

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### NOTES

The Parents' association would like to wish all the children and their families a wonderful break this Easter.

The PA has written to the Easter Bunny to tell him how hard all the children have been working especially through lent and he has promised to deliver some chocolate eggs for all the children to enjoy. So watch out for some mucky footprints around the school. 🐰

We would like to send a big thank you to Edenderry Tidy Towns who have kindly donated 10 fruit trees to our orchard. Hopefully, the students can enjoy harvesting and making jam next year. 🍏🍏

We would also like to thank all the parents for their kind and generous support buying raffle tickets this year so that we can continue to provide treats for the children.

If anyone that has any spare time who would like to join our PA please reach out to us on our FB page or by email to edenderry.sbpa@gmail.com  
Happy Easter!

## SCHOOL TOUR DATES AND VENUES

Class	Venue	Date
Junior Sonas	Glendear Farm,	1st June
Senior Sonas	Dublin Zoo	31st May
Junior Infants	Playtown, Tullamore	14 <sup>th</sup> June
Senior Infants	Playtown, Tullamore	14th June
1st Class	Tayto Park	13th June
2nd Class	Causey Farm	3rd June
3rd Class	Astropark, Dublin	22nd June
4th Class	Lilyput Adventure Centre	15th June
5th Class	Baysports, Athlone	1st June
6th Class	Baysports, Athlone	27th May

## SCHOOL GARDEN

In September pupils in Scoil Bhríde filled the flower beds with daffodil bulbs. They spent the next couple of months weeding the beds and watching the flowers grow. Recently all the flowers were picked and the pupils involved in sowing the bulbs sold them to parents at home time. The support we received from the school community was fantastic. €285 euro was made and this money will be donated to the Irish Cancer Society. We thank everyone for their support and donations.

## SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Issue No. 47

*Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)*  
*Welcome to the third edition of our Newsletter for this school year. It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of our second term already. From the content of the Newsletter you will see it has been a very busy term with a lot happening both from an academic and an extra-curricular perspective.*

*I would like to thank all the parents and staff for their continued support and effort throughout the many events this term. I would also like to thank all those involved in the Parents' Association. Your hard work and efforts are very much appreciated here in Scoil Bhríde. We are already looking forward to the final term here in Scoil Bhríde. **I would also like to remind parents that school will re-open on Monday April 25th.** I wish you all a Happy Easter.*  
*Is mise le meas,*  
*Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh (Príomh Oide)*

## JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTION

Our Junior Infant induction for children starting school in September 2022 will take place on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents will be contacted with more information after the Easter break.

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## NOTES FOR PARENTS

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### VEX ROBOTICS

VEX Robotics is an exciting programme where school children and teenagers, aged 8 to 18 years, learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) while having fun. Each year there is a new challenge where students must work as a team to design, build, programme and drive a robot. In addition to learning about STEM, children acquire other skills such as project management, presentation skills, teamwork, leadership, public relations and much more. The pupils in Scoil Bhríde were very lucky to receive two robots from Offaly County Council this year. The children in 6<sup>th</sup> class along with their teachers, Mrs Crampton, Mr Garvey and Ms Noone have been extremely busy building the robots and also the playing arena. We are now in the process of adjusting our robots to play the game. The Offaly VEX IQ Championships is going to take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May in O'Connor Park, Tullamore and we will have two teams at the event. It will be a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

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### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be running from the 12<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> May in our school hall. All funds raised will be used to purchase new books for our school library and support our Accelerated Reading Programme. A sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for their support in operating the Book Fair. Thank you to all of our wonderful students, parents, grandparents, teachers, volunteers and Parents' Association who will ensure this event is a success. It is great to see our Book Fair back again after two years of a break. All support is greatly appreciated.

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### SACRAMENTAL DATES/TIMES

**Confirmation:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm.

**First Holy Communion:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm

**First Confession** will take place in school in a date to be confirmed.

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### MYON

During this term our school received some fantastic news. We are the top user school in Ireland based on the total number of minutes read on MyOn since the start of this academic year. We have read more books than any other school in the country on MyOn. This is a fantastic achievement by all the pupils of our school. We know our students will continue this great work in the future.

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### MILLIONAIRE WORD CLUB

The following students have successfully secured their place in the Millionaire Word Club: Noah Fox (4<sup>th</sup> class Mrs. Farrell), Emily Johns, Amy Gatere and Hannah Lynch (5<sup>th</sup> class Mr. O Connor) and Kara Farrell and Leona Gatere (6<sup>th</sup> class Ms. Brady).

A huge well done to all of you!

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### SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Seachtain na Gaelige took place from the 7<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup> of March and it was a great success.

Well done to all the classes who performed songs at our virtual concert. We also had a lot of other events on during the week such as an art competition and a table quiz. Well done to all involved! The winners of Gaeilgoirí na Seachtaine were: Rían Kingston, Zuzanna Zwolinska, Calum Forde, Eva Feeney, Noah Fox, Sadhbh Tallon and Harry Hanley. Comhghairdeas libh!

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## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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### SOCCER

Jack from Edenderry Town F.C. has been coaching 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class children in soccer every week for the past 4 weeks. Thanks very much to Jack and to Edenderry Town F.C.

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### CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Our football, hurling and camogie teams are in the midst of competing in the spring league. Some great performances and wins have been recorded. We are looking forward to some silverware arriving to Scoil Bhríde soon!

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### COACHING

Children from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class have been in receipt of fantastic GAA coaching from Edenderry GPO Mairead Daly. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class pupils have had top class rugby coaching from Bernard from Leister Rugby too.

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### SCHOOL BAND AND CHOIR

Our school band and choir are back up and running. We are looking forward to some brilliant performances. Our choir will be singing at the First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies in May.

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### WORLD BOOK DAY

Congratulations to the students who dressed up and participated in our World Book Day celebrations. The costumes get better and better each year. The photos can be seen on our Facebook page.

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