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Welcome to the October edition of our school newsletter. As we start a new school year in Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir, we are excited to see all of our students back in the classroom and ready to learn. We have many fun and exciting activities planned for the year ahead, and we can't wait to share them with you.

Junior and Senior Classroom 23/24

We have 19 pupils attending Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir at present.

This year we welcome three new Junior Infants to our school: Seán, James and Jonson. They join Lucia, our first class pupil, in the Junior Classroom and have settled very well into their daily school routine. They have been busy working together in maths and English stations while also developing their fine motor skills. Thank you to their parents, Múinteoir Carole and our older pupils for making their transition to S.N. Loch Guir a great success.



There are 15 pupils in the Senior Classroom with Príomhoide Denis between 3rd to 6th class. We welcome Lola, a new pupil in 4th class, to our school. The Senior Classroom have been following the Rugby World Cup closely and practising their rugby skills in P.E. They are also enjoying reading and discussing the novel 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar.

Set Dancing:

We are delighted to be welcoming local man Pat O'Dea to our school in October to teach set dancing. This will take place over a six week block and the pupils are excited to learn the fundamental skills of dance.

Clothes Collection

A huge thank you to our parents and parishioners for donating unwanted clothes for our clothes collection which took place on Thursday 7th September. A total of 131 bags were collected which was a record for the school. Thanks to our SNA Mags for organising this fundraising initiative. There is now a clothes bank on site in the school carpark. Donations to this clothes bank will benefit our school so please contribute.

Jersey Day

Our school will host GOAL Jersey Day on Friday 13th October. Pupils are asked to wear their favourite jersey or t-shirt on the day and fundraise for the charity, GOAL. It was a very successful initiative last year and we hope to beat the €75 we raised for GOAL.

Shoebox Appeal

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Pupils are asked to add items into a shoebox. Our school participates every year and we would like to thank our pupils and their parents for their continued support of this initiative. We will be accepting shoeboxes at Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir from 6th – 9th November.



TEAM HOPE
Helping vulnerable children succeed

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

About Team Hope
Team Hope is an Irish, Christian, International Development Charity working to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. Team Hope works to bring positive long term change through our annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Sustainable Development Projects. To find out more and to make a donation please go to our website www.teamhope.ie

GET STARTED
A Christmas Shoebox is a gift built by you and sent by Team Hope. Here's what you need to get to build your box at home or online.

AT HOME
Build your box at home by covering a regular sized shoebox in colorful paper.
Use the label from this leaflet to decide if your box is for a boy or a girl and the age group.
Insert items from the 4 W's to completely fill your box (Wash, Write, Wear and WOW).
Leave your box at one of our drop off points.
Don't forget to include your CSBcard™ in an envelope in your box or attach it to the outside of the box to send your box with just an elastic band (not self-stick!)

ONLINE
Build your box online by going to www.teamhope.ie
Use the fun box builder to select the items you'd like to include in your box or you can skip this stage and just choose to donate.
Insert the number of shoeboxes you want to donate.
Lazily donate €20* for your box.
Don't forget to ask your friends to build a box.

Choose some items from the 4 W's...

WASH <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Soap (bar/liquid)- Toothbrush- Toothpaste- Soap- Facecloth	WRITE <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Colouring Books- Colouring Pencils- Crayons- Stickers- Posters
WEAR <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hat- Socks- T-shirt- Scarf- Mittens	WOW <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stuffed Toy/Plays- Games- Musical Instrument- Teddy Bear- Puzzle- Book- Toy Car

PLEASE HAVE YOUR BOXES READY BEFORE 10TH NOVEMBER

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE
Please do not include alcohol, tobacco, hard drugs, fresh flowers, live plants, hot or cold items, very heavy children, and related, make, toy, trains, or anything else.

*The CSBcard goes towards the cost of making the whole project happen including postage, transport and delivery of your box to each child.
**Donations of €20 per online box cover these costs as well as the purchase of shoeboxes based on the 4 W's if there are any surplus funds.

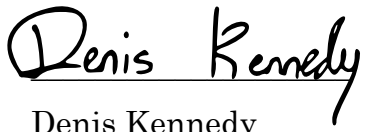
After School Football Training

Múinteoir Carole has been running after school Gaelic Football training since September. There has been a fantastic turn out and the pupils will be ready for their two Teacher Blitz which will take place in October. We thank Múinteoir Carole for taking the time to train the boys and girls who always enjoy participating in the drills and games she organises.



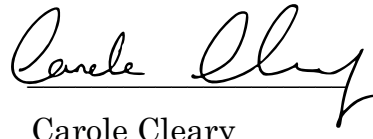
We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter and that it helps you stay informed about what's happening at our school. Remember to follow us on Twitter: @LoughGurNS

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An Príomhoide



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An Príomhoide Tánaiste