

## Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh

Lána an Mhuilleora, Cnoc na Cathrach, Gaillimh

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Nuachtlitir na Nollag



A Thuismitheoirí, a cháirde,

10ú Nollaig 2024

Ag súil go bhfuil sibh ar fad go maith agus as súil le sos na Nollag.

*We hope that you are all keeping well and looking forward to a little rest over the Christmas break.*

### Dátaí Tábhachtacha le meabhrú – Important Dates to Remember

- Féach Ceiliúradh na Nollag le dátaí do na taispeántaisí eagsúla leis seo – *Please see important dates for the next few days Christmas Performances included here.*
- Gleasadh suas don Nollag ón 18-20ú Nollag – *Christmas Themed Clothes can be worn from 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> December.*
- Cóisir Ranga ar 20ú Nollag – *Christmas Class Party on 20<sup>th</sup> December.*
- Laethanta Saoire na Nollag ar 20/12/24. Páistí ag dul abhaile ag 11.50 nó 12.00- *Christmas Holidays on 20/12/24. Children going home at 11.50 or 12.00.*
- Iarchúram ag dúnadh ag 4 a chlog ar 20/12/24 – *Afterschool service closing at 4pm on 20/12/24*

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- Scoil ag oscailt tar éis na Nollag ar 6/01/25 – *School re-opening on 6/01/25*
- Scoil Dúnta ar 23/01/25 mar go mbeidh inseirbhís ar fáil don fhoireann ar an gCuraclam Mata – *School Closed for pupils on 23/01/25 as teachers will be attending Inservice on Revised Maths Curriculum.*
- Seachtain na Scoileanna Chaitliceacha ón 20-24ú Eanáir – *Catholic Schools Week during the week 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> January*
- 3 Aifreann Réamhullmhuchán do pháistí a bhéas ag déanamh a gCéad Chomaoineach & an Cóineartú ar 18ú Eanáir ag 6 i.n, ar 9ú Feabhra ag 5.30 i.n agus ar 22ú Márta ag 6 i.n - 3 *Preparation Masses for Children preparing for First Communion & Confirmation in Knocknacarra Church on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan at 6pm , 9<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5.30pm & 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm . Fr Tadhg asks Parents and Children to attend these masses.*
- Féile Scoil Drámaíochta Ranganna 4 - 10/02/25-14/02/25
- Cruinnithe Tuistí Múinteoirí Naíonáin & Rang 1 le linn 10/02/25 & 18/02/25 – *Parent Teacher Meetings for Infants & First Classes during 10/02/25 & 18/02/25*
- Seirbhís an tSolais Ranganna 6 ar 18/02/25 sa scoil ag 12.45 – *Service of Light, 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils at 12.45pm in School Hall. Parents asked to attend if Children are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and asked to sit with their child.*
- An Chéad Fhaoistin, Ranganna 2 sa séipéal ar 28/02/25 ag 12.30pm – *First Confession for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class pupils receiving Sacrament of Communion in the church on 28/02/25 at 12.30pm. Parents asked to attend & will be seated with their child.*



## **Ceiliúradh na Nollag i nGaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh / Christmas Celebrations in Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh**

### ***Taispeántaisí Nollag/School Performances:***

*Seirbhís Carúil sa séipéal/Carol Service in Church at 7pm on 11ú Nollag (All welcome)*

*Dráma Naíonáin Bheaga Ann Marie / Ann Marie Junior Infant Christmas Play for Parents@ 12ú Nollag ag 09.30 r.n*

*Dráma Naíonáin Bheaga Áine / Áine Junior Infant Christmas Play for Parents @13ú Nollag ag 09.30 r.n*

*Dráma Naíonáin Bheaga Úna/ Úna Junior Infant Christmas Play for Parents@16ú Nollag ag 9.30 ar maidin*

*Dráma Naíonáin Bheaga Grace / Grace's Junior Infant Christmas Play for Parents @17ú Nollag ag 9.30 ar maidin*

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*Ceolchoirm na Nollag Naíonáin Mhóra Laoise / Laoise Senior Infant Christmas Performance @12ú Nollag ag 11.30 r.n.*

*Ceolchoirm na Nollag Naíonáin Mhóra Órnaith/ Órnaith's Senior Infant Christmas Performance @17ú Nollag ag 11.30 ar maidin*

*Ceolchoirm na Nollag Naíonáin Mhóra Barbara / Barbara Senior Infant Christmas Performance @ 16ú Nollag ag 11.30 ar maidin*

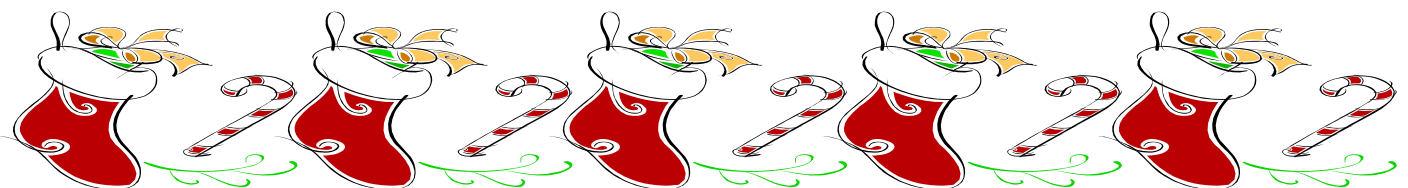
*Ceolchoirm na Nollag Naíonáin Mhóra Fiach / Fiach's Senior Infant Christmas Performance @13ú Nollag ag 11.30 r.n*

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*Ceolchoirm na Nollag Rang 1 Martina /Neasa/ Martina & Neasa's First Class Christmas Performance @ 18ú Nollag ag 1.30 i.n*

*Ceolchoirm na Nollag Ranganna 1 Fiona, Michelle & Caitríona / Fiona, Michelle & Caitríona First Class Christmas Performance @17ú Nollag ag 1.30*

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*Dráma Rang 2 / Second Classes Drama @ 18ú Nollag ag 9.30r.n. ar maidin*

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*Seó Nollag Ranganna 3 / Third Classes Christmas Performance @ 18ú Nollag ag 11.30 ar maidin*



### Cóisir Ranga Dé hAoine / Class Little Party Friday

Is féidir le páistí cupla rud milis a thabhairt isteach sa bhosca lón do chóisir beag ranga ar an Aoine, 20ú Nollag. **Déan cinnte nach bhfuil aon chnónna in aon bhia a thugtar isteach.**

Ní bheidh cead bia a roinnt lena chéile.

**Beidh cuairteoir speisialta ag tabhairt cuairt ar an scoil ar an 19ú Nollag.** Beidh an cuairteoir speisialta ag tabhairt Leabhar Nollag mar bhronntanas do pháistí na Scoile ar fad. Más mian le tuistí cabhrú leis an gcuairteoir íoc as na leabhra seo, is féidir leo €3 a íoc ar Aladdin. Míle buíochas.

*Children may bring in a few treats in their lunch boxes for a little class party on Friday 20th December. **Please ensure there are no traces of nuts/peanuts in any foods.** Children will not be allowed to share foods.*

**A special visitor will be dropping by on Thursday, 19th December.** Our special visitor will be giving each child in the school a Christmas annual as a present. If parents wish to help with the cost of these annuals you may pay €3 on Aladdin. Míle buíochas.

### Iarchúram Scoile / Afterschool Care

Ar an Aoine, 20ú Nollag, rachaidh na páistí a bhíonn ag freastal ar an Iarchúram ar an Aoine go hiondúil chuig an Iarchúram scoile ag am níos luaithe, 11.50/12.00. Beidh an Iarchúram ag dúnadh ar an lá seo ag 4 a chlog. Osclófar an Iarchúram arís ar an Luan 6ú Eanáir 2025.

*On Friday, December 20th, children who normally attend the service on Fridays will go to the afterschool service at the earlier time of 11.50/12.00. The afterschool will close at 4pm on Friday, 20th December and will reopen on Monday 6th January 2025.*



### Cruinnithe Tuistí Múinteoirí Ranganna Naíonáin & Rang 1/Parent Teacher Meetings for Infant and First Classes

Beidh cruinnithe Tuistitheoirí / Múinteoirí ar siúl le linn na seachtainí 10ú & 17ú Feabhra 2025 do ranganna Naíonáin & Rang 1. Seolfar tuille eolais chugaibh tar éis na Nollag.

*Parent Teacher meetings will be held for Junior Infant Classes, Senior Infant Classes & First Classes during the weeks 10th & 17th February 2025. We will send all relevant information after Christmas.*



## Ceolteoirí GMA

Ceolteoirí GMA ag ceiliúradh deireadh na gcleachtaithe ceoil don Seirbhis Carúil Oíche Dé Céadaoin. Seacláid the agus treats tuillte go maith acu tar éis teacht le chéile gach Deardaoin ó Mí Deireadh Fómhair. Fair plé dóibh!! Beidh siad ar ais linn san Áth-Bhliain le Cúnamh Dé.

*The GMA musicians enjoying their well- earned treats and hot chocolate after all the brilliant practice they have put in since October preparing for the Carol Service Wednesday Evening in the Church.*

*We will be back in the New Year adding more tunes to their repertoires.*

*Nollaig Shona daoibh ar fad!*



## NUIG Youth Academy

**Comhghairdeas le Sam, Sophie & Annabelle !**

*Congratulations to Sam Mac Lochlainn, Sophie Ní Riordáin & Annabelle Ní Mhuiris in 4th class who recently graduated from the university after completing a course with the youth academy in civil engineering .*





### An Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024

I mbliana bhailíomar 445 bosca don charthanacht Team Hope. Is mór an méid é sin agus tá muid fíor bhuíoch dóibh siúd a thóg an t-am bosca a líonadh agus é a thabhairt isteach chugainn. Tá na boscaí anois ar an mbealach go dtí an Afraic agus go dtí oirthear na hEorpa agus le cúnamh Dé cuirfidh do bhosca áthas agus gliondar croí ar pháiste éigin an Nollaig seo. Go raibh míle maith agaibh! Buíochas mór freisin do pháistí (elves) Rang 2 Fergal & do mhúinteoir Fergal a rinne obair na gcapall na boscaí ar fad a bhailiú. Nár laga Dia sibh.

*This year we collected 445 shoeboxes for the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. That is an unbelievable amount of boxes and we are extremely grateful to those who went to the time and effort to fill a shoebox and to bring it into us. The shoeboxes are currently en route to Africa and to Eastern Europe and please God your shoebox will bring a smile to some child's face this Christmas. Go raibh míle maith agaibh! And a special word of the thanks to the children(elves) of Rang 2 Fergal & múinteoir Fergal who did trojan work collecting all the boxes.*



### Geamaireacht na Nollag / Christmas Panthomine

Comhghairdeachas leis na páistí seo ó Rang 3,4 & 5 atá ag glacadh páirt sa gheamaireacht Nollag, Fionn sa spás, atá ar siúl ar stáitse na Taibhdhearca le linn na Nollag. Maith sibh **Faye Ní Mhurchú, Evan McGloinn, Éanna Ó Curraoin, Juliette Ní Chróinín, Sasha Ní Chofaigh!**

*Congratulations to our budding actors & actresses above who are performing in the Taibhdhearca's 'Fionn sa spás' at the moment.*

### **Lá Geansaí Nollag / Christmas Jumper Day**

Táimid chun lá gléasadh don Nollag a bheith againn ar an gCéadaoin, 18ú Nollag. Is féidir le páistí geansaí Nollag nó éadach nollag eile a chaitheamh i n-áit a gculaith scoile. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí más féidir leo síntiús a chur isteach i dtreo na carthanachtaí seo leanas: Aonad Péidiatrach I nOspidéal na hOllscoile (Galway Sick Kids), Gaillimh agus Oscar's Kids a thugann tacaíocht do chlainnte le páistí a bhíonn tinneas orthu. Beidh cead ag na páistí gléasadh i n-éadaí Nollag ón 18-20ú Nollag.

*We will be having our Christmas Dress Up day on Wednesday, 18th December. Children are asked to wear their Christmas Jumper or any other Christmas Clothes instead of their school uniform. Donations towards our charities are most welcome, Galway Sick Kids and Oscar's Kids who support children and their families during challenging illnesses. Children may wear Christmas themed clothing from 18th-20th December!*



### **Laethanta Saoire/Holidays**

Beidh páistí ag fáil laethanta saoire na Nollag ar an Aoine 20ú Nollag. Rachaidh na ranganna seo leanas abhaile ag na hamanta seo leanas:

Ranganna a théann abhaile de ghnáth ag 1.15 & 2.15, rachaidh siad abhaile ag 11.50.

Ranganna a théann abhaile de ghnáth ag 1.20 & 2.20, rachaidh siad abhaile ag 12 meán lae.

Oscólfar an scoil aríst ar an Luan, 6ú Eanáir 2025.

***Children will get their Christmas Holidays on Friday, 20th December. Children who normally go home at 1.15 & 2.15 will go home at 11.50am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>.***

***Children who normally go home at 1.20 & 2.20 will go home at 12.00 midday.***

***School will re-open again on Monday, 6th January 2025.***

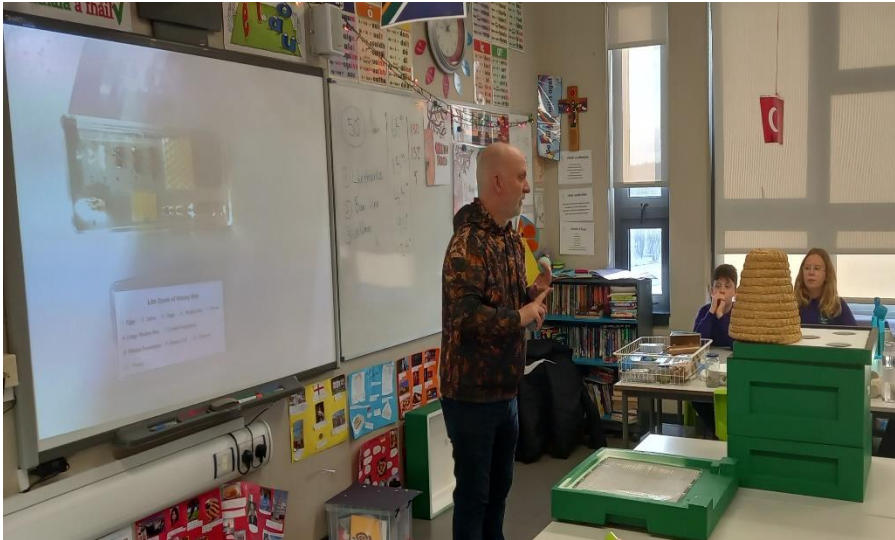


### **Polo Uisce**

Comhghairdeas le Eva Ní Chorcoráin i Rg a 6 atá tar éis a bheith roghnaithe ar fhoireann polo uisce na hÉirinn faoi 14. Ghlac sí páirt i gcomórtas idirnáisiúnta i Sasana an deireadh seachtaine seo caite & d'éirigh go han-mhaith léi. Maith thú Eva agus go néirí leat leis na cluichí eile.

*Congratulations to Eva Ní Chorcoráin in Rg 6 who has been picked for the Irish U14 Water Polo team. She represented Ireland in a tournament in England last weekend & they did very well. Well done Eva and the best of luck going forward.*





### **Beacha i Rang 5!**

An tseachtain seo caite, bhí an t-ádh ar Rang 5 nuair a tháinig Benny Joyce, fear na mbeacha, ar cuairt chun a chuid eolais iontach faoi bheacha a roinnt linn.

Le linn a chuairte, mhínigh Benny an próiseas iontach maidir le cén chaoi a dhéantar mil, ó na bláthanna sa pháirc go dtí na prócaí ar ár mbord. Bhreathnaigh na daltaí ar an taobh istigh de choirceog beacha, agus d'foghlaím siad faoi na seomraí éagsúla agus na ról thábhachtacha a imríonn na beacha sa timpeallacht. An buaicphointe den chuairt ná nuair a fuair muid go léir blaiseadh den mhill bhaile álainn a rinne Benny!

Buíochas ollmhór le **Múinteoir Fionnuala** as an gcuairt speisialta seo a eagrú. D'fhág Rang 5 an seisiún lán le heolas nua agus meas úr ar na beacha dícheallacha a chabhraíonn lenár ndomhan a choinneáil ag imeacht.

*Last week, Rang 5 had a fantastic experience when Benny Joyce, the Bee Man, paid us a visit to share his incredible knowledge about bees.*

*During his time with the class, Benny explained the fascinating process of how honey is made, from the flowers in the field to the jars on our tables. The students explored the inner workings of a beehive, learning all about the different chambers and the vital roles that bees play in their community. Benny's enthusiasm for these tiny creatures brought the topic to life, and the highlight of the visit was tasting some of his delicious homemade honey – a real treat!*

*A huge thank you to **Múinteoir Fionnuala** for organizing this special visit. Rang 5 left the session with newfound knowledge and appreciation for the hardworking bees that help our world go round.*



### World Robotic Olympiad (Éire)

Comhghairdeas le hAdam Ó Conaill, Alice Ní Ghallchóir agus Liam Ó Cuinneagáin ó Rang a 4 Fionnuala a bhuaigh an “Spirit Award” sa chomórtas World Robotic Olympiad (Éire) san Ionad Oideachais ar 16 Samhain. Rinne siad Róbat darbh ainm “Cúramóir Róbaitice” as lego, a thugann cúnamh do sheandaoine nó do d’easláin i rith tubaiste nádúrtha. Rinne siad éacht agus táimid an-bhródúil astu. Maith sibh Adam, Alice agus Liam. Míle buíochas do Mhúinteoir Fionnuala as ucht a cuid tacaíochta le seo.

*Congratulations to Adam O Conaill, Alice Ní Ghallchóir and Liam Ó Cuinneagáin from Rang 4 Fionnuala who won the Spirit Award in the World Robotic Olympiad (Ireland) competition that was held in Galway Education Centre on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. They created a robot from Lego named, “Cúramóir Robaitice” (Robot Carer) that helps bring the elderly and invalid to safety during natural disasters. They did a fantastic job and we are very proud of them. Maith sibh Adam, Alice agus Liam. Thanks to Múinteoir Fionnuala for her support with their project.*



### Cáillte agus Fáigthe/Lost and Found

Tá go leor eadaí, seacaid, cótaí álainn fagtha fós i Halla na scoile. Iarrtar ar thuistí teacht isteach agus éadaí a bhailiú roimh na Nollag.

Iarrtar ar thuistí ainm a bheith ar **GACH** píosa éadach.

*There is a huge amount of lovely clothing, coats, jumpers, jackets etc left in the school hall. Parents are asked to come to the hall and collect their children’s belongings. We request parents to clearly label **ALL** clothing.*





## Liathróid Láimhe Oilimpeach

Comhghairdeas le buachaillí agus cailíní Rang a 6 a ghlac páirt i gcomórtais liathróid láimhe le déanaí. D'éirigh leis na buachaillí dul ar aghaidh chuig craobh an chontae a bheidh ar siúl ar 22 Eanáir. Bhí na páistí ar fad thar barr. Míle buíochas do Chiarán agus Fiach as ucht an traenáil agus d'Orla agus Tighearnán a thug cúnamh ag na comórtais. Beidh traenáil ag tosnú do Rang a 4 ar Dé Céadaoin 8 Eanáir ó 2:20 – 3:20 i halla na scoile.

*Congratulations to the boys and girls from Rang a 6 who took part in Olympic Handball competitions recently. The boys have qualified for the county finals, which will be held on the 22nd of January. Thanks to Ciarán and Fiach for leading training and to Orla and Tighearnán who helped at the competitions. Training for Rang a 4 will start on Wednesday 8th of January from 2:20 – 3:20.*



## Códú / Coding

Tá Brendan Smith ón Insight Centre for Data and Analytics in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe ag déanamh cúpla seisiún códú le Ranganna 5 faoi láthair. Beidh sé ag déanamh seisiúin le Rang a 6 tar éis na Nollag. Is deis iontach é do na páistí scileanna nua teicneolaíochta a fhoghlaim. Má tá aon tuismitheoir ar fáil chun cúnamh a thabhairt do Bhrendan, bheadh sé iontach cloisteáil uaibh. Seol ríomhphost chuig:

fiachra.odubhghaill@gsmhicamhlaigh.ie

*Brendan Smith from NUIG's Insight Centre for Data and Analytics is conducting Coding sessions with children in Rang a 5 at the moment. He will be doing the same with Rang a 6 after Christmas. The children are benefitting from expanding their technological skills. If any parent is available at any time to assist Brendan please get in touch with Fiachra: [fiachra.odubhghaill@gsmhicamhlaigh.ie](mailto:fiachra.odubhghaill@gsmhicamhlaigh.ie)*



### **Comhaontú Fóin Chliste & na Meáin Shóisialta / Smartphone and Social Media Agreement**

Le deánaí chuir rialtas na hAstráile cosc ar pháistí bheith ar na meáin shóisialta go dtí go bhfuil siad 16 bliana d'aois. Tá cúis maith le seo, cé nach n-aontaíonn gach duine leis an modh. Tá tuismitheoirí GMA ag déanamh a ndícheall freisin chun na páistí a chosaint ar líne trí chomhaontú a chur i bhfeidhm do thuismitheoirí. Muna bhfuil an comhaontú sínithe déan amhlaigh trí an nasc seo le do thoil: <https://forms.gle/BA7DkeY7jxgMWK759>

*The Australian government has recently put a ban on children under 16 from accessing social media. While there is a good reason for this, there is some debate about the best method to protect children. Parents in GMA are doing what we can to help protect children online through the GMA Smartphone Ownership and Access to Social Media and Group Chats Agreement. If you have not yet signed the agreement please do so by clicking on the link: <https://forms.gle/BA7DkeY7jxgMWK759>*

### **100 Léim an Lae do Laura Lynn / 100 Skips a Day for Laura Lynn**



Míle buíochas as ucht bhur dtacaíocht le 100 Léim a Lae do Laura Lynn. Bhailíomar ós cionn €800 ar an Aoine. Más maith le h-aon duine eile ag iarraidh tacaíocht a thabhairt clliceáil ar an nasc seo: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/GaelscoilMhicAmhlaigh1> Dúnfaidh muid an leathanach ar an Aoine.

*Sincere thanks for your support for our 100 Skips a Day challenge in aid of Laura Lynn. We have collected over €800 with more coming in. If you would like to donate please click on the link: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/GaelscoilMhicAmhlaigh1> We will close the donation page this Friday.*

### Club Ficheall:

Chlub ficheall ar an Déardaoin 9 Eanáir agus críochnaíonn sé ar an 13 Márta.



€90.00

App Revolut.

(tel. 0860647816 & cuir ainm agus an scoil).

Bíonn an 1ú grúpa ó 2.30pm go 3.15pm.  
Tosaíonn an 2ú grúpa ag 3.15pm go 4.00pm.

Email: [brendan@chessossity.com](mailto:brendan@chessossity.com)

*Term 2 of chess club starts on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of January and finishes on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March.*

*The fee is €90.00.*

*You can pay by cash or with the Revolut App.  
(pay to tel. 0860647816 & include students name and school).*

*The 1st group is from 2.30pm to 3.15pm.*

## AFTER SCHOOL DANCE/ FITNESS/ HIP-HOP

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- 6 week block, 2.30-3.30pm
- Starting Friday January 10th
  - 1st - 6th class - €75

**Don't miss out on this  
awesome opportunity!**

Invite your friends and sign up today!

Contact Siobhán:

0873552316

Ag guí gach rath ar mhúinteoir Tighearnán & Becky a bhéas ag pósadh ar an Aoine seo. Guímid gach rath agus sonas orthu beirt don toadhcháí. Comhgháirdeas ó chroí leo.

*Wishing Múinteoir Tighearnán & Becky a special day this Friday on their wedding day. Congratulations to them both & wishing them both the very best for the future.*







### **Spásaire Óg ar an Late Late Toyshow**

Bhí muid thar a bheith bródúil Cillian a fheiceáil ar an Late Late Toyshow. Bhí páistí Rang a 1 sceitimíneach an brontannas speisialta a fuair sé ó Nóra Patten a fheicéail.

We were all so proud watching Cillian on the Late Late Toyshow. The children in Rang a 1 were so excited to see the special gift he received from Norah Patten.



Ag guí Nollaig mhór mhaith ar chuile dhuine agaibh agus athbhliain lán le dóchas do bhliain nua sona ar chuile bhealach.

*Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a new year filled with hope for a bright year ahead.*

*Beannachtaí na Féile oraibh ar fad,  
Dáiríona & Foireann uile na scoile.*

