



Nuachtlitir

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Tá súil againn go raibh briseadh méan téarma deas agat agus gur bhain tú taitneamh as ceiliúradh Oíche Shamhna. Tá obair iontach ar siúl ag na páistí ó tháinig siad ar ais tar éis an mbriseadh agus táimid chomh buíoch go bhfuilimid fós ar oscailt agus múineadh agus foghlaim ag dul ar aghaidh mar ba chóir!

We hope you had a great Midterm Break and enjoyed the Halloween festivities. The children are working really hard after the recent break and we are delighted and grateful to be still fully open and to have teaching and learning proceeding, as it should be!

NÍ NEART GO CUR LE CHÉILE /UNITY IS STRENGTH



Mascanna

With the significant rise in numbers over the past few weeks we would ask that you all comply with the wearing of facemasks and social distancing in schools. It is the only way that schools have a chance of remaining open. Anyone collecting/dropping children and entering the school grounds **must** wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, please **do not** enter the school grounds.



Go raibh míle maith agat.

Punctuality

While it is accepted that there is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progression we must make exceptions this year and we thank you all for erring on the side of caution - keeping children home who are unwell, getting GP advice when the symptoms are on the Covid 19 list and observing all the guidelines around isolation etc. It may well mean that attendance figures will be lower than previous years but this cannot be helped. While the Attendance Initiative may be on pause please do keep up **punctuality** as this is hugely important to a child and paves the way forward in life e.g. being on time for appointments and work while also improving their organisational skills. When a child regularly arrives late they are missing out on vital work each morning.



Please keep letting us know details of all absences by email and thank you for following the protocols. The school is obliged, by law, to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for 20 school days in one school year. As the school has to fill in the category of absence when informing Tusla, it is essential that an email is sent in after every absence explaining it.

Please note if absences are COVID 19-related we will have all your email notes and this will be indicated and considered. when notifying TUSLA.



Foirm Iarratais/Application forms

Cuir ailm do pháiste síos anois muna bhfuil sin déanta do 2022/2023. Should you wish your child to attend Junior Infants in Gaelscoil Bhaile Munna for the academic year 2022/2023 please make sure you have completed an application form by the end of November as our list for places is steadily growing. Application forms are available upon request via email at

runai@gael scoilbhailemunna.ie

Oíche Shamhna sa scoil

Chuir na ranganna eagla an domhain orainn ar an Aoine 22ú Deireadh Fómhair lena bhfeistis Oíche Shamhna, Rinne gach duine an-iarracht. Bíonn am álainn ag na páistí na laethanta seo, bhí cóisír sna ranganna agus spraoi mór acu.

Please click on the link below



<https://vimeo.com/641227355/ef246e873b>



NUACHTLITIR DEIREADH FÓMHAIR/ SAMHAIN



Rinne gach éinne an-iarracht. Maith Sibh!



Leabharlann Bhaile Átha Cliath

Beidh d'uimhir barcode ón gcarta leabharlainne ag teastail chun logáil isteach. You will need the barcode from your library card to log in to avail of these fantastic resources.

The following free eResource is now available from Dublin City Libraries.

[LOTE Online for Kids](#) allows kids to enjoy the magic of books in LOTE (Languages Other Than English), both in the library and at home. Kids can also watch each LOTE title translated and narrated in English to help with reading and literacy development. To access it, all that is needed is a **Dublin City Libraries library card number**.

There are over 1200 book titles in over 40 languages as follows: English, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mexican Spanish, Persian, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish (Latin America), Tamil, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese.



Also, please see below a number of links to blog content created in recent weeks and months by our colleagues in Dublin City Libraries.

Each blog looks at a particular theme or area of interest and outlines a variety of useful and relevant online resources, including detailed information on each one and information on where to find it and how to register/ login.

- [Learn to sing or to play an instrument](#)
- [Online resources for writers](#)
- [Learn to how to paint and draw](#)
- [Online resources to help with study, homework and projects](#)
- [More online resources to help with study, homework and projects](#)
- [Resources for language learning](#)
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DCC Halloween Spooky Poster Competition 2021



Seachtain na Mata 18ú-22ú Deireadh Fómhair

Bhí Sport agus Spraio againn le linn Seachtain na Mata, bhí na páistí an-ghnóthach ag úsáid a súile matamaitice sa chlós agus timpeall na scoile!

We had great fun during Math's Week, the páistí were very busy using their math's eyes to solve problems around the school and in yard!





Cotaí/ Coats

Please ensure your child has a **waterproof coat/jacket** with them every day, they will also need a hat as they will be outside in cold weather. With the winter months fast approaching it may be a good idea to invest in some thermal wear for the páistí. Please label all jumpers, tracksuits and jackets clearly with your child's name and class.

Inclusion and Integration Week Free Events in Axis Ballymun



INCLUSION & INTEGRATION WEEK

FREE events in AXIS Theatre

**Wed 10th Nov @12pm & 2pm
Theatre: According to Sydney**

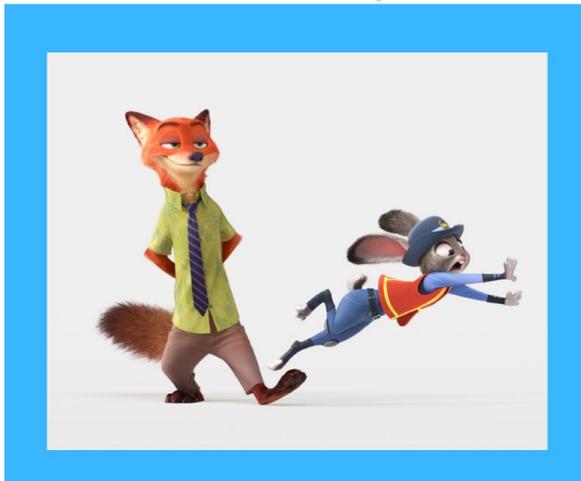
**Thurs 11th Nov @ 1pm
Concert: Sharyn Ward**

**Fri 12th Nov @5pm
Film: Zootropolis**



Tickets are FREE but must be booked in advance.
Due to government guidelines, patrons aged 18+ must present their Covid Cert & ID on entry.

**Book on (01) 883 2120 /
reception@axisballymun.ie**



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

axis

Please see below important information from the Food Safety Authority and the Garda Customs Services. Please see attached leaflet.

Warning regarding jelly sweets containing cannabis (THC)

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) is urging parents and guardians to be extremely vigilant to the dangers of their children getting access to and eating confectionary, particularly jelly sweets, containing significant amounts of the psychoactive cannabis component called tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). This warning comes amid the ongoing seizures of these illegal food products by the Gardai and Customs services, and a number of serious medical incidents whereby these THC-containing jelly sweets resulted in teenagers and young children suffering serious adverse health effects requiring hospitalisation. These jelly sweets are packaged to look like popular brands of jellies and have been found to contain toxic amounts of THC (up to 50mg/jelly). Depending on the concentration of THC, eating one of these jellies can mean an equivalent intake of THC that is 5-10 times higher than that inhaled from a single cannabis cigarette. Also, unlike the almost immediate effects of inhaling THC (smoking or vaping), ingesting THC through these jellies can take up to 30 minutes for any effects to be felt. However, while waiting for those effects, those who have eaten these products may overdose in the mistaken belief that they need to eat more sweets in order to feel the effects. Of particular concern to the FSAI is the inadvertent consumption of these jelly sweets by small children who may somehow gain access to what looks and possibly tastes like ordinary sweets. Unfortunately, given access to a bag of these jellies, children will rarely eat just one and therefore, overdosing is a very likely outcome as witnessed by the hospitalisation of a number of seriously ill young children in the early part of 2021.

The FSAI has become aware of reports about the availability of THC-containing jelly sweets in schools in Ireland and therefore, parents and guardians are asked to speak with their teenagers alerting them to the dangers if they eat them or if their younger siblings get access to them and subsequently suffer the serious consequences of consuming a toxic substance.

October 2021

Regional and Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force Contacts

DUBLIN SOUTH:

Ballyfermot Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 087 330 9024 / www.ballyfermotdatf.ie
 Canal Communities Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force – 086 384 5542 www.ccidatf.ie
 Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 01 457 9445 / www.clondalkindrugtaskforce.ie
 Dublin 12 Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force – 07669 55657 / www.d12datf.ie
 Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Drugs Taskforce – 087 649 4922 / www.dlrdatf.ie
 South Inner City Drug & Alcohol Task Force – sicdatf@gmail.com / www.facebook.com/sicdatf
 Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 01 464 9303 / www.tallaghtdatf.ie

DUBLIN NORTH:

Ballymun Local Drugs Taskforce – 01 883 2142 / www.ballymunlocaldrugtaskforce.ie
 Blanchardstown Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force – 01 824 9590 / www.blanchardstowndrugtaskforce.ie
 Dublin North East Drugs & Alcohol Task Force – 01 846 5070 / www.dnettaskforce.ie
 Finglas/Cabra Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 01 830 7440 / www.finglascabraldtf.ie
 North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 01 223 3493 / www.ndublrndtf.ie
 which includes Balbriggan, Swords and other towns, rural and coastal areas across North County Dublin.
 North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force – 01 836 6592 / www.nicdatf.ie

SOUTH WESTERN: Kildare, West Wicklow

South Western Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force – 045 875111 / www.swrdatf.ie

EAST COAST: East Wicklow, Sth East Dublin

East Coast Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force – 01 2744132 Web:www.ecrdatf.ie/
 Bray Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force – brayldti@gmail.com / www.braytaskforce.com

MIDLANDS: Laois, Longford, Offaly & Westmeath

Midland Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 09064 83195 / www.mrdatf.ie

WESTERN: Galway, Mayo & Roscommon

Western Region Drugs & Alcohol Task Force – 091 480 044 / www.wrdatf.ie

MID-WESTERN : Clara, Limerick, Limerick City & Tipperary North

Mid-West Regional Drugs and Alcohol Forum – 061 607 242 / www.mwrdatf.ie

NORTH EAST: East Cavan, Louth, Meath & Monaghan

North Eastern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 09048630 / www.nedrdrugtaskforce.ie

NORTH WEST: Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo & West Cavan

Northwest Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 071 919 4556 / www.nwdrugtaskforce.ie
 Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim, and the North Western portion of County Cavan.

SOUTH EASTERN: Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary Sth, Waterford, Wexford

South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 051 848863 / www.serdatf.ie

SOUTHERN: Cork & Kerry

Southern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force – 021 493 0100 / www.srdatf.ie
 Cork Local Drug & Alcohol Task Force – 021 493 0100 / www.corkdrugandalcohol.ie

Information for Schools on the National Network of Drug and Alcohol Task Forces (DATFs)

Resources for schools to prevent drug and alcohol use at a young age from the national network of drug and alcohol task forces



Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery

A health-led response to drug and alcohol use in Ireland 2017-2025

The national drug strategy seeks to prevent drug and alcohol use at a young age by enhancing communications between schools and drug and alcohol task forces (DATFs). This resource provides information on the supports that DATFs offer to schools, parents and students on drug and alcohol use.



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Mindful of the need for substance use education and the Department of Education circular 0043/2018 relating to external facilitators, DATFs offer various levels of supports for schools.

The levels of intensity depends on their respective strategies and ranges from low intensity (information leaflets, web links etc.) to high intensity (bespoke training, in-school workshops for parents etc.). The Covid-19 response has reduced the capacity of some DATFs because of redeployment and Covid-19 related restrictions. It is therefore suggested that direct contact is made by your school with the relevant DATF to establish the level of support that is available to you. A summary of the range of options is presented below.

Support 1: Capacity Building for Teachers

- Level 1: bespoke training for teachers
- Level 2: short in-school training provision/modules
- Level 3: dissemination of evidence-based resources, advice, meetings, e-learning
- Level 4: email and print information & advice

Support 2: Capacity Building for Parents

- Level 1: family support services and bespoke workshops
- Level 2: once-off school workshops for parents
- Level 3: dissemination of evidence-based resources & advice via phone, meetings, e-learning
- Level 4: email and print information & advice

Support 3: Substance Use Policy assistance

- Level 1: workshops with school management to develop bespoke policy in line with national guidance
- Level 2: meeting & e-advice re development of policy including templates
- Level 3: email and print information and advice

Support 4: Signposting & supports

- Level 1: direct referrals into services for students struggling with substance use
- Level 2: contact numbers for referrals and information on process
- Level 3: email and print information & advice

It is recommended that you contact your nearest DATF directly to find out which of the supports outlined above are provided.

Other Key Resources for Schools and Parents

Know the Score – An alcohol and drugs resource for senior cycle students

Know the Score is the first national evidence-based resource on alcohol and drugs for senior cycle students (15-18yrs), and is developed in partnership between public health and education professionals. The resource is aimed at engaging young people in topics including exploring risks associated with alcohol and drugs. It includes teachers' manual, videos and other resources.

<https://www.hse.ie/knowthescore>

Alcohol and Drugs: A Parent's Guide

Evidence-based resource offers practical advice to help parents engage with teenagers about alcohol & drugs <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/alcohol/practical-advice-to-help-you-communicate-with-your-child-about-alcohol-and-other-drugs.pdf>

Department of Education Circular No. 0043/2018

Best practice guidance for post-primary schools in the use of programmes and/or external facilitators in promoting wellbeing consistent with the Department's Wellbeing Policy Statement and Framework for Practice. <https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/88ca5c44bb1d45e09c2ac3152ea5bcb0/>

Drugs.ie website: National information resource on drugs and alcohol

HSE-managed website providing information on drugs and services for anyone who needs it including schools, parents and young people www.drugs.ie

HSE National Drug and Alcohol Helpline

HSE helpline that provides information, advice and signposting in relation to drugs and alcohol. Call 1800 459 459 or email helpline@hse.ie

European best practice in prevention and education in schools

This policy and practice briefing provides an overview of the key issues, response options, evidence and implications for policy and practice in European countries.

https://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/policy-and-practice-briefings/schools-and-colleges_en

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Billí Leabhair

Please be advised Book money is now overdue and can be paid online at www.databizsolutions.ie Thank you to all those who have already paid.



Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

Reminder!

Scoil dúnta 29ú Samhain/School closed Monday 29/11/21



Beidh an scoil ag glacadh páirt sa lá seo Dé hAoine 12ú Samhain. Tá cead ag páistí gorm a chaitheamh, gruaig/ingne a dhathú gorm srl.

On Friday 12 November we ask that you help us “Go Blue” by allowing your child to wear some item of blue clothing, spray their hair blue or wear blue nails etc., to support and celebrate this special 100-year celebration of the discovery of insulin.

www.diabetes.ie

Ireland has a high incidence rate of type 1 diabetes in children and adolescents. Our country is in the top 25% for diabetes incidence worldwide. It is estimated there 16,000 children/adolescents living with type 1 diabetes in Ireland and annually there are on average 285 new cases of type 1 diabetes in those under 15 years. This means that many schools in Ireland has a child with Type 1 diabetes in attendance. Below is a video about Wout. Wout who is a 13-year-old boy who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 2. This is a real-life account of living with diabetes, through the eyes of a child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDDgky0yWaQ>

We hope to raise some funds for Diabetes Ireland and would be grateful if páistí could donate 2 euro on the day

GO BLUE YOUR WAY FOR WORLD DIABETES DAY



INSTALL THE DATA BIZ EOLAS APP

iPhones

Open the App Store on your phone and search for *DataBizEolas* and then choose the *DataBiz Eolas* app and click **Get** to install it on your phone. Please see image below to ensure you install the correct app.

Please accept the requested permissions to allow you to receive notifications.

Alternatively, if you are reading this message on your iPhone, please click the following link to be brought directly to the app:

[DataBiz Eolas on the App Store](#)

Android phones

Open the Play Store on your phone and search for *DataBiz Eolas* and then choose the *DataBiz Eolas* app and click **Install** to install it on your phone. Please see image below to ensure you install the correct app.

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[DataBiz Eolas on the Play Store](#)



Please make sure you have downloaded the Eolas App on your phone. The DataBiz Eolas App is an app that allows schools to communicate and send notifications to parents e.g. Schedule Meetings

To avail of the app download:

DataBiz Eolas on the Play Store for Android phones
DataBiz Eolas on the App store for iPhones

Eolas Tábhachtach Bailiúcháin Páistí/Important Information Regarding Child Collections

If your child is being collected by someone else please ensure you call the office and give the person's name in advance along with your permission, as the safety of your children is our priority.



Science Week/Seachtain Eolaíocht

As part of **Science Week 2021**, Designer Minds have received funding from Science Foundation Ireland, with co-sponsorship from Johnson & Johnson's WiSTEM²D initiative, to deliver **125 live and interactive, online workshops to 1000 primary school girls aged 10 - 12**. These workshops are **absolutely free, in small groups of 8, and there are one-off workshops scheduled from 8th November until 16th December**. We believe that these fun and educational hands-on workshops will inspire girls to take part in greater numbers in STEAM topics, both in an educational and career setting.

Rang 6 - Joanna and her colleagues from the Rediscovery Centre held a Free Pilot Workshop for the páistí in rang 6 be sure to ask them all about it!



We can and need to fight **Athrú Aeráide /Climate Change** and biodiversity loss and every action helps, however small that may be!

FREE
Online Interactive Coding Workshop
Science Week 2021



An Introduction to Coding with Scratch for Girls 10 - 12



Introducing **girls** to the **fun** and **exciting** world of Science, Design & Technology. With a capacity of 8 children, these **social** and **interactive** online workshops are sure to **entertain, inspire** and **educate**.

Book Now for **FREE** at www.designerminds.ie

"My daughter loved the introduction to coding class so much it is the first zoom class that she has stuck with and enjoyed. She made new friends and learned so much she is very proud of what she created. The teacher was great fun and really got the kids attention. I would highly recommend Designer Minds", EI







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✉ info@designerminds.ie
📘 facebook.com/designerminds.ie

Rang 6









It's no secret that plastic is a problem. But where does plastic even come from, and why should we care? The páistí found out all about plastic, how STEM can solve the world's plastic problems, and what we ourselves can do at home.

<http://www.rediscoverycentre.ie/education/stem-sustainability/>

Eachtraí ag teacht/Upcoming Events

19^ú Samhain/ November 19th



Beidh na páistí ó rang 3,4,5 & 6 ag dul ar an 19^ú Samhain go dtí an Amharclann Axis chun an dráma iontach seo Alice and the Wolf a fheiceáil!



As a **special treat** from the school, the páistí from rang 3,4,5 and 6 will be going to see the fantastic play Alice and the Wolf in the Axis Theatre on November 19th.

Gaming & Social- A Free Parent Internet Safety Talk *Tuesday Nov 9th



For more details please click on the link below:

<https://www.trendmicro.com/internet-safety/eventsie>

Cruinnithe tuismitheoirí/ Parent/Teacher meetings

Parent teacher meeting for rang Naíonáin Bheaga - Rang 5 will be held **over the phone** during the week **Nov 8th- Nov 11th** Your child's múinteoir will call you at your reserved time.



Yearly parent-teacher meetings are important to update you on your child's progress, to share their successes and to support you in helping your child in school.

Go raibh maith agat.



