

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2017

Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language Week) is an international Irish language festival and one of the biggest celebrations of our native language and culture that takes place each year in Ireland and in many other countries. Coláiste Mhuirlinne/Merlin College will celebrate **Seachtain Na Gaeilge** this year from March 6th to the 16th.

During this we will celebrate our native language through various activities. We want the students to enjoy the celebration of our Irish culture through music, song, dance, art and most importantly through the spoken word. Students in the various classes will be rewarded for speaking Gaeilge during the week with stickers, prizes, wrist bands, T-shirts etc.

We will have a collection of poems, songs and cultural activities both inside and outside the classroom. These will include Quizzes as Gaeilge, Seanfhocal and art competitions. We have also organised a *Poc Fada* competition for both the girls and the boys.

Our Ceolchoirm, and Céilí aim to be the highlight of the final week. A very enjoyable time is planned for this. The students will dance ‘Ballaí Luimní’ and ‘Shoe the Donkey’ along with a Sean nós Dancing session with Tommy Stenson in the hall. Roinn na Gaeilge have also included some modern pop songs as Gaeilge.

Roinn na Gaeilge will collaborate and share creative ideas, and new techniques with the different subject departments in Coláiste Mhuirlinne/Merlin College. We are really excited about giving the students the opportunity to showcase their many during this festival.

Beidh sé go hiontach!