

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 organised for a pet farm to visit the school on 29th & 30th of March. We hope you all enjoy learning more about farm animals and you might even get a cuddle.

The PA are hosting an Easter Disco in the school hall on Friday 31st March. We have some Easter eggs up for grabs, everyone who attends the disco will be entered into a FREE raffle.

We would 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 has any spare time and would like to join our PA please reach out to us on our FB page or by email to edenderry.sbpa@gmail.com

FIGHTING WORDS WORKSHOPS

Fighting Words is a creative writing workshop that was originally started by Roddy Doyle. Our students in 4th and 5th classes were very lucky to avail of this writing workshop in the last term. 6th Class will also get the opportunity after Easter. The workshops promote creativity and writing as a fun and powerful means of self-expression. By the end of the session, each class had written and published a story with illustrations. Scoil Bhríde is very thankful to Anne Kilrane and her team for facilitating these workshops.

SCHOOL TOUR DATES AND VENUES

Class	Venue	Date
Junior Sonas	Molly Moos	7 th June
Senior Sonas	Dublin Zoo	14 th June
Junior Infants	Playtown, Tullamore	21 st June
Senior Infants	Playtown, Tullamore	19 th June
1st Class	Tayto Park	12 th June
2nd Class	Dublin Zoo	14 th June
3rd Class	Let's Go Athlone	29 th May
4th Class	Funtasia Drogheda	13 th June
5th Class	Funtasia Drogheda	26 th May
6th Class	Delphi Resort Connemara	8 th -9 th June (overnight)

ASTROTURF FUNDRAISER

Scoil Bhríde is going to the dogs!! We are having a fundraiser on June 9th to raise money for our astroturf development. Tickets cost €15 and can be bought here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scoil-bhríde-gone-to-the-dogs-tickets-558797176397?utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail or by contacting a member of staff. Every ticket purchased will be entered into a draw to win €1000. All support is hugely appreciated!

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Issue No. 51

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 17th.** I wish you all a Happy Easter. Is mise le meas,
Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh (Príomh Oide)*

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

Scoil Bhríde had Mental Health Awareness Day on Thursday 30th March. The aim of this day was to discuss how we can mind our mental health and bring awareness to how important it is to talk to someone if we are feeling bad. Pupils in junior classes read *The Huge Bag of Worries* by Virginia Ironside. Senior classes designed a poster to show ways that we can mind our mental health. The Offaly VEX IQ Championships is going to take place on Friday 6th May in O'Connor Park, Tullamore and we will have two teams at the event. It will be a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair has been running all this week from the 27th- 30th March 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, and volunteers who ensure this event is a success every year. All support is greatly appreciated.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

Our boys and girls football teams along with our hurling and camogie teams are trining hard for the upcoming spring competition. We are looking forward to seeing some more silverware in Scoil Bhríde before the end of the school year!

ABSENCES

On the occasion of your child missing a day in school, please input the reasons for absence on Aladdin.

SACRAMENTAL DATES/TIMES

Confirmation: Saturday 29th April at 2.00pm.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 13th May at 2.00pm

First Confession will take place on 20th April during school hours.

SIXTH CLASS

Sixth class are busy preparing for their Confirmation on 29th April. They recently had their Confession in St. Mary's Church on March 28th. We wish them well in their continued preparation for their Confirmation.

MILLIONAIRE WORD CLUB

Congratulations to the newest member of our Millionaire Word Club; Amy Gatere in 6th class. A special mention too to Edward Manole who is getting very close to 1,000,000 words read.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Seachtain na Gaelige took place from the 13th—16th of March and it was a great success.

Well done to all the classes who performed songs at our concert. We had a lot of other events on during the week such as an art competition and a table quiz. Well done to all involved! We welcomed 'The Gypsies' back to our school hall where they performed a concert for all the boys and girls. We had a great week. Comhghairdeas libh!

JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTION

Our Junior Infant induction for children starting school in September 2023 will take place on a date to be confirmed. Parents will be contacted with more information after the Easter break.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SOCCER

Scoil Bhríde was well represented by the 4th, 5th and 6th class boys and girls at the FAI Primary School 5's tournament in Tullamore. All the teams showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Two of our boys teams and one of the girls teams made it through to the next round. The next round will take place in April. We wish them all the best of luck.

MAIRÉAD DALY

We unfortunately have to bid our wonderful GAA Coach, Mairéad Daly, a fond farewell as she is leaving us. Every child in the school has been coached by Mairéad at some stage. She has been a wonderful asset to our school and all the children will really miss her. Thanks Mairéad and best of luck in the future!

INTEL MINI SCIENTIST

On the 22nd February, Ms.Maguire's Senior class attended the final of the intel mini scientist. The students had been working hard on their project 'It's fantastic, It's milky plastic' We experimented over a number of weeks turning milk into plastic. It was a great day and all the boys received rosettes and certificates.

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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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you might have heard we are in the midst of fundraising to develop our new Astro turf pitch. The Astro turf pitch will be developed where our current pitch is (behind the basketball courts).

By the end of the project we hope to have; drainage work carried out, the actual pitch built, appropriate fencing, lights, a ball wall and a running track developed. We also hope to have this facility opened to the public in the future. The project as a whole will cost up to €250,000. We are focusing our fundraising on developing the actual pitch first which will cost approximately €100,000.

As part of our fundraising we are holding a night at the dogs in Newbridge Greyhound Stadium. It will take place on June 9th. It will be a family friendly event so we would love to see as many families from Scoil Bhríde there as possible. Children go free once they are accompanied by an adult.

There will also be a draw on the night where one person will win €1000. Your entry ticket to the night will also be your entry to the draw. So, even if you can't make it on the night you might still like to purchase a ticket to be entered into our draw.

If you are in the position to purchase a ticket, we would be very grateful for your support. You can buy a ticket at the following link https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scoil-bhride-gone-to-the-dogs-tickets-558797176397?utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail or by scanning the QR code below. If you prefer, you can send the money in with your child to school and we will organise a ticket to be sent home to you.

We have various ways of sponsoring our fundraiser. These are all highlighted in our sponsorship letter attached below. Please contact the school if you think this might be something you could avail of.

I understand we are living through difficult financial times, so please don't feel under pressure. However, we would really appreciate anything you can donate to this worthy cause.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Newbridge on June 9th as it promises to be a great evening! We will announce more details and hopefully a special guest or 2 in the coming weeks!

Thanks a million for your support,

Scoil Bhríde Fundraising Committee



Here is the QR Code to purchase tickets!



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Re: Request for sponsorship for our school fundraiser

To whom it concerns,

We are writing this letter to ask for sponsorship for our upcoming Night at the Dogs Fundraiser, which is scheduled to take place on June 9th 2023 at Newbridge Greyhound Stadium. The event is being organised as a family fun night that will provide entertainment to everyone who attends, but it will also help raise some vital funds that are needed for the development of an all-weather AstroTurf facility on our school grounds. At present, we have a large school field that can only be used when the weather is favorable, usually in May, June, September and October. As a result, we have a fantastic facility that is lying idle for much of the school year. Through the development of an all-weather turf area that will include a walkway, ball wall and lights, the school will be able to facilitate increased space for children to enjoy physical activities throughout the school year. In addition, we envisage that we will be able to open up this facility to the local community so that many more than just the students at Scoil Bhríde can benefit from it. The cost of the project will be in the region of €200,000.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would get involved and help support our fundraiser. The following sponsorship levels are available:

Gold: €500	Silver: €300	Bronze: €100
<p>Gold level sponsorship will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Company name and logo displayed on an individual sign along the pitch's sideline.● Company name and logo displayed in large on Scoil Bhríde's 'Wall of Sponsors'.● Acknowledgement as Gold Level Sponsor on Scoil Bhríde website.● Full page recognition insert in sponsorship booklets of any fundraiser held for this Astro development.● Special invitation to the grand opening of the facility.	<p>Silver level sponsorship will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Company name and logo displayed on Scoil Bhríde's 'Wall of Sponsors'.● Acknowledgement as Silver Level Sponsor on Scoil Bhríde's website.● ½ page recognition insert in the sponsorship booklet that will be offered with every ticket purchased.	<p>Bronze level sponsorship will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Company name displayed on Scoil Bhríde's 'Wall of Sponsors'.● Acknowledgement as Bronze Level Sponsor on Scoil Bhríde's website.● ¼ page recognition insert in the sponsorship booklet that will be offered with every ticket purchased.

If you are not in a position at this time to select one of these levels, you may be willing to sponsor a prize that could be raffled on the night. Any support that you could give would be greatly appreciated.

For further information on the project and how you can support us, please contact the school by phone or email.

Yours sincerely,

Scoil Bhríde Fundraising Committee