

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Parents' Association would like to commend parents and guardians on their home-schooling efforts during the most recent COVID related school closure. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the teachers for the dedication and support shown to our children throughout this period of remote learning.

I'm sure we can all agree that it is great to see the children back in their classes and we wish them all the best in the coming weeks.

We have been active behind the scenes all year. Santa provided us with a fantastic video message and all children received selection boxes. We also organised 1/4 tops for all 6th class students to mark their last term in Scoil Bhríde.

Finally, as we look to the last term of the school year, we would like to thank all parents and anyone who supported the Parents' Association recent fundraising efforts. We hope that with funds raised from this event and other upcoming events we will be enabled to provide the children with support for upcoming events and occasions.

We are always looking for new members. Should you wish to become involved with the Parents' Association, Please contact us on edenderry.sbpa@gmail.com.

JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTION

Our Junior Infant Induction will be held in the coming months in accordance with COVID guidelines. We will be in contact with all families soon to provide a date and time for your child to meet their teacher.

ENROLMENT 2021/2022

The school recently held its enrolment process for our Sproai and Sonas Classes. Enrolment for our Sproai classes is now closed but we will continue to accept enrolment applications for our Sonas Classes. Enrolment applications are available to download from our school website www.scoilbhrideps.com or by contacting our school reception on info@scoilbhrideps.com

ENGLISH UPDATE

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are." Mason Cooley

We are continuing to work on developing life-long readers at Scoil Bhríde. We want to teach the skills of reading, but also foster a passion for the written word among the pupils. Thank you to those of you at home who are helping us to do this. Congratulations to the children for the huge effort they have made to improve their reading since September. Many of these children have made excellent progress, due to their hard work and dedication. According to our data, students from our school have read almost 12,000 books since September, and have read for a combined total of over 1,800 hours, even with our school library being temporarily closed due to Covid 19 restrictions. The introduction of MYON, an online reading platform, has contributed to this, and has been very popular among students. We will be giving out badges to some pupils after the Easter break, to acknowledge their reading efforts and achievements.

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



Newsletter Issue No. 43

*Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),
Welcome to the third edition of our Newsletter for this school year.*

Over the past few weeks, we have warmly welcomed back our Sonas and Sproai classes after a period of school closure due to COVID19 restrictions. It is wonderful to have our classrooms full and our halls bustling again.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students and their families on their engagement with online learning in what was a difficult and challenging time. Many thanks to our teachers, SNAs and ancillary staff for their continued dedication and commitment to the learning needs and wellbeing of our students.

The school recently completed its enrolment process for the 2021/22 school year and we look forward to welcoming all our newly enrolled students and their families this coming September. Parents who still wish to enrol their children for September 2021 may contact our school reception by emailing info@scoilbhrideps.com or calling 0469773451

I would like to wish our sacramental classes the very best of luck in the coming weeks as respective classes will be depending on public health restrictions at the time receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Wishing you all a very happy and joyful Easter.

*Is mise le meas,
Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh, Príomhoide*

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

SACRAMENTAL DATES/TIMES

First Holy Communion is April 24th at 11am and 2pm in St Mary's Church.

Confirmation is May 22nd at 11am and 2pm in St Mary's Church.

Please note dates are depending on public health advice at that time.

BUS TRANSPORT SCHEME

Bus Éireann's online application system for school transport for Primary and Post-Primary students is now open for the 2020/21 school year. The closing date for School Transport Applications is Friday, 30th April 2021. Apply online at www.buseireann.ie/schooltransport. Please visit the Bus Éireann website for further information regarding the School Transport Scheme.

COVID GUIDELINES

We would like to thank all parents and commend our students for their continued co-operation with our COVID Guidelines. Parents are reminded that the wearing of facemasks on the school grounds is mandatory.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR

The school will reopen after the summer holidays on Monday August 30th for all students. The school year will finish on June 24th 2022. For more details on school closures and holidays please visit our website www.scoilbhrideps.com

FUNDRAISER

The school raised an amazing €1000 for Laura Lynn with our Christmas Jumper day. Huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. It is very much appreciated.

SCOOT TO SCHOOL

Scoil Bhride participated in National Scoot to School Week which ran from 22nd to 26th March 2021. National SOW Day (Scoot on Wednesdays/Weekdays) was held on Wednesday 24 March. A big well done to all the pupils who scooted to school. It was great to see so many of you scooting! We are now another step closer to receiving our Travel Flag.

FIRST CONFESSION

Congratulations to the boys and girls in 2nd class who made their first confession on Tuesday March 23rd in the school. Best of luck with your continued preparations for First Holy Communion.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will close on Friday March 26th for Easter Break and will reopen on April 12th. Please see below collection times for all classes on Friday.

11.00am- Junior Infants

11.10am- Senior Infants

11.15am-1st class

11.20am-2nd class

11.25am- 3rd class

11.30am-All buses (SONAS & Spraoi)

11.35am-4th class

11.40am-5th class

11.45am-6th class

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

GAA COACHING

The school would like to extend a huge thank you to Edenderry GPO, Mairéad Daly for her great work in providing the children with recorded and live lessons over the school closure. The children really enjoyed their lessons and are looking forward to getting back to face to face lessons with Mairéad after the Easter Break.

LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG

Scoil Bhride went green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Well done to all the boys and girls who made a wonderful effort to wear something green to celebrate the occasion.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELGE

Scoil Bhride celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge from the 8th to the 12th of March this year. As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge there were lots of different competitions and activities running throughout the week. Some of the activities and competitions that were taking place in school and online were an art competition, a photography competition, table quizzes, a bake along and lots of films and stories in Irish. A big congratulations to everyone that took part, especially anyone that won the title of Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine! And don't forget, "Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam".

WORLD AUTISM DAY & WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

World Down Syndrome Day was celebrated on March 21st and World Autism Day is Friday April 2nd. We intend to celebrate both of these special occasions on our return from Easter Holidays.