

PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boys and girls from Scoil Bhríde will provide Christmas shoppers with a treat when they perform their Christmas Carols in Dunnes Stores Shopping Centre on Monday 19th December. Come along and join in on the festivities! See below for the list of times.

Dunnes Stores Carol Singing	
Monday 19 th	
10:30am	Fourth Class (Ms. McKeown)
10:50am	Fourth Class (Mr. O'Shea)
11:10am	Fifth Class (Ms. Cullinan)
11:30am	Fifth Class (Mr. Winters)
11:50am	Sixth Class (Ms. Morrin)
12:10pm	Sixth Class (Mr. Casey)

SANTA'S VISIT

Santa will be taking a little break in what is a very busy time for him, to wish the boys and girls of Scoil Bhríde a Merry Christmas on Wednesday the 21st of December at 11am. We hope that all the pupils are being well behaved in advance of his arrival! Many thanks to the Parents' Association, for extending the invitation to Santa and for all their work in preparing for the visit.

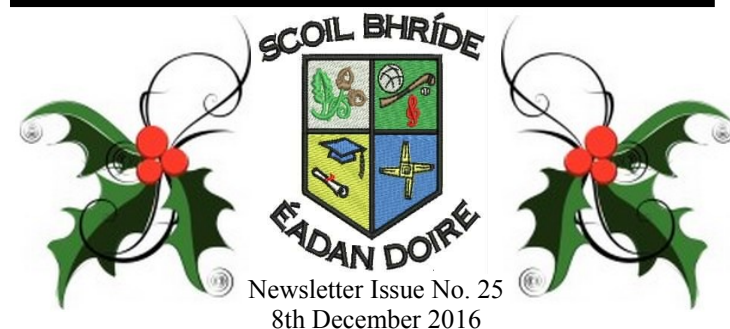
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL BASED CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The festive season is upon us again. It is always an exciting time in our school. This year all classes are performing Christmas Carols and Festive Songs for parents and family members. The dates and classes are as follows:

Christmas Performances	
Wednesday 14th	
12:00—12:45	Special Classes (Ms. Alford, Ms. Brennan, Ms. Craig, Ms. Dalton, Ms. McKeon, Ms. Gavin)
Thursday 15 th	
9:00 – 9:45	Junior Infants (Mrs. Costello) Junior Infants (Ms. Gaffney) Junior Infants (Ms. Rourke)
9:55 – 10:40	Senior Infants (Ms. Dillon) Senior Infants (Ms. Butler) Senior Infants (Ms. Mannion)
11:15—12:00	First Class (Ms. Cooney) First Class (Ms. Hurst) First Class (Ms. Masterson)
1:00 - 1:45	Second Class (Ms. Gill) Second Class (Ms. Minogue) Second Class (Ms. Scully)
Tuesday 20th	
9:10 – 9:45	Third Class (Ms. Fitzgerald) Third Class (Mr. Bourke) Third Class (Ms. Carroll)
10:00– 10:45	Fourth Class (Ms. McKeown) Fourth Class (Mr. O'Shea)
11:30 -12:15	Fifth Class (Mr. Winters) Fifth Class (Ms. Cullinan)
1:30 - 2:15	Sixth Class (Ms. Morrin) Sixth Class (Mr. Casey)

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s)

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter. This has been a very busy term for all involved at Scoil Bhríde. As you will see throughout this newsletter we have a lot of fun events planned for the coming weeks in preparation for the festive season.

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to thank all those involved with the Parents' Association. Their hard work and efforts are very much appreciated by all here in Scoil Bhríde. I would also like to acknowledge our excellent staff who have all been busy in preparation for our many different Christmas activities. My thanks to all the children of Scoil Bhríde for their on-going work in the build up to the Christmas festivities and indeed throughout the first term.

We are all looking forward to our first ever Christmas Craft Fair which will take place in our hall this Sunday 11th December. Finally, I would like to extend a huge thanks to all our local sponsors who kindly donated gifts for the day and to all our stallholders who will showcase their products. I'm sure we will all have a very enjoyable day. On behalf of the school Board of Management, staff and myself, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a joyous new year.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association would like to wish staff, students and parents a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. We would also like to thank parents for their support during the year. The Parents' Association will have a bucket collection at the carol singing in Dunnes Stores and at the Christmas concerts this year. Any money raised will be used to subsidise swimming, school tours and to purchase equipment for the school. Your continued support is very much appreciated. The Parents' Association can be contacted through our Facebook page 'Scoil Bhríde Edenderry Parents Association' events page.

TEAM HOPE'S CHRISTMAS SHOE-BOX APPEAL

On Thursday 17th November, Scoil Bhríde took part in the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal with Team-Hope. A total of 320 boxes were collected. We would like to extend a very special 'Thank You' to the parents and children who sent in boxes for this special cause.

MINDFULNESS

Over the coming weeks, pupils will have a chance to practise mindfulness meditation within SPHE lessons. This will give the children the opportunity to explore another form of relaxation.

SCHOOL DEFIBRILLATOR

Thanks to the Parents' Association for the purchase and presentation of a defibrillator for our school. This is potentially a very important piece of equipment to have in our school.

CHOIR

The Scoil Bhríde choir are busy preparing for the Carol Service which takes place on Thursday 15th of December at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry. This is always a lovely event to help get into the Christmas spirit! Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

All the children have been involved in developing their personalised Christmas Cards. The order has been sent and we are awaiting the delivery of the cards. We are expecting this delivery any day now. Many thanks to Ms. Masterson and Mrs. McCarthy for organising this initiative.

TRIP TO THE PANTO

This year, as part of Scoil Bhríde's Drama programme, the boys and girls will travel to the Helix to the production of Aladdin. The cost of a ticket and travel is €21 per pupil. We are all looking forward to a great day!

Arrangements for trip to the Panto: Aladdin
Friday 9th December
3rd Class—Ms. Fitzgerald, Mr. Bourke, Ms. Carroll 4th Class—Ms. McKeown, Mr. O'Shea 5th Class—Ms. Cullinan
Tuesday 13th December
Junior Infants—Mrs. Costello, Ms. Gaffney, Ms. Rourke Senior Infants—Ms. Dillon, Ms. Butler 2nd Class—Ms. Minogue
Friday 16th December
5th Class—Mr. Winters 6th Class—Ms. Morrin, Mr. Casey
Tuesday 20th December
Senior Infants—Ms. Mannion 1st Class—Ms. Cooney, Ms. Hurst, Ms. Masterson 2nd Class—Ms. Gill, Ms. Scully

CAROL SINGING AT OFALIA HOUSE

Ms Cullinan's and Mr Winters' 5th Class will be visiting Ofalia House and providing a carol service for the elderly on Wednesday 21st December. This annual visit is always an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS FLAG

Scoil Bhríde was recently awarded the Active School Flag award which recognises a physically educated and physically active school community. This process involves the entire school community and Scoil Bhríde would like to thank students, teachers, parents and local clubs and organisations who have helped our school to become a more active environment. Well done in particular to the Active School Committee, Ms. Hevican and Mr. Spain for their hard work.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL WINNERS

A huge congratulations to the girls and boys football teams on winning both Cumann na mBunscol competitions. Well done to all the pupils and staff involved on this magnificent achievement.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL MEDALS AND ACTIVE SCHOOLS FLAG

Presentation of medals to the winning football teams and Active School Flag ceremony will take place on Wednesday December 21st. Times and details will be finalised nearer the event. We would also like to thank Patsy Gorman and Adam Mahon for their work with the children this term.

DISABILITY INCLUSION TRAINING

Disability Inclusion training for over 25 teachers and SNAs took place in Scoil Bhríde on Tuesday December 6th. The course was run by Offaly's Disability Inclusion Officer, Aoife Byrne. The course was designed in partnership with the Irish Wheelchair Association, National Council for the Blind Ireland, DeafHear and Laois/Offaly Families for Autism and was a great success.