

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The English team wish to thank all the parents and pupils who supported the 'Scholastic Book Fair' that took place in the school. Due to the generosity of parents, the school was rewarded with €1800 to spend on books for the school library. This money is a huge bonus for the school and will help supply an even broader range of books for the library and for our 'Accelerated Reader Programme'. A special thank you to the members of the Parents' Association who helped to run the event!

## PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATION

Preparations are well underway with our pre-school children for their graduation which will take place on Thursday 23rd June.

## GREEN SCHOOLS AWARD CEREMONY

Three pupils from the Green-School Committee - Dylan Connolly (Mr. Winters), Abby Connolly (Ms. Fitzgerald), and Harrison Hampton (Mr. Nugent) travelled to the Radisson Blu Hotel in Athlone to receive our 2nd Green Flag. They were treated to a lovely lunch as a recognition for all the hard work saving energy in the school. Congratulations to everyone in helping to achieve the flag. We are looking forward to celebrating at the flag raising ceremony in June.

## SCHOOL TWITTER

Scoil Bhríde is up and running on Twitter! Why not follow us to check out all our fun activities and get important notifications straight to your mobile device. Follow us on: @scoilbhrídeps1

## SCHOOL CHOIR

The choir are very busy preparing for the upcoming First Holy Communion on 28th May. The school band will be accompanying us on the day. We are looking forward to the pizza party which will be held in June as a token of appreciation for all the hard work the children put in all year. Well done to everyone involved.

## ALLOCATION OF NEW TEACHERS FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Duffy will announce the new teachers for each class during the last week of school in June 2016. All children will have opportunities to visit their new classrooms before the Summer break. As teachers are currently being recruited the names of all class teachers may not be known and it may not be possible for all children to meet their teacher before the break.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in 2nd class will be receiving their First Holy Communion on the 28th of May in St. Mary's Church. We wish God's blessing on them, their family, friends and teachers and all who helped them on their faith journey to this special day.

## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the children in 6th class who were confirmed on Sunday, the 10th of April by Bishop Denis Nulty. Well done to all of the children who represented their classes very well. A special thanks to the parents, the leaders of the 'You Shall Be My Witness' programme, and Fr. McEvoy for all their help in the preparation for the ceremony

## BOOKLISTS AND PAYMENTS

Class booklists were distributed in early May. We are offering parents the option of paying these costs before the end of this school year. Monies can be given on a weekly basis or as a once off payment. Parents choosing the May/June payment option should have all monies paid before **Wednesday 22nd of June 2016**. Parents choosing to pay their school fees in **September/October** must have all fees paid by the **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2016**. In relation to Art & Photocopying costs, there is a €5 reduction to families who have a second and subsequent child in the school.

## CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL WINNERS

Huge congratulations to our boys football team who beat Boher NS in O'Connor Park last week to claim Scoil Bhríde's first ever Cumann na mBunscol title! Hard luck to the girls team who narrowly missed out on a place in the final after a playoff game. Well done to all the boys and girls involved who made fantastic progress this year!

# SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

*Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for the 2015/2016 school year. It has been another very busy year for pupils and staff in the school. As you will see inside, the last term has been particularly active with lots of special achievements and we are planning lots of celebrations over the coming weeks.*

*On Wednesday 18th May we were joined by the incoming Junior Infants for September and their parents. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. We will have an additional 3 classes commencing in September which will bring our new building to near capacity!*

*Congratulations to all our 6th Class pupils who recently received the sacrament of Confirmation and who will shortly be leaving us. I would like to wish them every success with their second level education and to remind them to come back to visit us.*

*A special word of thanks to the pupils and staff involved with our Green Schools Programme and our football teams—they have very successfully completed the year as you will read inside.*

*I hope you and your family have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you all on August 30th!*

*Is mise le meas,  
Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomh Oide)*

## **NOTES FOR PARENTS**

### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

The summer holidays will commence on Friday June 24th at 11.30am. Should you have any queries, please contact a member of staff on or before June 24th. Please note that the Principal and staff will not be contactable during the holiday period. The school will reopen for all pupils on Tuesday, August 30th.

### **FULL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES**

Mrs. Pender will organise the presentation of certificates for pupils who had excellent and full attendance in this school year. We have noted a general improvement in the level of attendance. Well done to all concerned.

### **RECYCLE YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM**

We are continuing to recycle uniforms in school. If you have or need good quality uniforms, please contact reception. There will be a display of uniforms in the halla from 21—23 June from 1pm to 3pm daily. You are welcome to come and have a browse. Lost and found items will also be on display.

### **YOUR CHILD'S REPORT**

The school reports included STen scores for literacy and numeracy results. The teachers used STen scores to tell you how your child did in the tests. STen scores go from 1 to 10. The table below describes what the different STen scores tell you about your child's achievement in the tests. See document on our website '*Your Child and Standardised Testing*' for more information.

STen score	What does the STen score mean?
8-10	Well above Average
7	High Average
5-6	Average
4	Low Average
1-3	Well Below Average

## **SCHOOL TOURS**

Scoil Bhríde's school tours have been organised! All of the tours included both educational and fun aspects. Scoil Bhríde would like to thank the Parents' Association for their generous donation towards the transportation costs.

Class	Date	Location
Special Classes: - Pre-school, - Junior & Senior Infants	19th May	Lullymore Pet Farm
Junior Infants	21st May	Mellows Adventure Centre
Senior Infants	23rd May	Lolo Town, Navan
First Class	20th June	Tayto Park, Ashbourne
Second Class	7th June	The Chocolate Warehouse
Third Class, Ms McKeon Special Class & Ms Gavin Special Class	9th June	Energy Fun Centre, Rathcoole
Fourth Class & Ms Craig's Special Class	7th June	Funtasia Waterpark
Fifth Class	20th June	ZIP It
Sixth Class	21st June	Bay Sports, Athlone

### **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Everyone in Scoil Bhríde would like to thank the Parents' Association for their generous donation to our school tours for both mainstream and special classes. A total of €2100 was donated.

### **SIXTH CLASS GRADUATION MASS**

The graduation mass for 6th class pupils will be on at 7pm on the 15th of June in St. Mary's Church. We warmly invite parents, friends and family back to our school hall for a reception after the mass.

## **BUDDY BENCHES**

We have been extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to facilitate TY pupils from St. Mary's Secondary school as they worked on a project to raise awareness of disability. The pupils and their teacher Ms. Quilty, very kindly made and decorated a Buddy Bench for our school. Staff and pupils would like to thank all involved in the project and to let everyone know the bench is a great success!! We are delighted to say we are going to receive another bench! We are one of 60 schools to be selected to receive a free Buddy Bench to promote friendship and autism awareness. The Keith Duffy Foundation, Autism Ireland, Fighting Blindness, and the Paddy Wallace Fund for Autism in Northern Ireland have joined together with Buddy Bench Ireland for this initiative. Through June and July, Stevey will run a marathon a day around Ireland. The goal is to raise €330,000 for the Keith Duffy Foundation, while inspiring others to overcome their greatest challenges. We are delighted to let you know Stevey will stop at Scoil Bhríde Edenderry on Saturday 16th of July. The Parents' Association are asking as many parents as possible to join them to welcome Stevey and he has told us that "Anyone who can fundraise locally or run a small part of the route is welcome to join in." For further information please contact Nathalie Murphy on 086 2461980.

### **ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK**

Scoil Bhríde Sports Week will take place from May 30th to June 2nd. Activities will include new orienteering routes, 'Drop Everything and Dance', 'Walk a Mile with a Smile' challenge, active travel, tennis, badminton, gymnastics and staff v students games. In addition, our Football Marathon is scheduled to take place on our new playing pitches on Thursday June 2nd with the help of the Parents Association and Edenderry GAA. Many thanks to the Parents' Association, Edenderry GAA and its coaches for their continued support and efforts again this year. Also, we would like to thank Frank Kilrane for taking the time to help with Athletics Day. Thanks also to the students who raise money for the school through sponsorship cards.