL OF SCIENCE**

Cork Carnival of Science features seated Big Top shows from RTE's science show *Lets Find Out "Mark the Science Guy"* and *Science Magic* from W5 Belfast with *Simply Science* and *Eureka Edinburgh*. Hands on workshops are offered by *Current Chemistry Investigators*, *MadLab*, *Learn it LEGO Education*, *Cell Explorers* and include activities from the leading research and innovation science centres in Ireland. Marquees from *Analog Devices* feature interactive exhibits and challenges, journey into space with *Blackrock Castle Observatory* and walk with dinosaurs with *Naturally Wild*. Throughout the day walk about performances will pop up from *Bubbly Maths*, *Dr. Ken* and *Circus 250*. Activity stands will be provided by *Lifetime Lab*, *UCC School of Chemistry*, *UCC School of BEES*, *Fota Wildlife Park*, *Tyndall*, *Cork Sports Partnership*, *MTU Vex Robotics Programme* and many more. For full details see [www.oldercorkwaterworks.ie](http://www.oldercorkwaterworks.ie)  
Related flyer attached.

**CORK PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS 2022**

Cork Primary School Sports Day took place on Friday, 03 June. Well done to all our participants who enjoyed their trip to MTU and achieved some impressive wins – one first, five seconds and two thirds in the sprints & Relays (BOYS U-13 1<sup>st</sup> & U-11 2<sup>nd</sup> and GIRLS U-13 1<sup>st</sup> & U-11 3<sup>rd</sup>)! Thank you to our Cork Primary School Sports Committee for organising our school's participation at this event.

**SPORTS FOR ALL DAY (2022)**

The *Scoil Mhuire na nGrást 'Sports For All Day'* will be held on *Monday, 20 June*, weather permitting. Each class will be participating. Children may wear their school tracksuit and runners and only need bring their pencil case, a snack, lunch and plenty to drink. Sun-cream application is advisable. The *Parents' Association* has kindly organised a complimentary ice-cream for each child on the day.

**SCHOOL REPORTS 2022**

*Annual Pupil Reports 2022* are currently being finalised and will issue to all families later next week, via Aladdin 'Connect'.

**SUMMER BREAK**

The final day of this school year is **Wednesday, 22 June** and pupils will finish and leave school on that day in the following order:

- Junior & Senior Infants – 11.35 – 11.45am
- 'Walkers' (all classes) – 11.45 – 11.50am
- School Buses – 11.50am -12.00 noon

Should you have a child in Junior or Senior Infants who is to depart school in the company of an older sibling as a 'Walker' or 'Bus', arrangements will be made by the relevant staff for these pupils to join their older siblings at the relevant times in respect of school departure, as outlined above.

The school will re-open after the Summer break on **Monday, 29 August 2022**.

Yours faithfully,

*Mr. Diarmuid Hennessy*  
*School Principal*