

Scoil Bhríde Newsletter

NO: 54



CHRISTMAS 2023

Principal's Address:

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our school newsletter. We are full of festive cheer in Scoil Bhríde at the moment with Christmas Pantos, concerts and the return of our mischevious 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Board of Management members for their hard work and dedication to Scoil Bhríde over the last number of years. I would also like to welcome our new Board of Management and wish them the very best of luck in their new role.

As our first term draws to a 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 14th January 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,

Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh (Príomh Oide)

REOPENING OF SCHOOL

School will reopen after the Christmas holidays at 8.50am on Monday, January 8th. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone after a well deserved break!

Enrolment for Junior Infants Sept '24

Scoil Bhríde will begin its enrolment process for the 2024/25 school year in January 2024. 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.

The Lunch Bag

The school now has the ability to manage and change lunch orders for the Lunch Bag. If you wish to change/cancel your child's lunch order please do so by contacting reception on info@scoilbhrideps.com or 0469773451

Minister for Education

Everyone in Scoil Bhríde was delighted to welcome Minister for Education, Norma Foley, to our school assembly in October. Minister Foley spoke to the staff and students in the hall. She also presented our Biodiversity Green School Flag to the Green School Committee as well as attendance certificates to some of our students.



The Sunshine Room

In Scoil Bhríde we are very lucky to have created a Nurture Room for the children to use. This room which has been aptly called "The Sunshine Room" is a place where children can feel safe and secure and is designed to be a bridge between home and school. The children are given the opportunity to participate in a range of activities in a relaxed and structured environment which promotes and supports their social and emotional development.

The concept of nurture in education recognises that students' wellbeing is as important as their academic achievements.

The Sunshine room was opened by Norma Foley on her recent visit.



Minister Norma Foley officially opening the Nurture Room in Scoil Bhríde.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality will be priorities for us again in Scoil Bhríde in 2024, and we will continue to work closely with Tusla's Education Welfare Officer, David Molloy. Please ensure that your child is at school each day, unless there is a good reason for them to be absent. If your child is absent, please mark the reason for absence on the Aladdin app, or send a note to school with your child. Also, if your child is late for school, please sign them in at reception, and sign them out if they are leaving school early. Thank you for your support and cooperation on this matter.

Literacy Updates

Both 5th and 6th classes took part in Fighting Words workshops this year. Sixth-class pupils produced a book called "Mission Mayhem in Edenderry" and each pupil was presented with a printed copy of the book. Fifth Class pupils produced a story called 'Christmas Miracle in Edenderry'. Each class wrote one chapter of the story and the finished product will be printed.

Elizabeth Wogan from Mr O'Connor's Sixth Class has read over one million words and received an Accelerated Reader Word-Millionaire certificate and badge.





Christmas at Scoil Bhríde



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

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

<i>TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER</i>		<i>WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER</i>	
09:30- 10:30	3rd Class Play	09:30-10:00	Junior Infants Carols
11:30- 12:00	6th Class Carols	10:15-10:45	4th Class Carols
12:30- 13:30	5th Class Play	11:15-11:45	Senior Infants Carols
		12:45- 13:15	1st Class Carols
		13:45-14:15	2nd Class Carols

Santa Visit

We are all looking forward to Santa's big visit. Santa is very busy this time of year but will take some time off to visit the boys and girls of Scoil Bhríde on Monday, 18th December to wish us all a Merry Christmas. We hope that all the pupils are being well behaved in advance of his arrival! Many thanks to the Parents' Association for extending the invitation to Santa and for all their work in preparing for the visit.



TINSEL ALERT!



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

Christmas Panto

As part of our school's Drama programme, all children in, 2nd, 4th and 6th class had an opportunity to attend a Christmas Panto. The children from 2nd to 6th class attended "Treasure Island" in the Helix. Our Junior classes and some of our Sonas classes enjoyed a trip to Playtown to meet Santa Claus. These outings were thoroughly enjoyed by all students.

Team Hope's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

This year, over 190 shoe boxes were donated by the pupils and staff of Scoil Bhríde to Team Hope's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. We are so proud of everyone for their kindness and generosity shown. We would like to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who participated in helping this wonderful 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. Melia, Mrs. McGuinness, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Guing, Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Mangan for all their hard work.

Sensory Santa Grotto

A Sensory Santa Grotto was created in the school this year. Students could visit Santa in a calm, sensory-friendly environment within the school environment. Santa visited on Friday the 15th of December.

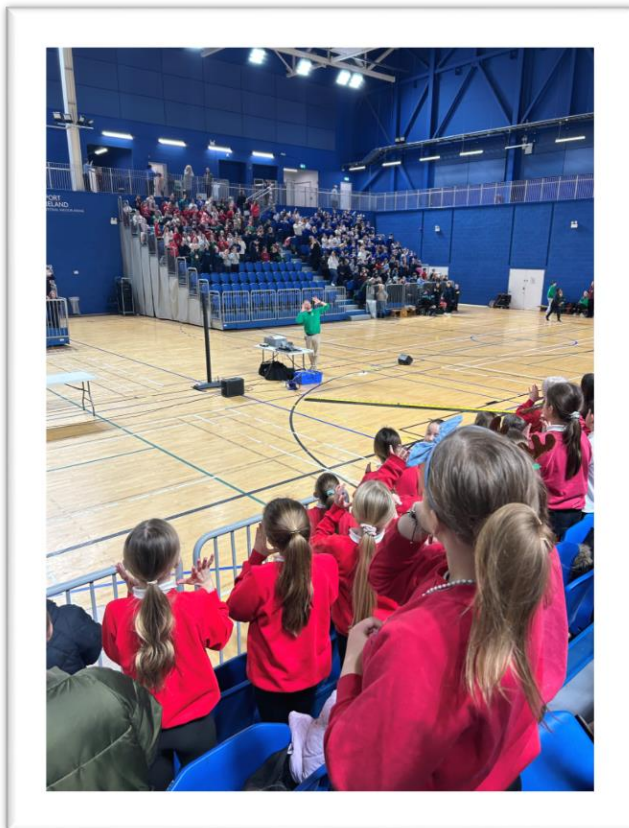


Other Notices

Peace Proms

On 6th December, our school choir travelled to the Sport Ireland Campus in Blanchardstown for a workshop in preparation for Peace Proms in the New Year. Peace Proms brings young singers and musicians from all over the country together to perform as one. On this day, the children got the opportunity to sing and dance through the Peace Proms material with renowned conductor Greg Beardsell. They had a wonderful day out and are really looking forward to the Peace Proms concert on the 3rd of

February @2pm in the RDS Dublin. Tickets for this event can be bought from the following link <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/peaceproms>



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.

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”.

Kid's Corner

C is for the carols sung by everyone
H is for the happiness because all are having fun.
R is for reindeer prancing in the light
I is for icicles shining so bright.
S is for the snow falling on the ground
T is for the tree, it's Christmas all around.
M is for Monday, that's when Christmas is this year
A is for the angels who don't shed a tear.
S is for Santa who climbs down the chimney hole
(If you don't like this poem, you will be getting coal)
By Orla Usher, 4th Class

Christmas Poem

Christmas time is here, so everybody cheer.
Stockings are hung, bells are rung
Santa comes in his sleigh while everybody laughs and plays.

Chocolates eaten every morning when advent calenders are open,
December 1st is Christmas to me, Tinsel for the tree and our little Elfie
Frank puts up the tree while every teacher sits with a hot cup of tea.

A blanket of snow where the summer flowers grow
Christmas movies and Christmas groovies,
Santa Claus I go to see, every year with my family.

The Christmas pudding is oh so yummy, but when I have no food I'm really grumpy!
We sit by the fire with our family and we cheers with hot chocolate and say Yippeee!
Sport is over and we had a lot of cheers, lets hope we have a great next year.

I hope you enjoyed my poem because Christmas time is here,
beware of Mr.Tinsel because he always near!

By Abbie McCabe, 6th Class