

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL BASED CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Children are practicing very hard and are preparing to entertain their parents and family members in their magnificent Christmas plays and Sing-alongs. Please see times for performances below:

Christmas Performances	
Friday Dec. 16th	
9.30 am - 10.00m	Junior Infants
10.15am—10.45am	Senior Infants
11.00am - 12.00pm	1st Class
12.15 pm—12.45pm	2nd Class
1.00pm—1.30pm	4th Class
Tuesday Dec. 19th	
9.15- 10.15am	3rd Class
10.30 -11.30am	5th Class
11.45am - 12.15pm	Sonas Classes
12.30pm - 1.30pm	6th Class
1.45pm - 2.15pm	School Choir

CHRISTMAS PANTO

As part of our school's Drama programme, all children will have an opportunity to attend a Christmas Panto. The children from 1st to 6th class and our senior Sonas classes attended a production of "Snow White" at the National Stadium. While our Junior and Senior Infants remainder of our pupils attended a production of "Rudolph Saves Christmas". Our junior Sonas classes enjoyed a trip to Playtown to meet Santa Claus. These outings were thoroughly enjoyed by all students.

RECYCLE YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME

Should you wish to donate your child's costume, we would be delighted to take them. This will enable us to reuse costumes each year and save parents some expense in having to buy costumes each year. All support is greatly appreciated.

TEAM HOPE'S CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

This year, the pupils of Scoil Bhríde donated over 150 shoe boxes to this wonderful cause. We are so proud of the pupils for the kindness shown and would like to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who participated.

SANTA'S VISIT

The excitement is palpable word is out ... we have been selected ...YES the main man himself ... Mr Santa Claus will visit all the boys and girls in Scoil Bhríde on Monday 19th December. Again, many thanks to the Parents' Association for extending the invitation to Santa and for all their work in preparing for the visit.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Today, Scoil Bhríde held a Christmas Jumper Day where staff and children wore their festive attire with all donations going towards the Bumbleance Charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed in anyway to this worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Recently our children created their own personalised Christmas cards. We are sure the recipients will be very impressed with the fantastic works of art they receive. Thanks to Ms. Carroll, Mrs. Guing and Mrs. McCarthy for all their hard work.

TINSEL ALERT!

Have you heard.... HE'S BACK! Tinsel has returned to Scoil Bhríde and is causing havoc! Please report any sightings of this mischievous elf to Mr. Duffy before he causes any more trouble!

LEA HEART VISITS SCOIL BHRÍDE

On Monday 12th December, singer / songwriter Lea Heart came to visit the students of Scoil Bhríde. Lea performed some of her hit songs on stage for the whole school, including her new Christmas single. It was a great show, Lea definitely has some huge fans in our school!

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our school newsletter. It is our first Christmas post Covid and we are so full of festive cheer in Scoil Bhríde at the moment with Christmas Pantos, concerts and the return of our mischievous elf, Tinsel, all helping to get us in the Christmas spirit.

I would like to commend the children on the hard work and effort that they are putting into perfecting their Christmas plays and performances. Our audiences are certainly in for a treat.

As a newly designated DEIS school, it has been an exciting start to the school year as we welcome many new initiatives to the school including our hot school lunches, School Completion Programme and play therapy sessions. I would like to wish Ms. Keane all the best as she settles into her new role as Home School Community Liason Co-Ordinator.

As our first term draws to close, I would like to thank our staff for all their hard work. Thanks to the teachers for their commitment and dedication to learning in the school, to the SNAs and bus escorts for their care of our pupils, and the ancillary and cleaning staff for all their hard work in the running and upkeep of the school.

As we look forward to January, our first major event will be our Open Day on Sunday 15th from 2.00-4.00pm. We aim to provide prospective students and their families with an opportunity to view our school facilities, meet with staff members all while having a fun filled family day.

Finally on my own behalf and on behalf of the Board of Management, staff and pupils I would like to wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Is mise le meas,

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

INTEL MATCHING GRANTS

Scoil Bhríde continues to receive volunteer hours and matching grant funding from the “Intel Matching Grants2 initiative. This initiative has been ongoing since the beginning of 2020. We are very grateful to all the Intel employees who continue to volunteer their time which is generously matched financially by Intel.

HEALTH & SAFETY NOTICE

Parents are asked to remind children of the importance of walking when entering and exiting the school grounds—especially as the ground conditions are slippery with winter weather upon us. Running when entering/exiting the school grounds is a yellow card offence in line with our Code of Behaviour. A gentle reminder that Scoil Bhríde has been advised by Allianz Insurance that supervision is provided from 8.50 am to 2.30 pm. No supervision is provided outside of those hours except for extracurricular activities. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

BATTERY COLLECTION

The Green Schools Committee is continuing to collect batteries for the WEEE Ireland Schools Battery Competition to 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!

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

Over the past month we have rolled out our Hot School Lunches initiative in conjunction with the Lunch Bag company. The initiative has been a huge success and children are really enjoying a delicious warm lunch each day. We would like to remind parents to continue to order lunches which the children like and enjoy.

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NOTES

Everyone at the Parents’ Association would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year for 2023. We want to thank committee members and all volunteers who have helped throughout the year. The Parents’ Association will continue to work with the school to support and run annual activities that are loved by the children of Scoil Bhríde. We are delighted to see the school plays back in action and we are delighted to be able to serve tea, coffee and refreshments for all spectators. The PA have been able to fund the Christmas selection boxes again this year and have contributed towards the cost of the Panto for all the children to enjoy. We would like to thank all the parents for their continued support through fundraising which allows us to provide these happy moments for the children. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for upcoming fundraisers and events.

REMEMBRANCE TREE

This year our school marked “All Souls” month in November with our special remembrance tree which was erected in our school foyer. We also held a special remembrance service which afforded members of the school community with an opportunity to remember those loved ones who are no longer with us. Huge thanks to Ms. Keane, Mrs. Pender and Ms. Hutchinson for all their hard work.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

Thank you to everyone who made our Halloween fundraiser a huge success. We raised nearly €840! Thank you to everyone involved.

SCHOOL RE-OPENING

The school will reopen for students on Thursday, January 5th 2023 at 8:50am. WE look forward to welcoming all our students back in the new school year.

INTEL MINI SCIENTIST COMPETITION

Last week, Ms. Maguire’s Sonas Class were victorious in the Intel Mini Scientist Competition. Their project “It’s Fantastic—it’s Milky Plastic” was one of 18 out of 76 projects selected for the grand final in February. Well done boys and we wish you every success in the final.

GAA & RUGBY COACHING

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Mairéad Daly (Edenderry GPO) for her continued hard work and dedication in coaching our students. Our 1st and 2nd classes have enjoyed their coaching sessions with Mairéad over the past term. We would also like to welcome on board Dermot Tierney (Leinster Rugby CCRO) and we look forward to some rugby sessions with him after Christmas.

SWIMMING

Our 5th, 6th and Sonas classes attended swimming lessons over the past term. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions while also learning a very important life skill. We would like to extend our thanks to all the coaches and lifeguards in Edenderry Swimming Pool.

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

Our 3rd and 4th class students enjoyed partaking in Fundamental Movement sessions with Liam O’Reilly from Offaly Sports Partnership. The children were afforded the opportunity to develop and challenge their balance, speed and agility!

ENROLMENT 2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrolment for the 2022/2023 school year will commence on 5th of January 2022. Enrolment forms can be requested via email to enrolment@scoilbhrideps.com and are also available at school reception.

OPEN DAY

Scoil Bhríde PS would like to invite all pre-school children and their families to join us on Sunday 15th of January from 2.00pm to 4.00pm for an afternoon of fun and games. Call in at any time for an opportunity to view our state of the art facilities, chat to members of our school community and enjoy some guaranteed fun.