

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Library Team wish to thank parents for all their support and book donations during the year. Going forward, we would ask that parents check if donated books are on the Accelerated Reader (AR) system as the library can only process AR books for the child's use. You can check if your books are on the AR system by visiting www.arbookfind.co.uk. We are all looking forward to another successful year next year.

SIXTH CLASS GRADUATION MASS

The graduation mass for 6th class pupils will be on Monday 19th of June at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry. The mass will be followed by a reception and presentation of certificates ceremony in Scoil Bhríde PS immediately afterwards. We warmly invite parents, friends and family back to our school hall for the reception after the mass.

PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATION

Preparations are well underway with Ms Farrell's Pre-School children for their graduation which will take place on Tuesday 20th June.

GREEN SCHOOLS AWARD CEREMONY

Congratulations to the new Green-School committee members; Leah Daly, Isabel Mangan, Kiefer Halligan, Georgia O'Brien, Vinny Leech, Seán O'Neill, Rio Cullen, Leah Byrne, Darragh Farrell, Matthew Loughrey, Aaron Maher, Robyn Meehan, Méabh Hynes, William Connolly and Sidikat Ogunse. The new committee has representation from Junior Infants to 6th Class. The theme for the third flag is 'Water'. As you know we were awarded our second Green Flag last year for the reduction of energy usage around the school and continuing our commitment to recycling in the school. The new committee is busy preparing a water review of the school and thinking of ways we can save and value water in our lives and school.

ALLOCATION OF NEW TEACHERS FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Duffy will announce the new teachers for each class during the last week of school in June 2017. 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

First Holy Communion took place on 6th of May in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who celebrated their Communion on this special day. It was a great day and a very special occasion for the children and their families.

CONFIRMATION

Fifty-four children from Scoil Bhríde celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's church on the 20th of May. A lot of preparation went into preparing for the ceremony and great credit is due to the children for their respect and reverence on the day. The celebration ran very smoothly and Bishop Denis Nulty was very grateful to all involved. A wonderful day was had by all!

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 21st of June 2017**. Parents choosing to pay their school fees in **September/October** must have all fees paid by the **Friday 6th of October 2017**. In relation to Art & Photocopying costs, there is a €5 reduction to families who have a second and subsequent child in the school.

LIFE SKILLS

Ms. Gavin's class have been working hard to develop their life skills in the school servery. They have been baking scones, making brown bread and making toast each day for themselves.

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 2016/2017 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 Thursday 25th 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 2017 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, Global Citizenship Committee, Active Schools Committee and our football teams—they have very successfully completed the year as you will read inside.

As we approach the 10th year anniversary of the establishment of Scoil Bhríde PS, I hope you and your family have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday August 29th!

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomh Oide)

NOTES FOR PARENTS

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The summer holidays will commence on Friday June 23rd at 11.30am. Should you have any queries, please contact a member of staff on or before June 23rd. 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 29th.

FULL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Mrs. Pender will organise the presentation of certificates for pupils who had excellent and full attendance in this school year. 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 12 - 15 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 will include 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.

Class	Date	Location
Ms Farrell's & Ms Brennan's Pre-School Special Class	13th June	Big Little Town Play Centre
Ms Dalton's Special Class & Ms Craig's Special Class	30th May	Bray Aquarium
Junior Infants & Ms Moore's Special Class	20th June	Mellowes Adventure Centre
Senior Infants	22nd June	Imaginosity
First Class	21st June	Tayto Park, Ashbourne
Second Class	2nd June	Clonard House Mullingar, Victorian Escapade
Third Class	14th June	Astro Park, Tallaght
Fourth Class	12th June	Funtasia Waterpark, Drogheda
Fifth Class	6th June	ZIP It Forest Adventures
Sixth Class	20th June	Bay Sports, Athlone

IRISH AID COMPETITION

Mr. Casey's sixth class were awarded a plaque at the regional finals of the Irish Aid competition on 17th May. The plaque was awarded for excellence in learning about development issues. The projects the children created, explaining the importance of being Global Citizens, were of the highest quality. This is the second year our school has been recognised at this level. Well done to the boys and girls involved for their commitment to learning about global justice!

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL WINNERS

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who represented the school throughout this very successful year in Gaelic football. As a result the boys will get the opportunity to represent County Offaly Cumann na mBunscol in a Leinster competition taking place Friday the 9th of June in Nolan Park. Preparations have already begun for next year's competition as the 3rd and 4th class boys and girls recently attended a blitz in Rhode. We would like to thank parents for their support and cooperation throughout the year.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Scoil Bhríde Sports Week will take place from 6th – 9th June. It will include orienteering routes, 'Drop Everything and Dance', 'Walk a Mile with a Smile' challenge, athletics, tennis, badminton and staff vs students games. In addition, our Football Marathon is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 6th June and many thanks to the Parents' Association, Edenderry GAA and its coaches for their continued support and efforts. Thanks also to the students who raised money for the school through sponsorship cards. This year we are delighted to have our own "Sport For All" inclusive sports day with the help of Aoife Byrne, Sports Inclusion Development Officer with Offaly Sports Partnership. Here we will all take part in various sporting activities for all abilities. A big thank you to Aoife for all her help.

TRIP TO LOCAL FOREST & EDENDERRY POWER STATION

As part of a study on forestry and renewable forms of energy, Sixth Class recently visited a local forest & farm and Edenderry Power Station. At the forest & farm, Sixth Class met lots of animals, partook in obstacle courses, identified the different trees and practiced their survival skills by building huts. At Edenderry Power Station, they learned about energy production, and the move to biomass instead of peat for fuel. Padraig, Ken, Miles and Peter at Edenderry Power Station were very generous with their time, showing Sixth Class around the Station.