

## **NOTES FOR PARENTS**

### **BOOKLISTS AND PAYMENTS**

Class booklists were distributed in May. We ask parents to pay these costs before the end of this school year. In relation to Art & Photocopying costs, there is a €5 reduction to families who have a second and subsequent child in the school.

### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

The summer holidays will commence on Friday June 22nd June at 11.30am. Should you have any queries, please contact a member of staff on or before June 22nd. 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 28th.

### **FULL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES**

Mrs. Moore will organise the presentation of certificates for pupils who had excellent and full attendance in this school year. Well done to all concerned.

### **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.

#### **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

### **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 this week from 1pm to 3pm daily. You are welcome to come and have a browse. Lost and found items will also be on display.

### **COOKERY LESSONS**

Ms Gavin took 5th & 6th class pupils for cookery lessons. Well done to all who attended.

### **LIBRARY**

Following a very successful Book Fair the school earned valuable rewards from every sale. These funds raised were used to purchase new books for our school library. A sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for their support in operating the Book Fair and also covering all the new books that were delivered. We have some student library accounts with books still checked-out. These library books need to be returned asap please.

### **WRITE-A-BOOK**

Congratulations to all the children who submitted an entry into this year's Write-a-Book-Competition. Kildare Education Centre received over 500 books from Scoil Bhríde. The prizes were recently presented to all the winners. These included certificates, pencils and wristbands. Some children were even awarded a medal for their entry. Well done to everyone involved!

### **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.

### **CHESS CLUB**

Our school chess club held a chess tournament once again this year. Huge congratulations to the overall winner, Alex Harbison, and the runner-up, Aaron Maher. Congratulations also to Emma Coyne, who won the award for Best Sportsmanship. Well done to everyone who took part!

### **SCHOOL CHOIR AND BAND**

The choir and band had another very successful and musical year. The choir represented Scoil Bhríde with great enthusiasm at the Peace Proms and the Carol Service. Both the band and the choir represented the school at the Communion, Confirmation, Paul O'Connell's memorable visit and the raising of our new flag. The band also had a Bodhrán Workshop with Rob from Tempo Music School. A pizza party was thrown as a reward for all their hard work.

### **YOGA**

Students in the ASD classes enjoyed taking part in Yoga on Thursdays.

### **FESTIVAL ART COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Anna Nieznanska in 6th class who won the best design for the cover of the festival brochure.

## **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 2017/2018 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.*

*On Wednesday 16th May we were joined by the incoming Junior Infants for September and their parents. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Our additional pupils commencing in September 2018 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, chess club, band, choir, student council, school sports teams and the Active Schools Committee.*

*I hope you and your family have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday August 28th !*

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

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### **PARENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES**

As we approach the end of this year the Parents' Association Committee would like to thank Mr Duffy, the teachers, staff and children for joining us in our extra fun activities. We hope that those who attended our talk with Adam Harris found it informative and we look forward to hosting more events in the coming school year.

A big thank you to all who helped support our fundraising efforts and volunteered their time. Without this support we would not be able to continue. We are always looking for volunteers and new members so keep an eye out for details of our AGM in September. Our suggestion box should be up and running in September so get thinking over the summer break for any ideas you would like to add to your children's learning experience in Scoil Bhríde.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer and we look forward to bringing you some more fun times next year.

The Parents' Association Committee

### **ALLOCATION OF NEW TEACHERS FOR 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mr. Duffy announced the new teachers for each class during the last week of school in June 2018. 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.

### **GIRLS FOOTBALL**

Ms Maguire and Ms O'Shea trained the girls from 2nd and 3rd class in football and had lots of fun.

### **JERSEY DAY FUNDRAISER**

All the boys in girls in Scoil Bhríde raised €660.50 during our recent Jersey Day. This money will help Scoil Bhríde to continue our participation in sporting events next year. A huge thanks to all the children and parents involved and to all who donated.

## **PUPIL ATTENDANCE**

We would like to thank parents and pupils for their cooperation in improving our attendance levels in 2017/2018. This year improvement in attendance was an area of priority and we made a great effort to emphasize to all the importance of regular attendance. We look forward to your continued cooperation and a significant improvement in our overall attendance patterns next year.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

First Holy Communion took place on the 26th 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**

Children from Scoil Bhríde celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's church on the 21st of April. 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!

### **BASKETBALL TEAM**

The 6th class basketball team played a blitz against Clonbullogue NS in our indoor basketball court on Friday 18th of May. Both girls and boys teams performed very well against an excellent Clonbullogue side. The teams wore our new school basket ball tops for the first time and certainly looked the part!

### **CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL**

Scoil Bhríde had another excellent year in Cumann na mBunscol competitions. It was our first year to enter hurling and camogie teams in the competition and all the boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience. On the football front the girls narrowly missed out on a place in the final and the boys defeated Mucklagh in an epic final to win their 4<sup>th</sup> Cumann na mBunscol competition in 3 years. Well done to all the students, staff and parents involved and a huge thank you to Edenderry and Offaly GAA for their continued support.

### **SOCCER**

Children from 5th & 6th classes took part in a 5 a -side soccer tournament with our girls team making it through to the County Offaly Finals .

## **ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK**

Scoil Bhríde Active Schools Week took place from 11th—16th June. It included 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 took place on Wednesday 13th of 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. A big thank you to Aoife for all her help.

### **GREEN-SCHOOL AWARD CEREMONY**

Three pupils from the Green-School Committee – Darragh Farrell (Ms. Crowley), Vinny Leech (Ms. Coleman and Aaron Maher (Mr. Swan) - travelled to the Hodson Bay Hotel in Athlone to receive our 3rd Green Flag. They were treated to a lovely lunch as a recognition for all the hard work saving water in the school. Congratulations to everyone in helping to achieve the flag. We celebrated the raising of the flag in a ceremony on 20th of June.

### **WATER ACTION DAY**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of June we held a "Water Action Day" as part of our school's final step for the Green Schools Programme. The day started with a 'Water Fashion Show' in the hall with the junior classes dressing up in costumes based on the theme of water. Many thanks to all the parents for their great effort and creativity! During the day different classes were involved in different activities including a canal clean up, planting a tree with Frank, watering the school garden, water relay races, water conservation talk with Mr. Shea O'Loughlin, canal nature walk, water quiz, water themed science lessons, rivers and lakes learning challenge and finally 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes did a 'Walk in Solidarity' with the Third world. This is where the children carried between 2-6 litres of water down to the canal and back. The Green-School committee were a great help on the day helping to organise activities and making sure the day ran smoothly. Well done to everyone involved!