

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

The term 'from-home' is nearly over! The Parents' Association would like to wish you all a huge congratulations for all your hard work, patience and perseverance over the challenging recent months. We'd also like to extend a massive thank you to all the teachers for being so nimble and resourceful in their lesson plans and online learning support – keeping the kids engaged and learning would've been impossible without your hard work. Clearly, it has been a strange and difficult time for many people in our community, and, we'd like to send our empathy and sympathy to all families impacted by the virus. We'd also like to make a special mention for all the sixth class leavers who move on without the usual Scoil Bhríde send-off. We're sure you will all flourish and wish you all the best for the rest of your education. To everyone else, enjoy the summer!! And please let's all cross our fingers for a more normal 2020/21 school year. See you all in September.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the 2020/2021 school year is available on Aladdin Connect and on our school website.

CULTURAL TRIP

Pupils from 5th and 6th class visited historical sites around Carbury and Edenderry in February as part of the Per Cent for Art Scheme. They gathered a wealth of knowledge about sites including Edenderry Town Hall and Carbury Castle. This information will help to create a sculpture for the outside of our school next year.

WELL DONE

Scoil Bhríde would like to acknowledge the excellent project undertaken by Harrison and Millen Hampton. They decorated stones with uplifting quotes and placed them around the local area for people to read on their 2 km walks. What a great idea. It was certainly appreciated by everyone. Well done!

6TH CLASS GRADUATION

It's that time of year again when we must reluctantly, say farewell to our 6th Class students. This year's graduation has been like no other and the children should be praised for their efforts to adjust to the changing situations they have found themselves in. We have been lucky enough to get to know these students over the past eight years and to share in the joy, laughter and many positive experiences they have had in Scoil Bhríde. Their secondary schools are very lucky to receive such friendly and respectful students. We would like to thank all of 6th Class for their support in the many initiatives and clubs they have taken part in down through the years. We wish you all the very best for the future. May you all be successful and happy in life. May you have a successful career ahead of you. Thank you for all of the wonderful moments that you blessed us with.

STUDENT COUNCIL

A big thank you to the members of the Student Council who showed great leadership in their roles this year.. This was especially evident in the distribution of Food Dudes fruit and veg to pupils around the school. Well done Abigail, Cian, Sophie and Josh.

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter Issue No. 36

Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s)

Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter for the 2019/20 school year. This newsletter brings to a close what has possibly been the most unusual few months in the history of your child's education. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic had a huge knock-on effect for all aspects of our society. However, as parents, the task of facilitating your child's learning at home was certainly among the greatest challenges. Let me take this opportunity to applaud each and every one of you for doing what you could, however small, during this very difficult time. Depending on your family situation, some of you may have struggled to engage with the online learning provided by our teachers. Rest assured, that your child will have learned other important and very valuable life skills during this time and had an opportunity to spend quality time with you and their siblings that they will recall fondly in the future. I am particularly cognisant of our pupils who have additional needs. I hope that they are doing ok as a result of the sudden and unexpected change to their daily lives.

I am mindful of the special occasions of First Holy Communion and Confirmation that our 2nd and 6th class pupils have seen postponed. I commend you all for your understanding and wish you all wonderful celebrations when the opportunity comes around.

I am also mindful that our incoming pre-school and Junior Infant pupils have missed out on their Induction Day and wish them a positive start to the school year in the absence of this gentle introduction to school life at Scoil Bhríde PS.

Finally, I want to pay particular homage to our 6th Class graduates of 2020. In the absence of the face to face send-off, that we so wish we could have given you, please accept, on behalf of all staff members our very best wishes to you all as you embark on the next step of your educational journey. Wishing you all a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

ALLOCATION OF NEW TEACHERS FOR THE 2020/21 SCHOOL YEAR

In the last week of term, children will find out the names of their teachers for the 2020/21 year. These will be communicated to you via Aladdin connect. As teachers are currently being recruited, the names of all class teachers may not be known before the break.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The staff of Scoil Bhríde would like to express their thanks to every family during these unprecedented times. It was a learning curve for us all, but we thank you most sincerely for engaging with Google Classroom and for all your support as we adapted to online teaching and learning .

COVID-19

As we all know, things can change very quickly with Covid-19. We hope to open our school fully in September, however, we will follow all HSE and government guidelines. The safety of the students and staff will always come first, We look forward to September and our 'new normal'.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

BOOKLISTS & EPAYMENTS

Class book lists are available to download from Aladdin Connect and through the school website. We ask that parents pay these costs through the Epayment link which will be sent shortly. If you need this link re-sent or need assistance please contact info@scoilbhrideps.com There is a discount of €13 being applied for next year. This is to reimburse families for the €3 not used for standardised tests this year and €10 from a surplus in the Art and photocopying account due to the early school closure this school

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The summer holidays will commence on Thursday June 25th at 11.30 am. Should you have any queries, please contact a member of staff on or before June 25th. Please note that the Principal and staff will not be contactable during the holiday period. The school will re-open for all pupils on Tuesday the 1st of September 2020

YOUR CHILD'S REPORT

The school reports are available on Aladdin Connect from June 11th 2020. They do not contain Sten scores or standardised test results this year as these tests were not completed due to the Covid-19 school closure.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

POETRY

Congratulations to Daniel Smyth who recently won a poetry competition for his poem 'Staying at Home'. Daniel won a Smyth's voucher. We hope you spend it wisely Daniel!

Staying At Home

Lockdown is weird,
Some men are growing beards,
I need a haircut
Or it will be down to my....!
But now let's talk about my happy space,
Football, trampoline, reading, writing and
running a race
I have my parents and two sisters to keep me
sane,
Our adventures on the canal, fields and country lanes,
Camping out in our TV room is fun,
Bird watching and gardening in the gleaming
sun,
Lockdown for some is hard it might seem,
But as for me I am living the dream!

ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Scoil Bhríde Active Schools Week this year takes place from June 22nd –25th. Children are encouraged to take part in different activities communicated to them via Google Classroom. Like everything else this year, it is different, but we hope the children enjoy Active Schools Week none the less.
