



Polasaí do Bhreithlaethanta

Réasúnaíocht

De réir mar a fhásann an scoil, tiocfaidh rudaí beaga nua chun cinn agus beidh gá le deachleachtas a bhunú timpeall ar na rudaí sin. Sampla de sin ná ócáid an bhreithlae sa scoil. Is mian linn é a cheiliúradh sa scoil agus i slí atá taitneamhach, dearfach agus cothrom do gach páiste. Go minic, an rud a tharlaíonn ná go roinneann na páistí cuireadh do chóisir (nó roinneann an oide ar son an pháiste iad) agus go minic ní fhaigheann gach duine ceann. Bíonn páistí áirithe ag mothú thíos faoi seo agus bíonn ar an múinteoir déileáil le seo, rud a idíonn am teagaisc an mhúinteora. Is annamh freisin a mbíonn na cuireadh scríofa as Gaeilge (agus léitear amach iad sa seomra as Béarla). Níl an cleachtas seo sásúil agus measaimid nach mbaineann sé le gnó ceart na scoile.

Mar sin, smaoinigh foireann na scoile ar phlean chun deachleachtas a bhunú timpeall ar ócáid an bhreithlae.

Is gá dúinn polasaí a scíobh chun dea-nósanna a chothú. Ba mhaith linn go mbeidh cinnteacht ann faoin gcleachtas seo sa scoil.

Seo na príomhphointí

- Ba mhór linn go mbeidh ócáid álainn an bhreithlá speisialta agus cothrom do gach duine sa scoil.
- Ag an tionól scoile gach aoine, fiosrofar faoi bhreithlá aon pháiste a bhí ar siúl i rith na seachtaine.
- Canfaidh an scoil go léir “Lá breithe shona duit” don duine/daoine sin agus tabharfaidh na múinteoirí cárta breithlá dóibh-sínithe ag na múinteoirí.
- Ní cheadófar as seo amach aon cuireadh do chóisir a thabhairt amach sa scoil. Déanfaidh tuismitheoirí é seo taobh amuigh d’am scoile.
- Anseo, cuirimid i gcuimhne do thuismitheoirí go bhfuil polasaí lóin sláintiúil i bhfeidhm sa scoil agus nach éisceacht é an breithlá don pholasaí sin.



Happy Birthdays Policy

Rationale

As the school continues to grow and develop certain matters will arise that will require the establishment of good practices. This short policy on birthdays is an example. Often, in school, children hand out (or teachers hand out for children) invitations to parties. Not everyone always gets invited and this can lead to children feeling left out. The teacher often has to deal with this (and ofcourse this is not easy). More importantly, dealing with these invitations is an erosion of teacher and teaching time. Also, these invitations are almost never in Irish. (so children read them aloud, or ask teachers to read them aloud). This is not satisfactory and we think it is not the business of schools.

So we have this plan for birthdays to counter these problems and to establish a good practice for celebrating “Happy Birthdays.”

We want to establish a school policy that establishes a way to celebrate the special day of a child’s birthday in school.

As a new school we require a policy on this to promote good practices. We want to ensure that there is certainty about school practices and customs around birthdays. We desire that birthdays be celebrated in school in a way that is enjoyable, special and fair for all.

These are the main points:

- At the assembly every Friday morning, teachers will enquire about childrens’ birthdays that have fallen during the week.
- The school will sing “Lá breithe Shona duit” to the birthday children and they will receive a card signed by all the teachers.
- From now, parents (or children) wishing to hand-out invitations to parties will do so **outside school and outside of school hours.**
- We also remind parents about our healthy eating policy and remind parents that birthdays are not an exception to this.