

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

Here, at the Parents' Association, we are busy but happy bunnies in the run up to the Easter break. As always there's plenty happening.

We were delighted to hear all the positive feedback following the recent visit of the Big Bear Planetarium, organised and funded by the Parents' Association. A great time was had by all, and, hopefully we helped expand the minds of our budding young scientists!

Before we sign-off for Easter, we would like to invite all the kids to our school disco on Friday April 12th.

At this point, we would also like to say a big thank you in advance to the parents that will help out in the coming weeks to support the Book Fair, Easter Fun-and-Games, and the Induction Day for next year's junior infants.

The Parents' Association exists to enhance school experience for all our children at Scoil Bhríde. In order to do this properly we need your help!

We continue to seek volunteers who can help us provide fun events for the kids and also raise important funds for school experiences above and beyond the curriculum. Disappointingly, we recently had to postpone an event due to a lack of volunteers to super-vice.

As parents, we understand that we all have busy and demanding lives, but, the Parents' Association needs your help if we are to give our children the best possible school experience.

We don't need any long term commitments, nor will we force you to endure our committee meetings. All we ask, is that if anyone is able to lend a hand at school events from time to time, please email us your contact details to info@scoilbhrideps.com FAO: Parents' Association. Any and all volunteers will be kindly welcomed!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Class	Venue	Date
Mrs. Moore, Ms. Hurst, Ms. Morrin	Clonfert Farm, Maynooth	14th May
Ms. Scully & Mr. Heffernan	Dublin Zoo	12th June
Junior Infants	Playtown, Tullamore	31st May
Senior Infants	Lulymore	14th June
1st Class & Ms Maguire's Class	Tayto Park	11th June
2nd Class	National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown	10th June
3rd Class	National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown	16th May
4th Class	Funtasia, Drogheda	13th June
5th Class	Lilyput Adventure Centre	30th May
6th Class	Delphi Adventure Resort	10th June

WORLD AUTISM DAY

On Tuesday April 2nd, our students and staff celebrated World Autism Day by wearing blue to school.

SCHOOL GARDEN

We have been busy bees sowing our garden over the past couple of weeks. Already we can see some of our vegetables sprouting. All children will be assisting in weeding, watering and harvesting over the coming months. Many thanks to our resident expert gardener Frank for his help as always.

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 April 29th.

I wish you all a Happy Easter.

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomh Oide)

JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTION

Our Junior Infant induction for children starting school in September 2019 will take place on Wednesday April 10th at 1:45pm.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

SACRAMENTAL DATES/TIMES

Confirmation: Saturday 11th May at 2.00pm.
First Holy Communion: Saturday 18th May at 12.00pm

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 after the Easter holidays. Parents that expressed interest have received a letter giving more detail. If you wish for your child to engage in this programme please contact Mrs Kearns for more information.

WE ARE WRITERS

We have published our very own book!

In conjunction with Scholastic Book Fairs' We Are Writers service, we have put some of our pupils' best creative writing into a real paperback. The cost of the book is €8. Orders can be placed at the Book Fair or alternatively are available at reception. It's a fantastic opportunity to see your child's work printed in a published book – and each copy we sell will raise money for the school.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is currently running from the 4th-11th April in our school hall. All funds raised will be used to purchase new books for our school library and support our Accelerated Reading Programme. A sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for their support in operating the Book Fair. Thank you to all of our wonderful students, parents, grandparents, teachers, volunteers and Parents' Association who ensure this event is a success every year.

EASTER SPRAOI CAMP

Easter Spraoi camp takes place on the first week of the Easter holidays this year from 15th - 19th April from 9am -1pm. Application forms have been sent home with the children over the past few weeks. If you would like any further information please contact Ms. Evans.

SCIENCE WEEK

Engineers Week this year was from the 4th – 8th of March. We were lucky to have a visit from the bigbearplanetariums as part of our 'Engineers Week Activities'. Ms. Crowley's 4th class represented Scoil Bhride at the Science Blast in the RDS. It was an amazing experience: pupils got the opportunity to see the physics of breakdancing and demonstrations from the 'Gastronaut Extreme'.

Second year students from Oaklands Community College and their teacher demonstrated some really cool science experiments and chatted about science in secondary school for our 4th and 6th classes.

The week was concluded with members of each class showcasing STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) in the halla for the parents and school community.

ENTERPRISE DAY

On Friday 1st of March we enjoyed Enterprise Day here in the school halla. It was a fantastic success all round. The winners of both Junior and Senior categories will be presented with certificates at school assembly on the last Friday of the month. Thanks to all involved for making it such a great day and such a huge success!

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Seachtain na Gaelige took place from the 11th—15th of March and it was a great success. A big thank you to 'The Gypsies' who performed some excellent Irish music. 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, and a céilí. Well done to all involved!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SOCCER

Scoil Bhride boys and girls soccer teams travelled to take part in the FAI 5 a side soccer tournament on March 29th. Well done to our girls team who placed 2nd. A very enjoyable day was had by all.

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Our football, hurling and camogie teams are in the midst of competing in the spring league. Some great performances and wins have been recorded including a historic first win for our boys hurling team.

COACHING

Children from all class levels have been in receipt of top class Rugby and GAA coaching from Leinster Rugby coach Grainne Vaughn and Edenderry & Offaly GAA coach Adam Mahon. Huge thanks to the brilliant coaches at Edenderry Swimming Pool as our 2nd, 4th and 6th classes are making great progress. We are looking forward to the return of Athletics coaching and Yoga in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL BAND

On Wednesday 10th April the school band will perform at 'Féile Ceoil na Scoileanna' in Athlone. This is a non-competitive children's music festival in which the band will showcase their musical talents on stage in front of an audience.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Congratulations to the students who dressed up and participated in our rescheduled World Book Day celebrations. Prizes were awarded to the best dressed on the day.
