

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL BASED CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Children are practicing very hard and are preparing to entertain their parents and family members in their magnificent Christmas plays and Sing-alongs. Please see times for performances below:

Christmas Performances	
Wednesday Dec. 18th	
9.15 am - 9.45am	Junior Infants
9.45am—10.15 am	Senior Infants
11.15am - 12.10pm	1st Class
12.10 pm—12.40pm	Sonas Classes
1.00pm—1.30pm	2nd Class
Thursday Dec. 19th	
9.15- 10.15am	3rd Class
10.30 -11.00am	4th Class
11.15am - 12.15pm	5th Class
1.30pm - 2.00pm	6th Class
2.00pm - 2.20pm	School Band

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Some of our choir members sang alongside the choirs of the parish at the Carol Service on Sunday December 8th! Well done to all involved!

CHRISTMAS PANTO

As part of our school's Drama programme, all children will have an opportunity to attend a Christmas Panto. The children from 1st to 6th class, including our senior Sonas classes will attend the Cheerios Panto production of "Cinderella" over the coming days. Our Junior and Senior Infant classes attended the Talisman Theatres production of "Santas Fairytale Christmas" on Thursday December 5th, a day that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our Junior Sonas classes have an upcoming trip to visit Santa in Playtown on Friday, December 13th. Huge thanks to Ms. McKeown for all her hard work!

TEAM HOPE'S CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

This year, the pupils of Scoil Bhríde donated 289 shoe boxes to this wonderful cause. We are so proud of the pupils for the kindness shown and would like to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who participated.

SANTA'S VISIT

The excitement is palpable word is out ... we have been selected ... YES the main man himself ... Mr Santa Claus will visit all the boys and girls in Scoil Bhríde on Tuesday 17th December. Again, 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 and our School Band extended some Yule Tide cheer to our friends in Ofalia House on Wednesday December 11th. Our pupils treated Ofalia House Residents to a trip down memory lane with a selection of wonderful Christmas Carols.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Recently our children created their own personalised Christmas cards. We are sure the recipients will be very impressed with the fantastic works of art they receive. Thanks to Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. Guing and Mrs. McCarthy.

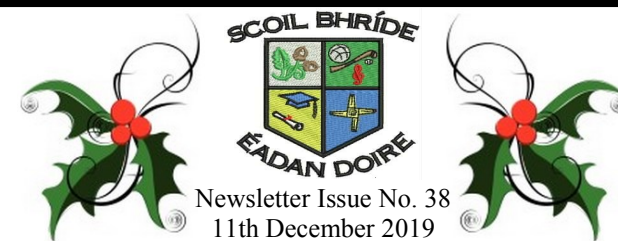
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Scoil Bhríde will be represented by a number of students including Abbie Farrell, Caoimhe Delaney, Bria reilly, Cathy Ginty, Dorcas Omozokpia at mass on Christmas Eve.

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. 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.

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL Carrick Road, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter. We are full of festive cheer in Scoil Bhríde and as you will see through out the newsletter we have many fun events planned for the coming weeks..... including a visit from the BIG MAN..... Santa!! I would like to commend the children on the hard work and effort that they are putting into perfecting their Christmas plays and performances. Our audiences are certainly in for a treat.

As our first term draws to close, I would like to thank our staff for all their hard work. Thanks to the teachers for their commitment and dedication to learning in the school, to the SNAs and bus escorts for their care of our pupils, and the ancillary and cleaning staff for all their hard work in the running and upkeep of the school.

We recently held a very successful Open Day and Enrolment week. It was great to see many new and indeed familiar faces through out the week. We are excited to welcome all our new Junior Infants into the school in September 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing members of the Board of Management.

Their support as well as the time and effort they gave to the school over the past number of years is greatly appreciated.

Finally on my own behalf and on behalf of the Board of Management, staff and pupils I would like to wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

As per school policy if you have any queries in relation to your child, please remember that you should send your query in writing to your child's class teacher and/or arrange a meeting with the relevant teacher.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE

Parents are asked to remind children of the importance of walking when entering and exiting the school grounds—especially as the ground conditions are slippery with winter weather upon us. Students have been informed that when exiting the school grounds by themselves they are to exit through the back of the yard and through the side gate. Running when entering/exiting the school grounds is a yellow card offence in line with our Code of Behaviour. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2019-2023

A new Board of Management has just been formed and is comprised of the following members:-
Patron's Nominee: Nichola Hogan (Chairperson)
Patron's Nominee: Patricia Doyle
Teacher Nominee: Kevin Duffy (ex-officio/School Principal)
Teacher Nominee: Laura Keane
Parents' Nominee: Caroline O' Neill
Parents' Nominee: Liam Muldowney
Community Nominee: Thomas Nolan
Community Nominee: Brian O' Meara

SONAS & SPRAOI

We are delighted to inform you that as of this school year our mainstream classes are now referred to as 'Spraoi' and our special classes are now referred to as 'Sonas'. These new terms have been working great since September and are another part of our inclusive approach in our school

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

Everyone at the Parents' Association would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and of course a Happy New Year. It has been great term and we thank all parents for their continued support but there's still lots of fun to be had before the end of 2019 – with a busy and exciting schedule of celebrations. The PA Christmas events kicks off on Friday 20th December with our disco night. We'll then be on hand with tea, coffee and refreshments throughout what we're sure will be two fantastic days of Christmas performances, on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th. At these events we will gratefully collect any donations – to support the school and future Parents' Association arranged activities for 2020. As in previous years, the Parents' Association is delighted to provide the Christmas selection boxes and hope they're enjoyed by all. As ever, we appreciate all the help and support that our school's parents kindly give. If you can give your time and help for a few hours in the run up to Christmas please contact us via Facebook or by email (edenderry.sbpa@gmail.com).

REMEMBRANCE TREE

This year our school marked "All Souls" month with a special remembrance tree erected in our school foyer. The tree afforded members of the school community with an opportunity to remember those loved ones who are no longer with us. The inaugural year of our remembrance tree was marked with a beautiful ceremony attended by staff and special guests. Huge thanks to Ms. Rourke and Mrs. Pender for all their hard work.

RECYCLE YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME

Should you wish to donate your child's costume, we would 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.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

Thank you to everyone who made our Halloween fundraiser a huge success. We raised nearly €840! Thank you to everyone involved.

GAA & RUGBY COACHING

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Mairéad Daly (GAA) and Grainne Vaugh (Rugby) for their work coaching the children throughout the term. Students from 3rd & 4th class competed in a football blitz while 6th class students represented the school in a rugby blitz.

DEBATING TEAM

Scoil Bhríde recently welcomed Scoil Bhríde, Lackagh, Monasterevin for the first round of the Primary Debating Festival. The motion was opposed 'Homework is a waste of time for Primary school children' with Scoil Bhríde Lackagh going forward to the next round. Caoimhe Delaney, Bria Reilly and Jamie O'Neill were the members of the debating club that represented the school. Our debating club is working hard at the moment as they are through to round 2 of the shield.

ATHLETICS

Well done to all our athletes who took part in the Offaly Sportshall Athletics recently in Mucklagh. Each child ran superbly both individually and in their teams across track and field events. Thanks to Ms Crowley and Mr Heffernan for helping out with the teams.

SCHOOL BAND

Our school band had their first successful performance of the school year on 29th November in Edenderry library. The band played a selection of Christmas songs as part of the library's Christmas Craft Fair. An occasion which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

SOCCER

Girls and boys from 3rd and 4th class took part in the FAI Futsal competition in Mucklagh recently with our teams finishing runners up. Huge well done to all involved.