

# Scoil Bhríde Newsletter

NO: 55



EASTER 2024

## Principal's Address:

*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 wish you all a Happy Easter.*

*Is mise le meas,*

*Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh (Príomh Oide)*

## REOPENING OF SCHOOL

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

## The Lunch Bag

The school 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](mailto:info@scoilbhrideps.com) or 0469773451

## SACRAMENTAL DATE/TIMES

Confirmation: 20th April 2pm

First Holy Communion: 11th May 2pm

## Update to School Uniform

Following consultation with the Parents' Association, school staff and subsequent approval by the Board of Management, Scoil Bhríde will be rolling out a new school uniform from September 2024.

The introduction of the new uniform will coincide with the phasing out of the formal uniform and will see a move to one casual tracksuit for all students. The uniform will be rolled out on a phased basis with a requirement for all incoming junior infants to buy the new school uniform and the option for students in all other classes to purchase if they wish to do so.

It is hoped that the new uniform will promote student well-being, encourage movement/activity, accommodate sensory needs and reduce costs to families. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

# Attendance

Attendance and punctuality continues to be a priority 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 with this matter.



# Positive Behaviour – Green Card System

Scoil Bhríde's Green Wall displays all the green cards earned by our wonderful students for engaging in positive behavior this term. Well done to everyone who worked hard and displayed positive behaviour to earn a green card!



Our 'Green Wall'  
located in  
Reception

## Literacy Updates

Children and teachers made a great effort to dress up for World Book Day on the 7th of March. Our School Book Fair arrived on World Book Day.

Some third and fifth class pupils took part in story time sessions with our Infant Classes.

Second class visited Edenderry Library. They listened to a story and made bridges out of Lego.

Emma and Melissa from Edenderry Library came to talk to pupils about using our local library.

Fourth class took part in Creative Writing Workshops with Offaly Fighting Words. Pupils from Oakland's Community College illustrated their books.

## Word Millionaires



Tommy - 5<sup>th</sup> class



Faye - 4<sup>th</sup> class



Ellen - 3<sup>rd</sup> class



Edward  
5<sup>th</sup> class



Elizabeth  
6<sup>th</sup> class



## St. Brigid's Day

Fr. Lawton and Deacon Wyer joined us to celebrate a special mass for St Brigid's Day. Before the ceremony Fr. Lawton blessed our Brat Bhríde/St Brigid's Cloak sculpture which sits in front of our school.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge & St. Patrick's Day

We had a very busy week in Scoil Bhríde with Seachtain na Gaeilge and the build up to St. Patrick's Day! A huge thank you to The Gypsies who put on an amazing show for the children on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>. This coincided with our 'Lá Glas'.



## Parent's Association Notices

The Parent's association would like to wish all the children and their families a wonderful break this Easter. The PA has organised a small treat for all students 🐰

The PA are hosting an Easter Family Bingo event in the school hall on Friday 22nd of March. We have some Easter eggs up for grabs plus all entries to the event 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 that 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](mailto:edenderry.sbpa@gmail.com)

Happy Easter!

## School Tour Dates and Venues

School tour dates and venues will be released in the coming weeks.

## 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".

## Extra Curricular

### Peace Proms

Congratulations to our choir who recently performed in the RDS in Dublin as part of the Peace Proms concert. The choir made a great effort to learn several songs and dances over the last few months and did a great job representing Scoil Bhríde at the concert which took place in February. Well done to everyone involved.

### Cumann na mBunscol

The boys hurling team and girls camogie team have been busy training in preparation for the spring Cumann na mBunscol competition. The level of skill shown in training has been excellent and both the players and coaches cannot wait to get going.

### Offaly FAI Primary 5's Finals Day

A huge congratulations to both our boys and girls soccer teams who travelled to Leah Victoria Park to take part in the Offaly FAI primary 5's competition. Our girls team were runners up and our boys team were

winner on the day. The boys team will go on to represent Scoil Bhríde in the Leinster competition. All students represented Scoil Bhríde very well on the day and there were many displays of great skill from all teams! Well done to all involved!

