

Fáilte 2018 -2019

Fáilte chuig Craobh Na Mara, brainse tuaisceart Fhine Ghall Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann. Welcome to Craobh Na Mara (CNM), the North Fingal branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann.

Make sure we have your correct contact details including email / mobile number so that you are included in updates or last minute changes to classes or events. Please text the number below to be added to the whatsapp group if you are not already on it.

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Please follow and like us on facebook and see our website. We would also be grateful if you could share important posts with your friends or any relevant groups. We will also issue several newsletters throughout the year. Scap an focail.

The functioning of the branch is only possible because of the volunteers on the committee who work throughout the year to keep CNM going. All of our committee and teachers have Garda clearance. Go raibh maith agat don coiste go léir don obair ar fad a dhéanann said.

If you have any concerns about child protection or welfare please inform Riona Ní Shúilleabháin, our designated liason person or Aisling Ní Ghiobúin, our deputy designated liason person.

Please see our new pay schedule . We would appreciate it if fees could be paid by the deadlines indicated. If you are having financial difficulties, please speak to a member of the committee and we will facilitate a payment plan .

Comhaltas annual membership is mandatory and includes the cost of insurance for all events. The membership runs from September to September.

We would not be able to run the branch without the generous support of Gaelscoil Bhaile Brigín therefore we request that you adhere to the following

- ***Children should be supervised at all times outside of class. If you are attending a class, we may be able organise supervision in the practise room on request. This is only available for children who already attend our lessons but not younger siblings.***
- ***Please ensure that your children are respectful at the craobh, Running inside the school building is not permitted. Children should not block the corridors .***
- ***Children are not allowed to play with or use any of the school equipment while attending CNM . If you feel that your child will need to be entertained, you must bring your own equipment.***
- ***Children are not allowed wait in adult classes while a lesson is ongoing***
- ***The staff room will be made open once a month for tea/ coffee and refreshments/caifé gaeilge.. Outside of this the staff room is for committee members only .Unfortunately tea and coffee will not be available outside of these dates.***

Our AGM will take place on 22nd Novemeber at 6pm followed by caifé gailge and Halloween party.

We strongly encourage the use of Gaeilge, everyone can say dia duit, slán , go raibh maith agat, le do thoil ect. We would love if everyone could make an effort. We would especially appreciate a special effort at our social events and coffee evenings at the branch. We will also give you a list of phrases you can use throughout the year. Is féidir le gach duine cupla focail a úsáid nuair atá said anseo gach Luain, bain triail as. Más féidir le gach duine iarracht a dhéanamh fresin, roinnt gaeilge a labhairt ag ócáidí soisialta an craobh , ach go háirithe ag an caifé gaelach sa craobh.

We now use Irish traditional session music books for our classes . The books are available to purchase for €18. They can also be purchased directly from the ceoltracks website. These books are mandatory and each edition should last 2 – 3 years. We strongly encourage students to learn music by ear as well as using notes. Notes will be discouraged at sessions as pupils can become overly reliant on them and tend not to try new tunes. Notes will not be allowed at concerts or public performances . Recording devices can be used during lessons to record tunes at the teachers discretion.

It may happen during the year that some students might be asked to move up or down a level as individuals progress at their own rate. If a class is unsustainably small, it may need to be cancelled. This will only happen at the very beginning or end of term and refunds will be made as appropriate.

Parents, we ask you to be mindful of taking up the teachers time at the beginning or end of class to discuss your child as this takes from the tuition time of others. If you can tune your childs instrument, please do so before the class. We will try and organise a tuning workshop this year.

Please make a big effort to attend all classes unless you are ill ect. The progress of the class will be held back by students who miss a lot of classes We would encourage all members to attend the sessions and events planned in the calendar. Good participation improves all of the music groups within CNM and helps to build team spirit. Sessions are a great way of learning new tunes from peers. We look forward to participating in a few other public events this academic year. We will inform you of any events as soon as we can. Please encourage children to practise regularly

We ask everyone to be available for a few hours on Saturday 9/03/19 for a fundraising afternoon in Millfield shopping centre. This will allow us to continue providing classes. Other events may arise at short notice but we will inform you of events as soon as we can.

Theory classes will be made available this year for anyone who intends on taking the SCT exams for a small fee. These classes will probably run for four weeks prior to exams . further details later in the year. Remember that while competitions and exams have their place in music education, playing for enjoyment is the most important thing. There will be no pressure on pupils to sit exams or enter competitions if they do not wish to.

We will have two concerts each year at the end of both terms. It is very important that the students practise their pieces regularly in preparation for the performance and know their tunes 'by heart'. The venue will depend on numbers. *We will generally hold a raffle at concerts and would appreciate any donations of suitable prizes. If you would like a letter requesting spot prizes from local businesses, please ask a committee member.*

Táimid ag tsnúth go mór le bheith ag obair libh tríd na bliana, Coiste Craobh Na Mara