

Scoil Bhríde Newsletter

SCOIL BHRÍDE



AUTUMN 2024

NO: 57

Principal's Address:

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter for the 2024/2025 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 girls' football team who qualified for the Cumann na mBunscol final in O' Connor Park and were unlucky to lose out by the narrowest of margins. Congratulations also to the boys who represented the school very well in their own Cumann na mBunscol competition.

Our recently formed school band have been rehearsing together and it has been wonderful to hear their music echo through the halls of the school. Our school choir have also been practicing after school and we look forward to attending both of their performances going forward.

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

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh (Príomhoide)

MID TERM BREAK

Scoil Bhríde will close for the Halloween mid-term break from Monday, 28th October to Friday, 1st November. School will reopen at 8.50am on Monday, 4th of November. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone after a well-deserved break!

Key Information to Know In Relation to Child Protection

The school's Child Safeguarding Statement can be viewed at reception and on the school website.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is the principal, Mr. Kevin Duffy.
The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is the deputy principal, Mrs. Debbie Duffy.

You can bring any matter in relation to child safeguarding for any child in the school to the DLP.

Please report any issues of concern in relation to the school's child protection procedures to the DLP.

Sacramental Calendar 2024/2025

Please find below the sacramental dates for the year ahead.

First Holy Communion (May 2025)

Saturday, May 10th - 11am: Scoil Bhríde & Gaelscoil Edenderry

Confirmation (June 2025)

Saturday, June 7th - 11am: Scoil Bhríde



Prospectus

Our school prospectus can be viewed by scanning the accompanying QR code.



School Calendar 2024/2025

August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29th of August – Re-opening of School 	September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24th -Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)
October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25th – Halloween Fancy Dress 28th of Oct to 1st of Nov inclusive – Halloween Mid-Term Break 	November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th – County Photos 19th/20th – Parent / Teacher Meetings
December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th – Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am) 	January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th – Re-opening of School 21st – Staff Meeting (school finishes at 13:30 for all pupils)
February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd – Public Holiday (School Closure) 20th and 21st inclusive – Spring Mid-Term Break 24th –Re-opening of School 	March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17th – Public Holiday (School Closure)
April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th – Easter holidays (School closing at 11.30 am) 28th – Re-opening of School 	May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th – Public Holiday (School Closure) 6th – Staff Meeting (school finishes at 13:30 for all pupils) 10th – First Holy Communion 30th – School Closure
June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd – Public Holiday (School Closure) 7th – Confirmation 24th – Summer Holidays (School closing at 11.30 am) 	July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25th of June to 22nd of July ‘July Provision for pupils with ASDs’- pending approval of Board of Management & Department of Education & Skills

- In the event that Scoil Bhríde PS has an unplanned closure(s) due to adverse weather conditions, the school may compensate for up to 3 days’ closure during the first three days of the Easter Holidays, i.e. the school will remain open on either or all of the 14th, 15th and 16th of April 2025.
- Dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation yet to be confirmed.
- Relevant parents will be notified of Stage 3 meeting times by class teachers / resource teachers.
- In consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Management, the Principal reserves the right to make any future amendments to this list of closures and events.
- The school calendar will be made available on our school website – www.scoilbhrideps.com

Halloween Fancy Dress Fundraiser



On Friday, 25th October, Halloween celebrations will take place in Scoil Bhríde. Children will be dressing up in costume and participating in Halloween festivities in class. We are looking forward to seeing all the creative costumes.



All money collected will go towards resourcing our new astro-turf pitch.

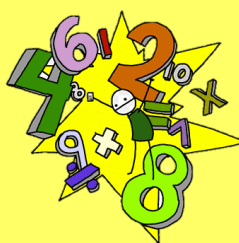
Some of the teachers in school have dressed up for Halloween as ghosts and recorded a version of Ghostbusters! This was shared with the children and the identities were revealed at our Halloween assembly. The video can be found via this QR code.



The answers can be found on the last page of this newsletter!

Maths

Maths Week 2024 was great fun! It ran from the 14th to the 18th of October. Activities throughout the week demonstrated how maths can be fun, useful, and applied to everyday life. A big thank you to all the children and teachers for their co-operation in making this a very enjoyable and fun week for all.



The children participated in maths trails and maths themed quizzes, games, activities and art lessons throughout the week. We ran a variety of competitions during the week also.

The New Primary Mathematics Curriculum is available from our school website if you want to check it out.

Literacy Updates

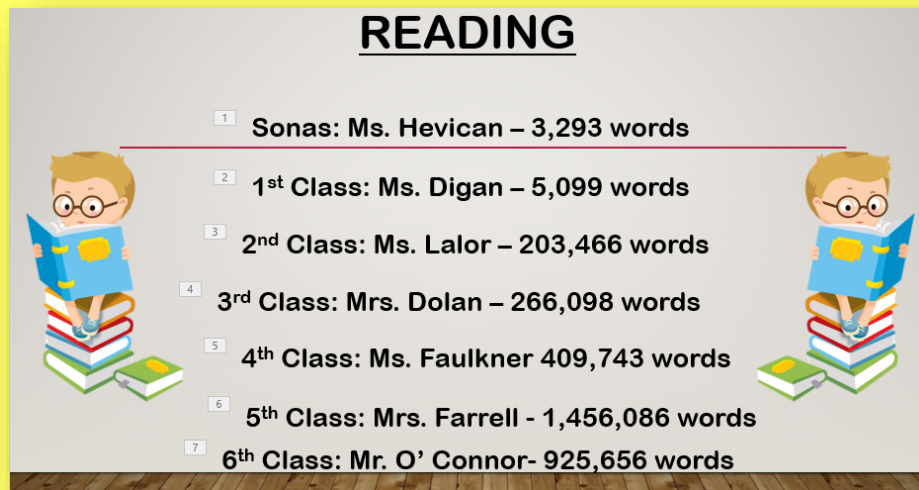
Two of our sixth classes took part in Creative Writing Workshops with Offaly Fighting Words. They will return in November to run this workshop with the final sixth class.

Students from the senior classes will take part in paired reading with our infant classes before the Halloween break.

Class Reading Challenge

Since the start of the year, as a school, we have read a total of 5,338,232 words.

The classes who have read the most words at each class level are as follows:



Parents' Association

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association. Their support, hard work and generosity allow many initiatives and events to take place throughout the year.

Cumann na mBunscol

The girls' and boys' football teams have been very busy playing in the Cumann na mBunscol Competition.

The boys qualified for the semi-final of the "A" competition but were beaten by a very strong Clara side. They tried their best and should be very proud.

The girls' team also took part in the "A" competition. They qualified for the final in O' Connor Park which took place on the 22nd October. In this final, Scoil Bhríde narrowly lost out to a very strong Mucklagh side. They gave it their best and should be extremely proud.

Thank you to all the teachers and mentors who have taken time out to train these teams.



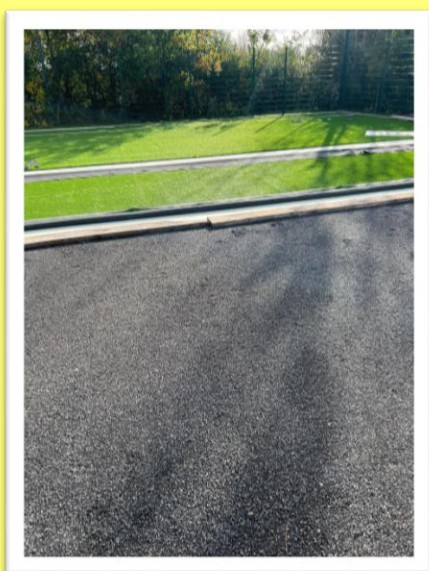
School Band

Our newly formed school band have begun rehearsing together. Pictured below are Charlie Kelly, Aisling Weldon, Max Daly, Millie McDonald O'Mahony, Finley Ashcroft & Ethan Fox.



Pitch Development Update

A huge thank you to all who have supported our pitch development. There has been huge progress recently with the construction of our astro-turf pitch and ball wall. With all ground work, fencing and the construction of the ball wall complete, the final top layer of grass is being installed this week. The whole development looks fantastic and will be an incredible resource for the children of Edenderry to use for years to come. We would like to thank all of those who have supported the project so far.



"Ghostbusters"

A huge thank you to Mrs. Desmond (Ghost 1), Mr. O' Connor (Ghost 2) and Ms. Digan (Ghost 3) for starring in Ghostbusters this year!

