

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Parents' Association work hard and tirelessly for Scoil Bhríde each year. They are continually supporting activities and different ventures that are undertaken by the school, and the Staff would like to wholeheartedly thank them for this.

The Parents' Association is the structure through which parents/guardians in a school can work together for the best possible education for their children.

As the term of the current committee is coming to an end, we are seriously urging other parents to get involved in the Parents' Association. Without the continued support of the parents in our school, our Parents' Association may cease to exist.

The details of the upcoming AGM which will take place on October 20th, any parents wishing to join the Zoom meeting to email us @ edenderry.sbpa@gmail.com and we will send them a Zoom invite.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Many thanks to our Parents' Association who made a generous donation of €300 towards our school garden recently. Our caretaker Frank and the children have been very busy preparing and planting for the spring/summer season ahead.

DABLEDOO MUSIC PROGRAMME

The school will be piloting a new music programme this year called Dabledoo music. It is an excellent programme with online, interactive resources. The programme is being funded this year by the Parents' Association. We are very grateful for this and would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Parents' Association.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER 22 nd Oct – Halloween Fancy Dress 25 th Oct – 29 th Oct. (Incl.) – Halloween Mid-Term Break	NOVEMBER 23 rd & 24 th – Parent / Teacher Meetings
DECEMBER 22 nd – Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)	JANUARY 6 th – Re-opening of school ·25 th – Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)
FEBRUARY 24 th & 25 th – Spring Mid-Term Break	MARCH 17 th – Public Holiday (School Closure) 18 th – School Closure
APRIL 8 th – Easter holidays (School closing at 11.30 am) 25 th – Re-opening of School	MAY 2 nd – Public Holiday (School Closure) 3 rd – Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)
JUNE 6 th – Public Holiday (School Closure) 7 th – School Closure 24 th – Summer Holidays (School closing at 11.30 am)	JULY 27 th June to 22 nd of July 'July Provision for pupils with ASDs' (Pending approval of Board of Management & Department of Education & Skills)

NEW STAFF JOINING US THIS YEAR

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

Ms. E. Brady
Mr. Brereton
Ms. Byrne

Ms. Devery
Ms. Boland
Ms. McInerney

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



Newsletter Issue No. 45

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Welcome to the 1st edition of our school newsletter for the 2021/2022 school year.

I hope all our new pupils, parents and teachers who have recently joined our school community have settled in by now.

Congratulations and best wishes to our current 3rd class pupils and past 6th class pupils who recently received their sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We hope you and your families thoroughly enjoyed the day.

It is great to see the return of many of our usual school activities this term and we hope to continue extending our programme of curricular and extra curricular activities as the year progresses.

Is mise le meas,
Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh, Príomhoide

ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS SEPT 22

Scoil Bhríde will begin its enrolment process for the 2022/23 school year on January 13th 2022. More details will be posted to our school website and social media platforms in the coming weeks.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

CHILD SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Please read and familiarise yourself with the 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 Liaison 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.

REDESIGNATION OF PRESCHOOL EARLY INTERVENTION CLASS TO PRIMARY AGED SPECIAL CLASS.

As advised by the NCSE and with subsequent approval from the Board of Management, the school has begun the process of redesignating the Preschool/Early Intervention class into a 6th Primary Aged Special Class. The school will not accept enrolment applications for the Preschool/Early Intervention class from September 2022 onwards.

SACRAMENTAL CEREMONIES

First Holy Communion for the second classes of 2021 took place at 2pm on Sunday, October 17th in St. Mary's Church. We hope our current third class students had a wonderful day after what has been a difficult time for them due to postponements. The sixth classes of 2021 were confirmed on Saturday, September 18th. Congratulations to our past pupils. We wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

MATHS WEEK

The students are currently celebrating *Maths Week* from 18th - 22nd of October. Throughout the week they have been provided with many opportunities to experience and develop an appreciation of how maths is applied to everyday life through maths trails, discussions, problem solving activities, tuning into Maths TV and many other fun activities.

AMBER FLAG

Our school is taking part in the Amber Flag Initiative this year. This initiative recognises the efforts of schools in creating healthy, inclusive environments that support mental health and wellbeing. We will be carrying out lots of activities during the year to raise awareness for mental health and we will be creating a committee to help keep our school community informed. We hope to be awarded an amber flag to proudly display outside our school at the end of the school year.

GREEN SCHOOLS

Last June, Scoil Bhríde was awarded its 4th Green Flag. This was in recognition of its excellent efforts to promote more sustainable methods of travelling to school such as walking, scooting and cycling. We are hoping to receive our new flag very soon and to raise it high at the front of the school!

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Team Hope's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal makes a welcome return this year. Should your child wish to partake we would ask that all shoeboxes are returned to the school by November 3rd and include a €4 donation to cover Team Hope's cost of running the initiative.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

GAA COACHING

Many thanks to Máiread for her continued hard work coaching our students in both hurling and football. Our 5th and 6th class students have really enjoyed their recent coaching sessions. After the midterm break will come the turn of 3rd and 4th class to develop their skills.

RUGBY COACHING

It is great to have our rugby coach Gráinne back in school with us this term. Our 2nd class students really enjoyed their sessions and our 6th classes look forward to their turn after the midterm break.

ATHLETICS

We recently welcomed Kellie and Patrice from Offaly Sports Partnership to our school as part of an Athletics initiative. All students from Senior Infants to 4th class took part. The girls will be back in the new year to check our progress.

HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER

Students are invited to dress up as part of our Halloween fundraiser on Friday October 22nd. All monies raised will go towards purchasing school resources. Looking forward to a frightful Friday in Scoil Bhríde!!

HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS VISIT

This week we had a great visit from Dale from Heritage in Schools. He gave the children a wonderful insight into all things birds, bugs and food chains. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt lots of amazing and unique facts about our school environment.
