

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Save the date: Wednesday Oct 17th Parents' Association AGM— all welcome.

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Our School is a very busy place throughout the year with preparations all year round for different events – welcoming new students, Halloween, Christmas Shows, Enterprise week, Grandparents' day, Pancake Day, Easter, School Tours etc – and as a Parents' Association, we want the children to enjoy these extra special days and contribute to good memories for them throughout their school lives.

As the teachers and school management put so much time and effort into these celebrations/events, which our children benefit so much from, we are asking you the Parents, to offer some time to us to organise activities which we feel will aid your child. There are currently just 12 members on the PA committee trying to cover activities relating to over 600 children – we need your help. It's not a requirement to join the PA committee but we would greatly appreciate another 10 or so Mums & Dads to raise their hands and step forward even if it's just an hour during a morning or evening activity. If you can help support us, please contact myself or any member of the committee – we would greatly appreciate it. And of course the committee are always looking for new member's and ideas. We meet on the first (school day) Tuesday of every month at 8 pm in the school. Liam 0874128636 (Chairperson P.A)

## STAFF TRAINING—SCHOOL CLOSURE

The Department of Education & Skills has granted all schools a planning day to support staff with the implementation of the new Primary Language Curriculum. Therefore Scoil Bhríde will be closed on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November for all pupils to facilitate this training.

## HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

On Friday 26th 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.

## 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: 4th — 6th Class girls	2.30 – 3.30
Tuesday	Band	2.30 – 3.15
Wednesday	Hurling	2.30 – 3.30
	Gaelic Football: 3rd & 4th class Boys	2.30 – 3.30
Friday	Gaelic Football 5th—6th class Boys	2.30 – 3.30
Other	Camogie, Girls football (3rd & 4th) Chess, Choir and Basketball will commence in term 2 and 3.	

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

At Scoil Bhríde we inspire our students to become confident and independent learners. Our School Library supports this value, providing facilities which enrich the curriculum and encourage children to read for enjoyment! As you may have noticed, the library had a little face-lift over the summer holidays. Many new books were also purchased with the funds raised from our School Book Fair. We ask that students take responsibility for the correct treatment of our library stock. Every child must have a library folder and €10 will be requested if any title becomes lost or severely damaged! The lending process provides children with a valuable experience, reinforcing the values of respect and responsibility! Happy Reading!

## MATHS WEEK

Students will partake in a number of exciting events this week to celebrate Maths Week. Children will have an opportunity to experience and develop an appreciation of how maths is applied to everyday life through maths trails, trips to the youth café, and problem solving activities. Our 4th classes enjoyed a trip to Birr Castle for "Mission Control" to see if they have what it takes to become astronauts.

# SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



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16th October 2018

Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s)

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the 2018/ 2019 school year. I hope all our new pupils, parents and teachers who have recently joined our school community have settled in by now.

Well done to our girls football team who reached the Cumann na mBunscol final and congratulations to all the children who represented our school so well at a recent athletics competition.

I wish everybody a happy, enjoyable and safe Halloween break.  
Is mise le meas,  
Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomh Oide)

## SCOIL BHRÍDE OPEN DAY

Scoil Bhríde PS would like to invite all Pre-School Children and their families to join us on Sunday 11th of November from 2.00pm to 4.00pm for an afternoon of fun and games. Call in at any time for an opportunity to view our state of the art facilities, chat to members of our school community and enjoy some guaranteed fun.

## ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS SEPT 2019

Scoil Bhríde PS will enrol pupils for Junior Infants for September 2019 during the period from 12<sup>th</sup> — 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Enrolment forms will be available at our open day, can be downloaded from our website, or can be collected from Reception.

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## NOTES FOR PARENTS

### **MORNING SUPERVISION / DROP-OFF SYSTEM**

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 8.50am. 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.

**Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should parents leave a vehicle parked in the set down area between 8.35am —8.55am**

### **EARLY SIGNING OUT OF PUPILS**

Parents who wish to sign out pupils before 1:30pm or 2:30pm finish times must have a valid reason for doing so, such as a medical appointment. Parents must present appointment letters upon signing out. Early withdrawal of pupils is particularly prevalent on wet days. Scoil Bhríde strongly opposes this practice and can not facilitate it. Early withdrawal of pupils from class, on a frequent basis, is a child welfare concern and a matter for the child protection

### **NUT ALLERGY NOTICE**

In order to protect the welfare of a number of our students with potentially life threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts, parents are reminded that Scoil Bhríde is a “NUT FREE SCHOOL”.

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

<p><b>AUGUST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28th – Re-opening of School</li> </ul>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> – School Photographs</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup>—Staff Meeting (School closing at 1.30 pm)</li> </ul>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup>- Halloween Fancy Dress</li> <li>• 29th Oct.—02 Nov Nov. (Incl.)— Halloween Mid-Term Break</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12th - School Closure (School Planning)</li> <li>• 20th &amp; 21st – Parent / Teacher Meetings</li> </ul>
<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21st – Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)</li> </ul>	<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7th – Re-opening of school</li> <li>• 22nd—Staff Meeting (School closing at 1.30 pm)</li> </ul>
<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21st &amp; 22nd - Spring Mid-Term Break</li> </ul>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18th – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>• 19th – School Closure</li> </ul>
<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12th—Easter Holidays (School Closing at 11.30 am)</li> <li>• 29th—Re -opening of school</li> </ul>	<p><b>MAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>• 7th— Staff Meeting (School Closing at 1.30 pm)</li> <li>• 11th - Confirmation at 2 pm</li> <li>• 18th –First Holy Communion at 12 pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd— Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>• 21st – Summer Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)</li> </ul>	<p><b>JULY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24th June to 19th July ‘July Provision for pupils in Special Classes’ - pending approval of Board of Management &amp; Department of Education &amp; Skills</li> </ul>

### **NEW STAFF JOINING US THIS YEAR**

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

Mr. Heffernan	Ms. Fitzmaurice
Ms. N. Crowley	Ms. O’Connor
Mr. Dunne	Mrs. Houlihan
Ms. Walsh	Mrs. Hutchinson
Mr. Kinneen	Mrs. Spollen
Mrs. Brereton	

### **OFFALY CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

Over 30 boys and girls from 3rd –6th classes partook in the Offaly Cross Country Athletics Competition. It was a very successful day for the school with 4 individual medals claimed. To add to this our 3rd class girls and 6th class boys were victorious in the team events. Well done to all our participants who ran superbly. Thanks to our teachers involved — Ms. Crowley, Mr. Dunne and Ms. Craig.

### **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS**

Scoil Bhríde has welcomed a number of guest speakers over the course of this school term. Students from 3rd and 4th class enjoyed a “show and tell” from nature expert Paddy Madden. Paddy shared his wonderful knowledge and expertise on local nature and wildlife. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all students. Our 5th and 6th classes were treated to a visit from the Garda Mounted Patrol Unit who gave a wonderful insight into the work they do from day to day. They also provided the children with some very important information regarding internet safety and awareness.

### **GARDEN COMMITTEE**

Our Garden Committee had another successful harvest at the beginning of our school year. Thank you to everyone who supported our produce sale. We are excited to commence some of our winter projects in the coming months. Thanks to Frank our caretaker, the tidy towns and CE scheme for their continued support.

### **CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL**

Well done to the boys and girls football teams who competed in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions again this year. A Special mention to the girls who reached the final. A huge thank you also to Derry Rovers and Edenderry GAA for the use of their facilities and continued support. A special word of thanks also to all teachers who have been involved in coaching football in our school.