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Guímid athbhliain faoi mhaise oraibh go léir, tá súil againn go raibh Nollaig shuaimhneach agus sos deas agaibh. Cuirimid fáilte romhaibh ar ais chuig téarma nua.

Ba théarma an-ghnóthach agus rathúil an téarma seo caite le neart imeachtaí, turais agus tionscnaimh. Bhí na céad scrúduithe tí ag daltaí na céad bliana agus tá ardmholadh dlite dóibh don chaoi gur thug siad fúthu leis an ullmhúchan cuí déanta agus an aibíocht cheart sna seomraí scrúduithe.

Agus muid leathbhealach tríd an scoibhliain beidh muid thar a bheith gnóthach idir seo agus Mí an Mheithimh. Beidh Trialacha Inniúlachta ar siúl don chéad bhliain nua 2018/2019 dé Sathairn 27 Eanáir. Tá gnéithe de scrúdú Ealaíne na hArdteiste tosaithe cheana, obair 10 seachtaine atá i gceist. Tosóidh triailscrúduithe don Séú Bliain ar an gCéadaoin 31 Eanáir agus don Tríú Bliain ar an Déardaoin 1 Feabhra agus guímid gach rath orthu. Tá na dátaí uilig a bhaineann leis na Scrúduithe Stáit ar fáil ar www.examinations.ie. Nuair atá na dátaí againn faoi na scrúduithe praiticiúla agus na scrúduithe béil inár scoilse cuirfear ar an eolas sibh.

Leis an tSraith Shóisearach Nua beidh an dara agus an tríú bliain an– ghníomhach idir seo agus deireadh na bliana. Is gá do na daltaí uilig a bheith i láthair don ullmhúchán, don mheasúnú agus do na tascanna. Is é 20 Aibreán 2018 an spriocdáta do bhailiúcháin téacs Béarla donTríú Bliain agus 27 Aibreán an spriocdáta don Tasc Mheasúnaithe dóibh. Maidir leis an Dara Bliain is é 20 Aibreán spriocdáta don Mheasúnuithe Rangbhunaithe don Ghnó, 18 Bealtaine spriocdáta don Eolaíocht agus don Bhéarla. Mholfainn daoibh nóta a dhéanamh faoi na dátaí tábhachtacha seo.

Taobh amuigh den oideachas acadúil, tá neart cluichí spóirt fós le himirt, seó scoile le hullmhú agus le cur i láthair, turas teanga agus gníomhaíochta ag an Séú Bliain, turas go Coláiste Uisce ag an Dara Bliain agus turas chuig an Iodáil ag an gCéad Bhliain chomh maith le hiomaí imeacht eile sa bhféilire againn.

Tá an-obair ar siúl ag Comhairle na dTuismitheoirí ar son na scoile. Is mar gheall ar thacaíocht thuismitheoirí uile na scoile agus Chomhairle na dTuismitheoirí go bhfuil suíomh gréasáin nua agus aip beagnach réidh agus go bhfuil dífhibrileoir ordaithe don scoil.

Tá obair fós idir láimhe maidir le cúrsaí Theicneolaíochta an Eolais sa scoil. Ta ríomhairí nua ordaithe do na seomraí ranga maraon le callairí d'aon seomraí gan iad faoi láthair. Déanfar uasdátú ar an seomra ríomhaireachta an bhliain seo chugainn. Tá ceamara scoile le ceannach maraon le físcheamaraí a bheidh le husáid don Sraith Shóisearach nua. Maidir le húsáid na teicneolaíochta san oideachais beidh Ollscoil na hÉireann Gaillimh ag tabhairt 'cianchuairt' ar a mic linn an téarma seo. Is éard atá i gceist ná go mbeidh iPad ar chúl an tseomra ag craoladh rang beo chuig teagascóirí san Ollscoil. Ní bheidh aon taifead déanta de dhaltaí na scoile, is ionann é agus teagascóir a bheith ag cúl an ranga.

Bíonn gach eolas reatha ar fáil trí shuíomh gréasáin na scoile agus tríd an mBileog Eolais. Tá muid anois ar Twitter agus Facebook freisin. Gabhaimid buíochas libh as bhur dtacaíocht agus as spreagadh ár ndaltaí, bhur n-iníonacha agus mic, i ngach gné den oideachais acadúla agus den oideachais saoil. Bíodh téarma iontach againn.

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We wish you all a very happy new year and we hope that you had a peaceful Christmas and an enjoyable break. Welcome back to the new term.

We had a very busy and a very successful last term with an abundance of events, tours and projects. The First Year students sat their first house exams and they must be commended on their preparation for the exams and their maturity in the examination rooms.

We are now half way through the school year and we will be extremely busy between now and June. Incoming First Years 2018/2019 will sit their Aptitude Tests on Saturday 27 January. Aspects of the Leaving Cert Art exam are well underway with a 10 week window for completion. The Mock Exams will begin for Sixth Year students on Wednesday 31 January and for the Third Years on Thursday 1 February and we wish them every success. All of the relevant dates of the State Examinations are available on www.examinations.ie. We will inform you once we have confirmed dates for practical and oral exams in our school.

Second and Third Year students will be busy between now and the end of the school year with the new Junior Cycle. The students must attend every day for the preparation, the assessments and the tasks. 20 April 2018 is the deadline for collection of texts for Third Year English with 27 April being the final day available for the Assessment Task. The final date for the Second Year Business Classroom Based Assessment is 20 April and the 18 May is the final date for the Science and English Classroom Based Assessments. We ask that you take note of these important dates.

Apart from the academic side to education, we still have plenty of matches to play, a school show to prepare and to perform, a language and adventure tour for Sixth Years, a tour to Coláiste Uisce for Second Years and a tour to Italy for First Years as well as many other events in the calendar.

The Parent's Association continue their hard work on behalf of the school. It is because of the support of the whole parent body that a new school website and mobile app are almost ready and that a defibrillator has been ordered for the school.

Improvements in IT continue in the school. New computers have been ordered for the classrooms as well as speakers for those rooms currently without. The computer room will be updated next year. A school camera and video camera have yet to be purchased - they will be in use for the Junior Cycle. Regarding modern IT initiatives in Education, the National University of Ireland Galway will pilot 'remote' tutor visits this term. Student teachers will stream one lesson via iPad from the back of the class to their tutors. No recording of students will occur - it is the same as having a tutor present in the class.

All current information is available on the school website and in the *Bileog Eolais*. We are now on Twitter and Facebook also. We thank you for your continued support and encouragement of our students, your daughters and sons, in every aspect of academic education and education for life. Wishing everyone a good term.

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