

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The recent weeks have seen us move around the furniture here at the Parents Association and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new committee and several new volunteers coming aboard.

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to outgoing chairperson Liam Muldowney along with Linda Lynch and Charlene Mullaly, secretary and treasurer respectively.

On behalf of all parents we thank them for all their hard work over the past two years and their ongoing support as they continue to be involved with the new committee. Additionally, we congratulate Liam and fellow PA committee member Caroline O'Neill who were elected as parent nominees to the Board of Management for the 2019-2023 term. Following on from their fantastic efforts with the PA we're sure they'll do us all proud.

Now, back to us! ... the new Parents' Association team hopes to continue and build on the work done by the previous committee. Your new committee is led by co-chairs Kathy Morrissey and Jamie Ashcroft, with the valuable support of co-secretaries Linda Wright and Helen O'Grady and treasurer Oana Anghelus.

The new committee's efforts kicked off with Halloween games and the school disco, which happened on October 25th. We have plenty of plans all aimed at enhancing the school experience for all our kids, in a fun and enjoyable way but as ever, we rely on the valuable and generous support of all parents with children in the school.

If you can give even just a couple of hours, every once in a while, we would love to have your support. New volunteers can contact us via edender-ry.sbpa@gmail.com.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

On Friday 25th October, Halloween celebrations took place in Scoil Bhríde. Children dressed up in costume and participated in Halloween festivities in class. There were some fantastic creative costumes.

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 Tuesday 3rd of December for all pupils to facilitate this training.

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! 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!

SCOIL BHRÍDE TAKE ON LIP SYNC

Scoil Bhríde are delighted to support St. Marys Secondary School in their sports field development project. A selection of our staff are dusting off their dancing shoes and polishing their moves in a bid to claim the winning title on November 16th in the Hamlet Court Hotel. So far we have raised over €1000 through a movie day for our students and a coffee morning for our staff. Huge thanks to Mrs. Farrell & Mrs. Pender for their contribution to these events. Tickets are currently on sale at school reception should you wish to attend.

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".

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



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Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s)

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the 2019/ 2020 school year. I hope all our new pupils, parents and teachers who have recently joined our school community have settled in by now. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our outgoing Parents' Association - Chairperson Liam Muldowney and all those involved in the Parents' Association for their hard work over the past two years. The contribution you have made to school life is very much appreciated by staff, students and parents. I wish incoming co-chairpersons Jamie Ashcroft and Kathy Morrissey and the current committee all the best in their tenure on the Parents' Association.

I wish our whole school community 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 10th 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 2020

Scoil Bhríde PS will enrol pupils for Junior Infants for September 2020 during the period from **11th — 15th November 2019**. 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.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION-

Please read and familiarise yourself with the below information below regarding Scoil Bhríde's child safeguarding procedures. The Board of Management is responsible for the implementation of all provisions of the Children First Act 2015. The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must as a result be reflected in the schools policies, procedures, practices and activities. The child safeguarding statement is available to view on our website or on the wall inside the front door of the school. The schools Designated Liason Person (DLP) is Mr. Duffy and the Deputy DLP is Ms. Rourke. The DLP, and in his absence the Deputy DLP are the first point of contact you make should you have a concern regarding the welfare of any student within the school. It is the responsibility of the DLP to ensure reporting procedures are followed correctly and promptly and act as a liaison person with other agencies.

LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES AND EVENTS

<p>OCTOBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th- Halloween Fancy Dress • 28th Oct.—01 Nov. (Incl.)— Halloween Mid-Term Break 	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th & 20th – Parent / Teacher Meetings
<p>DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd School Planning • 20th– Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am) 	<p>JANUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th – Re-opening of school • 21st—Staff Meeting (School closing at 1.30 pm)
<p>FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th & 21st - Spring Mid-Term Break 	<p>MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th – School Closure • 17th – Public Holiday (School Closure)
<p>APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd—Easter Holidays (School Closing at 11.30 am) • 20th—Re -opening of school 	<p>MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th – Public Holiday (School Closure) • 6th— Staff Meeting (School Closing at 1.30 pm) • 16th Confirmation—12pm
<p>JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st— Public Holiday (School Closure) • 6th—First Holy Communion 12pm • 25th– Summer Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am) 	<p>JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th June to 23rd July 'July Provision for pupils in Special Classes' - pending approval of Board of Management & Department of Education & Skills

NEW STAFF JOINING US THIS YEAR

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

Ms. Kerrigan	Mr. Brady
Ms. Melia	Mr. Garvey
Mr. Walsh	Ms. Lenihan
Ms. O'Toole	Mrs. Seerey
Mr. Richardson	Ms. Kearney
Mr. O'Connor	
Ms. Reynolds	

OFFALY CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETICS

On Tuesday the 1st of October, 27 boys and girls from 3rd-6th Class took part in the Offaly Cross Country Athletics competition. Given the tough weather conditions all our boys and girls ran with confidence and pride to perform very well on the day. On the medal front, Joe Furey came home in 4th position in the 3rd Class boys race following a superb run. Well done to all our athletes who went for trials and went to Tullamore on the day.

SPORTS BLITZES

Our students from 3rd to 6th class were busy representing the school in different sports codes this week. 3rd & 4th class partook in a football blitz and 5th & 6th class in a rugby blitz. Well done to all involved.

SCHOOL JERSEYS

Scoil Bhríde are delighted to have received two new sets of sponsored school jerseys. The Parents' Association and Eden Parade kindly sponsored one set and Rosderra Meats and Walsh Coaches sponsored the second set. Huge thanks to the Parents' Association in securing this sponsorship. The children are truly delighted with their new jerseys which will be used for all extra curricular activities.

LEGO CLUB

Scoil Bhríde will host a Lego Club for all budding architects and engineers in 1st/2nd class. The club will be limited to 25 spaces and will cost €2 weekly. The monies gathered will go towards purchasing new lego equipment for the school. Should interest exceed 25 places the club will be run in 6 week blocks to facilitate all students. Money can be given to Ms. Craig to secure your child's place on return to school after mid-term break.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Well done to the boys and girls football teams who competed in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions again this year. A huge thank you to 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.