

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association Committee would like to thank all those who attended our recent AGM and who have volunteered for this coming school year. We would also like to thank all the parents who contributed to our fundraisers last year, €5469 was raised between the football marathon and the Christmas Concerts/Carol singing. This allowed the Parents' Association to contribute: €2900 towards the cost of school buses for tours and pantomimes, €2434 on seasonal gifts, Communion/Confirmation cards, Sports Day/Junior Infants goody bags, prizes, refreshments for the open night, etc. We were also able to purchase Sports Peile equipment and paint for the playground (€833). Our next fundraiser will be the Halloween fancy dress where half the money raised will go to the Parents Association to help cover the costs of our seasonal visitor in December. We would like to acknowledge the parents on the committee who are stepping down this year after a number of years, especially Caroline Donnellan who has been on the committee for the last 6 years, 2 of which she has acted as chairperson. The new Committee will be announced shortly. We look forward to your continued support in the year ahead.

OFFALY CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Thursday 1st October, boys and girls from Scoil Bhríde travelled to Tullamore Harriers to take part in the Offaly Cross Country Athletics competition. 32 boys and girls from 3rd to 6th classes competed in various distances throughout the day. It was an enjoyable day out for all involved and a huge well done to all the boys and girls who ran so well on the day.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Hard luck to the boys' football team who narrowly missed out on a place in the Cumann na mBunscol final. They made a brilliant fightback to earn a draw with Cappagh National School, who now go through to the final. Scoil Bhríde's girls team also had a good year and made big improvements throughout the year. We hope to see as many boys and girls training throughout the remainder of the year.

DANCE CLASSES

Dance classes will be available for all children in first class. The dance classes will take place for four weeks after the Halloween break.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Please find below the details for extra-curricular activities for boys and girls between now and Christmas.

| Day | Activities | Times |
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| Monday | Gaelic Football: 5 th and 6 th class boys Location: Derry rovers *(Scoil Bhríde on wet days.) | 2.30 – 3.30 |
| Tuesday | Gaelic Football: 3 rd – 6 th class girls Location: Scoil Bhríde | 2.30 – 3.30 |
| Wednesday | Gaelic Football: Snr Infants, 1 st and 2 nd class boys and girls Location: Scoil Bhríde | 2.30 – 3.30 |
| | Band: Location: Scoil Bhríde | 2.30 – 3.15 |
| | Hurling:** Location: Derry Rovers *(Scoil Bhríde on wet days.) | 2.30 – 3.30 |
| Thursday | Gaelic Football: 3 rd and 4 th class boys Location: Scoil Bhríde | 2.30 – 3.30 |
| | Choir: Location: Scoil Bhríde | 2.30 – 3.30 |
| Friday | Basketball: 4 th , 5 th and 6 th class boys and girls Location: Scoil Bhríde Commencing from Friday November 6th | 2.30 – 3.30 |

*If football or hurling training is taking place in Derry Rovers, children can be collected at Derry Rovers at 3.30. If it is raining, or the pitch is too wet, training will go ahead at Scoil Bhríde and the children can be picked at the school at 3.30. If this happens a text will be sent out to inform parents that children are to be collected from school.

** Mr. Winters and Mr. Casey will be starting hurling training from Wed 21st October to Wed 16th December. As there is big demand from all class levels, the eight week block will be split in two. 4th-6th class boys and girls will begin the training on Wed 21st of October until Wed 18th of November. 1st – 3rd class boys and girls are invited to participate in hurling training from 25th November – 16th December. Hurling will resume after the Christmas break.

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



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20th October 2015

Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s)

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the new school year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new pupils and parents to our school community and to wish everyone a productive and enjoyable year. Congratulations to Edenderry Senior football team on claiming their recent Offaly Senior Football title. They generated great excitement when they visited us this week. We wish them all the best in the upcoming Leinster Club Football Championship. *Is mise le meas,*

Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomh Oide)

NEW STAFF JOINING US THIS YEAR

Twelve new members of staff have joined us this year:

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| Ms. Scully | Ms. Brennan |
| Ms. Alford | Ms. M. McKeon |
| Ms. Egan | Ms. Masterson |
| Ms. O'Callaghan | Mr. O'Shea |
| Ms. Doyle | Ms. Gill |
| Ms. Carroll | Ms. Leonard |

ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS SEPT 2016

Scoil Bhríde PS will enrol pupils for Junior Infants for September 2016 during the period from 9th – 13th November 2015. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or can be collected from Reception.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

MORNING SUPERVISION

We would like to inform parents that staff will continue to provide voluntary supervision of the morning drop-off. Parents are reminded that supervision commences at 8.35am and children should not be on the school premises before that time as they are not insured. Supervision at the drop off finishes at 8.50 am. It is important for pupils to be punctual in the mornings. Children arriving after 8.50 will have to enter the school via the main Entrance. Parents are reminded not to use the Bus Set Down Area located along the front of the building but to use the side drop off areas instead. Please do not get out of your car and please have your children alight from the passenger side of the car. Parents/pupils walking into the school grounds are reminded to use the zebra crossings at all times. All pedestrians are advised to enter by the small pedestrian gates at the main entrance and to stay on the footpath at all times.

SCHOOL FEES

Parents are reminded that Friday October 10th was the deadline for completing payment of all outstanding school fees for the current school year.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

This Friday, 23rd October, Halloween celebrations will take place in Scoil Bhríde. Children will be dressing up in costume and participating in Halloween festivities in class. We are looking forward to seeing all the creative costumes. Children are asked to bring in €2 per family. The money raised will be shared between Laura Lynn children's charity and the Parent's Association. Children can start bringing in the money to their class teachers from Monday 19th October.

HEALTHY LUNCH POLICY

We ask for parents support to ensure children are bringing a healthy, well balanced lunch to school each day to promote a healthy lifestyle and eating habits. One small treat is permitted on Fridays only. Please see the school website for healthy lunch options and alternative treat foods to sweets, crisps, bars, fizzy drinks, etc. Thank you for your continued support.

LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES & EVENTS

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| AUGUST 31 st - Re-opening of School | SEPTEMBER • 21 st – School Photographer • 22 nd – Staff Meeting (School closing at 1.30 pm) |
| OCTOBER • 23 rd – Halloween Fancy Dress • 26 th – 30 th Inclusive – Halloween Mid-Term Break | NOVEMBER |
| DECEMBER • 22 nd – Christmas Holidays | JANUARY • 6 th – Re-opening of school • 19 th – Staff Meeting (School closing at 1.30 pm) |
| FEBRUARY • 15 th & 16 th - Parent / Teacher Meetings • 18 th & 19 th - Spring Mid-Term Break | MARCH • 17 th – Public Holiday (School Closure) 18 th – School Closure • 21 st – Easter Holidays (21.03 – 01.04 Incl.) |
| APRIL • 4 th – Re-opening of School • 10 th - Confirmation (1:30pm) • 19 th - Staff Meeting (School closing at 1.30 pm) | MAY • 2 nd – Public Holiday (School Closure) • 3 rd – School Closure • 28 th - First Holy Communion (12.00) |
| JUNE • 6 th - Public Holiday (School Closure) • 24 th – Summer Holidays | JULY • 27 th June to 22 nd July 'July Provision for pupils with ASDs' - pending approval of Board of Management & Department of Education & Skills |

MATHS WEEK

Maths Week 2015 was a huge success! Children travelled to the Youth Café and Sweeney's shop to spend their money and consolidate the money strand of the curriculum. Activities throughout the week demonstrated how maths can be both fun and useful. We had a bake sale on the Friday and the proceeds are going to St. Vincent De Paul. A big thank you to all the parents/guardians and children for their co-operation in making this a very enjoyable and educational week for all.

GREEN SCHOOLS

Scoil Bhríde's Green Schools Committee have been working hard to identify ways to help save energy. Here are three top energy saving tips you can try at home:

1. Turn off appliances when they are not in use. Do not leave them on standby. Standby can use up to 20% on some inefficient appliances.
2. Buy A-rated appliances for your Home. This can be a huge saving of €150 annually on your electricity bill.
3. Turn down your heating – by even 1 degree Celsius and it will save you up to €150 per year of your money. A 10% saving.

More to follow!

WITCHES AND WIZARDS WOOD WALK

The annual Witches and Wizards Wood Walk will take place on Wednesday the 21st of October. The children from 1st class will take part in a guided nature trail through Donadea Forest where they will engage in enjoyable learning activities designed to develop skills in History, Geography and Science.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Scoil Bhríde is taking part in the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal with Team-Hope. This charity allows our children to reach out to other children by giving a gift. We would like to give a very special thank you to the parents and children who send in boxes for this special cause. The final date for delivering gift filled shoe-boxes to the school is Friday the 6th of November.

PEACE PROMS

Our school choir recently performed at a children's mass in St. Mary's church. We are also busy preparing for the upcoming Peace Proms concert which is being held in the RDS Dublin in February.

FOOTBALL FOR ALL

Derry Rovers and the Acorn Project are running the FAI Football for All Programme. This gives children of all abilities the opportunity to be part of a football club, meet new friends and enjoy the game in a safe environment. Training is on Sundays at 10am at the Acorn All Weather Pitch, School Lane Edenderry. Call Mairéad for further information on 087 9043702.