

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL BASED CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Children are practicing very hard and are preparing to entertain their parents and family members in 'a Christmas Sing-along' which promises to leave the X Factor participants and judges green with envy!! All are welcome. Times are outlined below:

19th December	
9.15 - 9.45	Special Classes
9.45 - 10.15	Junior Infants
10.30- 11.00	Senior Infants
11.15 - 12.10	1st Class
12.45 - 1.15	2nd Class
1.30 -2.00	School Band
20th December	
9.15—10.15	3rd Class
10.30—11.00	4th Class
11.15—12.15	5th Class
1.30 -2.00	6th Class
2.00—2.20	School Band

Scoil Bhríde wishes to maintain as a GDPR compliant premises. We would kindly ask that parents/visitors refrain from taking photos during the performance. If you wish to take photos of your child you may do so after the performance. Photos of the performance will be taken by a member of staff. These photos will be posted on Twitter in the case where parental consent has been granted. Thank you for your co-operation.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Congratulations to Aaron Maher and Amy Edwards who joined the "Millionaire Club" by reading over 1,000,000 words last term.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Recently our children created their own personalised Christmas cards. Thanks to Ms. Brennan and Mrs. Guing for all their help with this initiative.

PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY EVENTS

Once again, Christmas Shoppers are in for a treat, when the pupils from Scoil Bhríde perform their Christmas Carols in Dunnes Stores Shopping Centre. The times for the Carol Singing are listed below. Please let your family and friends know that everyone is invited to come along and join in the festivities.

Carol Singing in Dunnes Stores	
11th December	
9.30 —10.30	2nd Class
10.30 — 11.30	4th Class
11.30—12.30	6th Class

SANTA'S VISIT

We are all looking forward to Santa's big visit. Santa is very busy this time of year but will take some time off to visit the boys and girls of Scoil Bhríde on **Friday 14th December** to wish us all a Merry Christmas. 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.

CAROL SINGING AT OFALIA HOUSE

Fourth Class pupils extended some Yule Tide cheer to our friends in Ofalia House on Wednesday December 5th. Our pupils treated Ofalia House Residents to a trip down memory lane with a selection of wonderful Christmas Carols. An occasion which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

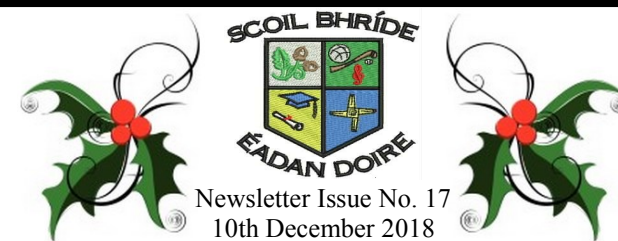
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Some of our choir members will sing alongside the choirs in the parish at the Carol Service. This takes place in St. Mary's Church on **Sunday 16th December at 5pm.**

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

Our scary ghosts and ghouls raised €660 for our Halloween Fancy Dress. The proceeds will go towards supporting extra curricular activities within Scoil Bhríde.

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL Carrick Road, 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.

We had a very successful Open Day and Enrolment Week with many new families joining our school. We look forward to welcoming all our Junior Infants and their families into our school community in September.

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to thank our 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.

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.

Is mise le meas,
Caoimhín Ó Dufáigh (Príomh Oide)

NOTES FOR PARENTS

NUT ALLERGY NOTICE

A number of children in Scoil Bhríde have potentially life threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts. To protect the welfare of all our students, the Board of Management of Scoil Bhríde reminds parents that Scoil Bhríde is a “NUT FREE SCHOOL”.

ALADDIN CONNECT

Scoil Bhríde is currently in the process of rolling out Aladdin Connect. This app is a fantastic way to enhance our school's communication with parents. It enables parents to stay connected and informed about their child's education on a daily basis. We will be in contact soon with regard to the next steps.

RECYCLE YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME

Following your Child's Christmas play this year, should you wish to donate your child's costume, we will be delighted to take them. This will enable us to reuse costumes each year and save parents some expense in having to buy costumes each year. All support is greatly appreciated for this new initiative.

RECYCLE YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM

Scoil Bhríde Primary School promotes the recycling of uniforms and this initiative is coordinated by Mrs. Farrell. This service can be beneficial for those pupils who enrol during the school year or for those who have lost or wish to replace their child's uniform. Donations of all items of the Scoil Bhríde Primary School uniform are welcome – including ties, shirts, polo shirts, jumpers, trousers, pinafores, cardigans, school tracksuits and school jackets. If you would like to avail of this confidential service or if you have unwanted uniforms that are in good quality condition please send them into the school reception. There are also uniform and non-uniform items in our ‘Lost and Found’ area.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

As 2018 draws to a close, the Parents' Association would like to thank everyone for their time and support over the past year. With lots of fun events planned for the days between now and Christmas, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support. Over the coming days, we will accompany the children as they share Christmas cheer in the community while carol singing at Dunnes Stores. We are also delighted to lend our support at the Christmas performances on the 19th and 20th, where we will provide refreshments and of course, applaud all our superstars on stage. Our festivities will conclude on Friday December 21st when the Parents' Association will host a Christmas Disco for the children to celebrate the start of the holidays. The Parents' Association exists to organise and support fun events for our children, help enrich their school experience and support the school through fundraising activities. We rely entirely on the efforts and goodwill of parents. Your support is invaluable. If you feel like you'd like to help the PA, either as a member of the committee or simply help out for specific events, please contact Liam Muldowney on muldowney.liam@gmail.com Most importantly: **WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

TRIP TO THE PANTO

As part of our school's Drama programme, all children will have an opportunity to attend a Christmas Panto. The children from 5th and 6th class attended a production of “The Snow Queen” at the Gaeity Theatre. While the remainder of our pupils will be attending a production of “Elfie Saves Christmas”. This is a day that is thoroughly enjoyed by all students.

TEAM HOPE'S CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

This year the pupils of Scoil Bhríde donated a record 271 shoe boxes to this wonderful cause. We are so proud of the kindness shown and extend a huge “thank you” to all parents and children who participated.

GAA COACHING

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Adam Mahon for his work coaching the children throughout the term. All the hard work is paying off on the football field. We are looking forward to more competitions next term.

TAG RUGBY

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Gráinne Vaughn of Edenderry Rugby Club for training 5th and 6th class boys and girls this term. Both classes recently took part in a Tag Rugby Blitz and performed excellently. All of the children enjoyed their day out and left with smiles on their faces!

ATHLETICS COACHING

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Frank Kilrane of Edenderry Athletics Association for coaching 5th and 6th classes this term. Each session was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

EDENDERRY GAA

Scoil Bhríde would like to extend its best wishes to Willie Forde (former Board Member and Chairperson of our Parents' Association) as he finishes his term as Chairperson of Edenderry GAA. We would also like to wish his successor, David Farrell, all the best in his new role as Chairperson. Many thanks to all our friends in Edenderry GAA for their continued support of Scoil Bhríde.

SCOIL BHRÍDE CHOIR

Choir members from 4th-6th will attend a workshop on **Thursday 13th December** in preparation for the Peace Proms concert. The children are really looking forward to this event.