

PUPIL ATTENDANCE

Well done to all of the pupils in Mr Spain's Class who received their class trophy for the best class for attendance last month.

PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. All pupils should be in the school halla by 8:50 am to meet their class teacher. We are closely monitoring punctuality at the moment and look forward to your cooperation in this matter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are encouraging pupils to put a special effort into wearing their uniform for the last term of school. Pupils who are wearing the correct uniform or P.E. tracksuit (on P.E. days only) will be rewarded by choosing one item of homework they don't have to complete that night. The uniform is white shirt, red crested jumper/cardigan, plaid tie, black trousers, plaid skirt/pinafore and black shoes. The P.E. uniform is red crested sports jumper, white polo shirt and black tracksuit.

LITERACY LIFT OFF INTERVENTION

First Class children have just finished taking part in a 6 week Literacy Lift Off Intervention. This intervention gave the children lots of opportunities to read books at their own level of competency everyday and also work on spelling, writing, fluency and comprehension. The end results were excellent. Every single child moved up a few levels in their PM books. There were a range of benefits from this initiative - pupil engagement, enjoyment of reading has definitely improved and spelling and fluency are much better. Pre and post testing results are very positive. We hope to continue this initiative with more classes in the last term.

SACRAMENTAL DATES /TIMES

Confirmation: Saturday 21st April at 12pm
First Holy Communion: Saturday 26th May at 12pm

KIDS EASTER CAMP

The Easter Fun Camp takes place in Scoil Bhríde during the two weeks of the Easter break. Week 1 is the 26th- 30th of March and Week 2 is the 2nd - 6th of April. Applications have been sent home with the children over the past few weeks. If you'd like any further information please contact Ms McKeown in sixth class.

INTO HANDWRITING

We have taken part in the INTO Handwriting Competition again this year. The standard was very high and we wish the pupils who participated all the very best in the competition.

WRITE-A-BOOK

We are taking part in the Write-a-Book competition again this year. Well done to all the boys and girls for taking part and to their parents who helped with their entries.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We encourage every child to use the school library. Reading for pleasure is very important. The class that reads the most words/books will be rewarded in the last term. There will also be prizes for students who have used the library and completed quizzes on their books in class.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair had to be re-scheduled due to Storm Emma. They will visit the school on Thursday 19th -Thursday 26th April. Please support our Book Fair as every sale earns us free books for our library!

AUTHOR'S VISIT

Olive Mooney came to visit 6th class pupils and read a few chapters from her book "The Chronicles of Cadaver College- The Book of Ornis". She is coming back to do more readings on the 26th April. Signed copies of her book will be available to purchase on the day for €10.

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



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Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s)

Welcome to the third edition of our Newsletter for this school year. It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of our second term already. From the content of the Newsletter you will see it has been a very busy term with a lot happening both from an academic and an extra-curricular perspective.

I would like to thank all the parents and staff for their continued support and effort throughout the many events this term. I would also like to thank all those involved in the Parents' Association. Your hard work and efforts are very much appreciated here in Scoil Bhríde.

*We are already looking forward to the final term here in Scoil Bhríde. **I would also like to remind parents that school will re-open on 9th April.***

I wish you all a Happy Easter.

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

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Save the date -Wednesday May 2nd 7:30 till 10 pm in the hall at Scoil Bhríde. Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association are delighted to welcome our first guest speaker, Adam Harris founder of ASIAM.ie. Adam is an Adult with Autism and will give a talk on his experiences and challenges on life with Autism as well as open the floor to questions.

Our School is a very busy place throughout the year with preparations all year round for different events—welcoming new students, Halloween, Christmas Shows, Enterprise Week, Grandparents' Day, Pancake Day, Easter, School Tours etc. As a Parents' Association we want the children to enjoy these extra special days and contribute to good memories for them throughout their school lives. As the teachers and School management put so much time and effort into these celebrations/events, which our children benefit so much from, we are asking you, the Parents, to offer some time to us over the coming weeks in particular, to organise activities which we feel will aid your child. There are currently just 12 members on the PA Committee trying to cover activities relating to over 600 children and we need your help! It's not a requirement to join the PA Committee but we would greatly appreciate another 10 or so Mums and Dads to raise their hands and step forward, even if it's just an hour during a morning or evening activity. If you can help support us, please contact Liam Muldowney on 0874128636, or any member of the committee. We would greatly appreciate it.

Again, we would like to thank all parents for their continued support. The Parents' Association can be contacted through our Facebook page: Scoil Bhríde Edenderry Parents Association Events Page.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please note that Scoil Bhríde will close for a half day on Friday 4th May at 11:30am to facilitate further staff training in relation to the introduction of new nationwide Child Protection Procedures in primary schools.

SOCCER, RUGBY AND HANDBALL NEWS

Well done to all the boys and girls who competed in the FAI 5 a side, Tag -Rugby and Leinster Handball competitions recently. Our girls teams will go on to compete in the upcoming Leinster FAI competition. Well done to Ms Hevican, Ms Craig, Mr Nugent, Ms Masterson and Ms Gill for all their hard work in preparing the teams!

COACHING

A big thank you to Gráinne Vaughn from Leinster Rugby and Jimmy Grady from Offaly and Edenderry GAA for Coaching our boys and girls from all ages.

EXTRA –CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As ever there are a wide range of extra– curricular activities ongoing this term in Scoil Bhríde including chess club, band, choir, handball, basketball, hurling, camogie and football. Well done to all the pupils and a big thank you to all the staff involved.

ENTERPRISE DAY

On Friday 9th of March we enjoyed Enterprise Day here in the school halla. It was a fantastic success all round. The winners of both categories will be presented with certificates at school assembly on the last day of term. Many thanks to Katie Cummins, Darek Murphy and Emma Coyne for their kind donations to the school towards PE equipment. Thanks to all involved for making it such a great day and such a huge success!

RAINBOWS PROGRAMME

Rainbows is a support programme that helps children who have experienced loss through bereavement, separation or divorce in their family. We will be running this programme every Wednesday over 6 weeks in April and May. Parents have received a letter giving more detail. If you wish for your child to engage in this programme please ask for an application form in the office. Applications should be completed and returned by 23rd March.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

The very best of luck to the girls and boys playing in hurling, camogie and football Cumann na mBunscol competitions in the coming weeks, especially the hurling and camogie teams trained by Ms Scully and Mr Desmond who are entering the Cumann na mBunscol competitions for the first time! Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh!

GARDEN COMMITTEE

The Garden Committee will be very busy preparing our garden for sowing our crop of vegetables in the coming weeks. Many thanks to the Tidy Towns for the donation of bird boxes and mushrooms which look beautiful in our garden.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club for 4th –6th class pupils takes place every Tuesday from 2:30– 3:30 pm. On Wednesday 11th April, Scoil Bhríde will host pupils from Staplestown NS and Two Mile House NS in a friendly chess competition in our school. Best of luck to everyone involved!

ENGINEERS WEEK WITH 3RD CLASS

Engineers Week this year was from the 26th February– 2nd March and it gave the children in 3rd Class the opportunity to be an Engineer for the Day! A local engineer Andrew Usher, from Intel, came in to talk to the children about the life of an engineer, what they do on a daily basis and what exactly it is that he does as part of his job. After a small presentation in the halla, the class were set a challenge: to build a bridge that spans across two chairs. At first, the children found this challenge quite difficult but with some help from teachers and Andrew himself, they were able to construct some free-standing bridges. Many thanks to Intel for making this day possible and to Andrew for taking the time out of his busy day to allow the children to be Engineers for the day. The children really enjoyed the 'Building a Bridge Project' and got a lot from the day.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Seachtain na Gaelige took place from the 12th—16th of March and it was a great success. A big thank you to 'The Gypsies' who performed some excellent Irish music on Wednesday. Well done to all the classes who performed songs at our concert on Friday. We also had a lot of other events on during the week such as an art competition, table quiz, a céilí and a football game against the Gaelscoil. Well done to all involved!