

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Parents' Association are delighted to finally be back to normal again after covid. We would like to thank Mr. Duffy and staff for accommodating us throughout the Autumn term.

Some events and activities we have done this term include:

- * Bingo night
 - * Colouring competition for every student with prizes for each class.
 - * Halloween raffle, €2 per entry with fabulous hampers and prizes.
 - * Halloween games for whole school Friday 28th October with treats.
 - * Organised and contributed to the 6th class hoodies.
- We are always looking for parents/guardians to volunteer and help out at these events and throughout the year. If you have any spare time and would like to help out please contact us through our Facebook page or email us on edenderry.sbpa@gmail.com. The Parents' Association hopes all the students, staff and their families enjoy the midterm break.

FAREWELL

Everyone in Scoil Bhríde would like to wish Ms. Mc Keown and Mr. Brady well in their new jobs. Ms. Mc Keown takes on the position of principal in Tyrellspass NS. Mr. Brady will be deputy principal in Ballybryan NS. They will be very much missed by all in Scoil Bhríde.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Congratulations to our boys school football team who recently won the 'A' Final in O' Connor Park. The match was played in a very wet O' Connor Park in Tullamore against Scoil Eoin Phóil. When the final whistle went, it was a draw. Scoil Bhríde won by a single point after extra time. We are all so proud of the team, in particular, joint captains Ryan Kenna and Joe Furey. The whole school welcomed the victorious boys team back to school on Wednesday evening. Well done to the whole panel and their trainers!

AISTEAR

The infant teachers are looking for a donation of good quality toys for Aistear. If you have any of the following items that you are no longer using, you can send them into school. A collection will take place in the hall between 1:30-2:30pm everyday during the week of 7th –11th November. (week after midterm) Thanks in advance for all your help and donations.

- Kitchen
- Kitchen Utensils
- Small World Figures
- Farm animals
- Tools
- Lego
- Blocks
- Puppets
- Dolls
- Cash Register
- Food basket/trolley
- Doctors Set
- Small Cars/Vehicles
- Garden Centre items
- Doll house and furniture

SCHOOLS BATTERY RECYCLING COMPETITION

The Green Schools Committee has taken on the challenge of becoming battery recycling champions. We could be in with a chance of winning a €2,000 Sports Equipment Voucher for the school. To help us do this, we are asking everyone to call on family, friends, neighbours and their community to collect as many batteries as they can and to bring them into the school for recycling. Every little helps, so get collecting!

NUT ALLERGY NOTICE

In order to protect the welfare of a number of our students with potentially life threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts, parents are reminded that Scoil Bhríde is a "NUT FREE SCHOOL".

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL Killane Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



Newsletter Issue No. 49

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the 2022/ 2023 school year. I hope all our new pupils, parents and teachers who have recently joined our school community have settled in by now.

Well done to our boys' football team who won the Cumann na mBunscol final in O' Connor Park recently. Congratulations and well done also to all the children who represented our school so well at a recent athletics competition.

I wish everybody a happy, enjoyable and safe Halloween break.

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomhoide)

ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS SEPT 23

Scoil Bhríde will begin its enrolment process for the 2023/24 school year in January 2023. More details will be posted to our school website and social media platforms in the coming weeks. Enrolment forms will be available from January on our website and at reception.

NOTES FOR PARENTS

CHILD SAFE GUARDING INFORMATION

The Child Safeguarding statement is available to view on our website or on the wall inside the front door of the school. Our schools Designated Liason Person (DLP) is Mr. Duffy and the Deputy DLP is Mrs. Duffy. 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.

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Parents/guardians of pupils in Scoil Bhríde were asked to complete an online survey about our Child Protection Procedures. 92 people completed the survey. The results and answers are attached to this newsletter.

COOKERY COURSE

There will be a cookery course taking place in Scoil Bhríde. It will run over four weeks. It will be run by chef Yvonne Carty, in conjunction with Safefood Ireland. The dates for the courses are the 16th, 23rd and 30th of November, and the 7th of December. The course will run from 2-4pm. Ms. Keane will supervise a homework club on those days for the children of anyone who wishes to attend the course. There are still places available. If you would like to participate in the course, please email laura.keane@scoilbhrideps.com

SCHOOL CLOSURES AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 22/23

OCTOBER <ul style="list-style-type: none">28th – Halloween Fancy Dress31st Oct. – 4th Nov. (Incl.) – Halloween Mid-Term Break	NOVEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none">22nd/23rd Parent/Teacher Meetings
DECEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none">21st – Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)	JANUARY <ul style="list-style-type: none">5th – Re-opening of school24th - Staff Meeting (Early finish for students)
FEBRUARY <ul style="list-style-type: none">6th Public Holiday13th - 17th (inclusive) - Spring Mid-Term Break	MARCH <ul style="list-style-type: none">17th – Public Holiday20th (School Closure)26th – Easter Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)
APRIL <ul style="list-style-type: none">17th – Re-opening of School	MAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">1st – Public Holiday (School Closure)2nd – School Closure9th Staff Meeting (Early finish for students)
JUNE <ul style="list-style-type: none">2nd - School Closure5th - Public Holiday30th – Summer Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)	JULY <ul style="list-style-type: none">3rd of July to 28th of July ‘July Provision for pupils with ASDs’- pending approval of Board of Management & Department of Education & Skills

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the 2022/2023 school year is also available on our school website and on Aladdin connect.

OTHER NOTES

MATHS WEEK

The children have just celebrated ' *Maths Week* ' from 17th to 21st of October. They had the opportunity to participate in lots of fun activities both inside and outside the classroom such as maths trails, gathering and representing data in a variety of ways e.g. pie charts, bar charts etc. They also really enjoyed playing maths games, working on riddles and other problem solving activities. A fun-filled week was had by all!

SCHOOL OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

School doors open at 08:50am. Children are not insured on the premises before this time. Staff supervise the drop off from 8:50am –9:00am. *Parents are reminded not to use the Bus Set Down Area located along the front of the building but to use the side drop off areas instead.* Please do not get out of your car and please have your children alight from the passenger side of the car. Parents/pupils walking into the school grounds are reminded to use the zebra crossings at all times. All pedestrians are advised to enter by the small pedestrian gates at the main entrance and to stay on the footpath at all times. In the evenings, Infants should be collected promptly at 1:30pm and Senior Classes collected at 2:30pm as our school insurance ceases at this time.

QUIZ TEAM

Well done to our 6th class pupils, Holly McCarthy, Hannah Lynch, Adam Quinn, Abdul Ogunse, Conor Hardiman, Seán Usher, Lee Feeney, Dara Cullen, Tommy Cummins, Amy Cullen, Shane Farrell, John Delaney who took part in the St. Mary's Inter-Primary Schools Quiz on 6th October in St. Mary's secondary school. They did very well and we are very proud of them all.

Results of Child Protection Survey – September 2022

Parents/guardians of pupils in Scoil Bhríde were asked to complete an online survey about our Child Protection Procedures. 92 people completed the survey.

1. Are you aware of the Child Safeguarding Procedures in the school?

Yes – 82.5%

No – 17.5%

(These are available on the school website. www.scoilbhrideps.com)

2. Do you know where you can view the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?

Yes – 47.5%

No – 52.5%

3. I can view the Child Safeguarding Statement at these locations:

Correct answer – 37.5%

Incorrect answer – 62.5%

(The safeguarding statement can be viewed inside the front door of the school and on the school website)

4. Please name the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for the school.

Correct answer – 84.5%

Incorrect answer – 15.5%

(Mr. Duffy - Principal)

5. Do you understand the role of the DLP?

Yes – 52.63%

No – 47.37%

(The role of the DLP is to ensure that the standard reporting procedures are followed. The DLP is the first point of contact should you have a concern regarding the welfare of any student.)

6. If you become aware of any matter in relation to Child Safeguarding for any child in the school, are you aware that you can bring this to the DLP in confidence?

Yes – 66.67%

No – 33.33%

(The DLP is the first point of contact should you have a concern regarding the welfare of any student.)

7. Are you satisfied that the Board of Management oversee the implementation of the Child Safeguarding Procedures regularly and with due diligence?

Yes – 86.49%

No – 13.51%

8. Do you have any areas of concern that may pose a risk to the children that may not have been recognised by the Board in their Risk Assessment and Annual Review?

Yes – 0%

No – 82%

Not answered – 18%

9. Please name the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL), who is to be contacted in the event that the DLP is unavailable.

Correct answer – 61.5%

Incorrect answer – 38.5%

(Mrs. Duffy – Deputy Principal)