

### 3. Nuachtlitir

04/10/2023

A Thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

#### **A.G.M. of the Parents' Association**

All parents are invited to attend the A.G.M. of the Parents' Association which will be held next Tuesday, October 10th at 8 p.m. in Scoil Bhríde.

#### **Child Protection**

The Department of Education has issued revised Child Protection Guidelines for Primary and Post Primary Schools. The guidelines can be viewed on

<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/268613/39868a39-1de4-4890-97a0-2fa388a8a2a9.pdf#page=null>

#### **Walk to School Week**

A big well done and thank you to everyone for the great effort being made for Walk to School Week this week. Last Thursday (before Walk to School Week) we had 227 children walking, cycling/scooting or using park and stride when coming to school. Yesterday this number was 326, an increase of 99! This is a fantastic achievement. We have 2 days left in Walk to School Week and we are encouraging everyone to keep up the brilliant effort. It would be great if we could break the 100 mark increase before the week is out! We will update you next week with our final totals. Thank you again!

#### **New Board of Management**

On Monday we sent out a letter seeking nominations for Parents' Nominees for our new Board of Management. We are asking parents to consider nominating themselves to be part of the Board. Closing date for return of nominations is Tuesday, October 10th.

Mother Panel: <https://forms.gle/5E1hsv9dSnJ7d8Ki8>

Father Panel: <https://forms.gle/bFWm58MwQCo2oFGd6>

#### **Additional School Bus**

Well done to all the parents who were involved in the campaign to get an additional school bus. A mini bus has been sanctioned to ensure that there is adequate capacity for all the children traveling by bus to the school.

#### **New Podcast**

Congratulations and well done to Miss Cashman's Rang VI for producing our first Podcast of the 2023-2024 school year. The podcast is available on our school website. As we go through the year other classes will be creating further podcasts.

## **Globe Air Quality Campaign 2023 Rang V Ms Hogan**

In October of last year, we completed the GLOBE Clean Air Survey at our school. The experiment measured Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) levels at three different locations (Sheltered, Car Park and Near Main Road) on our school grounds. Nitrogen Dioxide is an air pollutant mainly associated with traffic.

This year we are again participating in the campaign to measure pollution levels in the air around our school. We had to place the test tubes in two different locations on our school grounds and provide samples for analysis. The tubes will be in place for four weeks and we will take them down on October 24th. We are looking forward to receiving feedback on our experiment and comparing the results to 2022 to see if the air quality is improving on our school grounds. In addition this year, we are also required to conduct two traffic counts and weather observations each week! So if you see Rang V out and about in the mornings with their clipboards, it is to collect data to help analyse and improve air quality at our school!

## **Upcoming events**

- ❖ Rescheduled St. Colman's/Loreto Blitz - Thursday, October 5th
- ❖ Open Evening for St. Colman's College Fermoy - Thursday, October 12th @ 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- ❖ Closing date for the Credit Union Art Competition is October 18th. You can return artwork with entry form to the office.

## **Board of Management Meeting 26/09/2023**

The agreed report for parents and staff is as follows:

- The board fully supports and will continue to assist the parents who are campaigning to get access to the school bus service for their families.
- The Board has adopted the revised Guidelines for Child Protection in Primary and Post Primary Schools 2023.
- The AGM of the Parents Association will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 10th. The board thanked the outgoing officers and members for their commitment and dedication to supporting the work of the school. Parents are encouraged to attend the AGM and to get involved.
- The term of office for the current Board of Management will expire on 30/11/2023. A new Board of Management will have to be established for 01/12/2023. The election of the two parents' nominees will take place over the next few weeks.

Mise le meas,  
Mairéad Uí Íomhair.