

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association would like to welcome all our new Junior Infants and parents to the school. We look forward to meeting you at various events during the year. Due to the great support we received from parents last year with our Christmas raffle and football marathon we were able to make the following contributions to the school. €2000 towards the stage, €1400 towards swimming, €2100 towards school tours, € 2100 towards the Christmas pantomime and €2000 towards sports day and other school events. We were especially delighted to announce that our first purchase this year was a new Defibrillator for the school which took place in early October. We would like to thank all the parents and students who helped raise these funds to support our school. Our first fundraiser for the year was a table quiz in O'Donoghues on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Details for events can be found on the Scoil Bhríde Edenderry Parents Association facebook events page. <https://www.facebook.com/Scoil-Bhr%C3%ADde-Edenderry-Parents-Associatixon-Events-Page-521631041348633/>

Thank you,  
Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association

## OFFALY CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Friday the 30th of September, over 30 boys and girls from 3rd – 6th Class took part in the Offaly Cross Country Athletics competition. It was an extremely successful day for us, coming home with 5 medals: Nathan from 5th class finished in the top ten in the 850 metres race with our 6th class boys team of Cian, Josh, Mark and Mason placing 3rd overall in their 850 metres competition. Well done to all who participated.

## GAA COACHING & ACTIVE SCHOOLS APPLICATION

This term Adam Mahon from Offaly GAA and Edenderry GAA is coaching children from Junior Infants to 4th Class. The children have really enjoyed the experience so far and many thanks to Adam, Offaly GAA and Edenderry GAA.

Our application for our Active Schools Flag has been submitted and is currently being assessed with the accreditation committee.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR

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

Day	Activities	Times
Monday	Gaelic Football for 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Class boys will start again after Christmas break	2.30 – 3.30 (January)
Tuesday	Gaelic Football: 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Class girls 1st and 2nd class boys and girls	2.30 – 3.30
Wednesday	Band	2.30 – 3.15
	Hurling and Camogie 3rd-6th Class boys and girls	2.30 – 3.30
Thursday	Gaelic Football: 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Class boys	2.30 – 3.30
	Choir	2.30 – 3.30
Friday	Basketball for 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Class boys and girls will commence after the Christmas Break	2.30 – 3.30 (January)

## CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Huge congratulations to the boys football team who won their second Cumann na mBunscol final in a row on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in O'Connor Park. The boys put in a brilliant performance against a very good Daingean N.S. team that had defeated them in the group stages earlier in the year. Well done to all the boys, Mr. Bourke and Mr. Spain on a fantastic achievement.

The girls football team also made history by making the Cumann na mBunscol final for the very first time! The girls put in an excellent performance in the play-off against Tubber N.S. to reach the final. They now play the final against Scoil Mhuire Tullamore after mid-term. Time and date to be confirmed. Well done to all the girls, Ms. Dalton and Ms. Masterson.

## TAG –RUGBY

This term Edenderry RFC Club Community Officer, Patsy Gorman, has been coaching children from 4th – 6th Class in the skills of tag rugby. The children have really enjoyed this experience. Many thanks to Patsy and Edenderry RFC for including Scoil Bhríde in this initiative.

# SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



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26th October 2016

Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s)

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the 2016 / 2017 school year. I hope all our new pupils, parents and teachers who have recently joined our school community have settled in by now. Congratulations to our boys football team and their trainers, Mr. Spain and Mr. Bourke, on winning the Cumann na mBunscol final for the second time in a row. We also wish the girls football team and their trainers, Ms. Dalton and Ms. Masterson, the very best of luck as they play in their Cumann na mBunscol final after the mid-term break. The whole school community of Scoil Bhríde is very proud of our sporting achievements. I wish everybody a happy, enjoyable and safe Halloween break.

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomh Oide)

## NEW STAFF JOINING US THIS YEAR

Scoil Bhríde would like to welcome our eight new members of staff who have joined us this year:

Ms. Mannion	Ms. Cooney
Ms. Minogue	Mr. Bourke
Ms. Crowley	Mr. I. Duffy
Ms. McPaul	Mrs. Dolan

## ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS SEPT 2017

Scoil Bhríde PS will enrol pupils for Junior Infants for September 2017 during the period from 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017. 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. In the evenings, Infants should be collected promptly at 1:30pm and Senior Classes collected at 2:30pm as our school insurance ceases at this time.

### **NEW BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM**

Scoil Bhríde is currently working under the following 6 student rules:

1. Follow Instructions
2. Keep Hands, Feet and Objects to Yourself.
3. Speak Appropriately.
4. Listen to the Speaker.
5. Move Safely
6. Take Care of Property

The students are responding well to the consistency of our rules.

### **CLASS TRIPS**

Recently, our 4th Class boys and girls visited Lough Boora for an educational trip which integrated with our History and Geography lessons. Our 1st Class boys and girls also went on their annual Witches and Wizards tour to Donadea forest. Everyone had a great day out on the trip!

### **HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS**

On Friday 28th 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.

## **LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES AND EVENTS**

<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Fancy Dress</li> <li>• 31st Oct.—04 Nov. (Inclusive) Halloween Mid-Term Break</li> </ul>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Holidays (School closing at 11.30 am)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> – Re-opening of school</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> – Staff Meeting (School closing at 1.30 pm)</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> - Parent / Teacher Meetings</li> </ul>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> - Spring Mid-Term Break</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> </ul>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> – Easter Holidays (School closing at 11:30am)</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup>—Re-opening of school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> - First Holy Communion (12.00pm)</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup>—Staff Meeting (School closing at 1:30pm)</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup>—Confirmation (12:00pm)</li> </ul>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>JULY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> - Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> – Summer Holidays (School closing at 11:30am)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> June to 21<sup>st</sup> July ‘July Provision for pupils with ASDs’ - pending approval of Board of Management &amp; Department of Education &amp; Skills</li> </ul>

### **GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL**

Pupils in Scoil Bhríde have been learning about the Global Goals this year as part of being a Global Citizenship School. What the goals are and how we can achieve them has been explored. We have undertaken the World's Largest Lesson in conjunction with schools right across the world to learn how to stand in solidarity with those most in need and how to creatively solve the world's problems.

### **BILLY'S DOLLS FOR COMFORT**

Last week, Winnie O Neill, the person behind the wonderful Billy's Dolls of Comfort Initiative, visited Scoil Bhríde and very kindly donated 6 beautiful dolls to the school. The initiative involves people donating dolls they no longer need to Winnie who then, with the help of members of Edenderry Knitting Club, recycle and dress the dolls to a very high standard. The dolls are then given free of charge to Nursing Homes who use them with Alzheimer patients. Winnie recently expanded her initiative to include schools with children with special needs and, this year, will link with the Hope Shoe Box Appeal to send dolls to children in less developed countries. If you or anyone you know has dolls they would like to donate please drop them to Scoil Bhríde. You can be assured Winnie will find them a good home where they will continue to be loved. For more information visit Billy's Dolls of Comfort on Facebook.

### **SCOIL BHRÍDE'S NEW PLAYGROUND**

We are delighted to announce the completion of our playground project which has now been fully fitted out with a range of playground equipment - swings, a slide, spinners, monkey bars, a sway alley, tunnel, springers and playground markings. The equipment will greatly enhance the outdoor play experiences of our younger pupils.

The project was the initiative of a number of parents of pupils attending our special classes. These parents organised a number of fundraising events during the 2014/15 school year, which were hugely supported by local businesses and the local community. The funds raised were matched by the Board of Management and a playground design company was engaged to oversee the development on site. The playground is a state of the art outdoor teaching space where social, play and physical skills will be developed.

Everyone would like to say a big "Thank You" to all involved on the Playground Committee - Mrs Nicola Kenna (parent), Mr Martin Carey (Kompan Ireland Ltd), Mr Fechin Daly (Bretland), Ms Perpetua McDonagh (Project Coordinator), Mr Frank Byrne (Scoil Bhríde). The project was a big undertaking and was brought to a very successful conclusion. We are sure many generations of pupils will benefit hugely from the play experiences it will provide.