

Scoil Bhríde Newsletter

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Principal's Address:

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter for this academic year. It's hard to believe we are already nearing the end of our second term! As you'll see from this edition, it has been an eventful and exciting few months, with plenty happening both in and out of the classroom.

Our 6th class students took part in Science Blast, showcasing their creativity and curiosity in scientific exploration. Meanwhile, 5th class demonstrated their entrepreneurial skills during Enterprise Day, an inspiring event that encouraged innovation and teamwork.

Sports and extra-curricular activities continue to thrive in Scoil Bhríde, with students actively participating in various competitions and events. A special mention to all those who organised and took part in our music assembly. Our new school band performed alongside many classes who have been learning musical instruments in class. Their hard work and talent has brought great joy to our school community.

A heartfelt thank you to our parents, staff, and the Parents' Association for your unwavering support and contributions throughout the term. Your involvement is truly valued and appreciated.

As we look ahead to the final term, we are excited for what's to come and wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh (Príomh Oíde)

REOPENING OF SCHOOL

School will reopen after the Easter holidays at 8.50am on Monday, April 28th. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone after a well-deserved break!

NUT ALLERGY NOTICE

Reminder that our school is a NO NUT school. Nuts or foods containing nuts are not permitted. We encourage healthy eating every day with a small treat allowed on a Friday.

SACRAMENTAL DATE/TIMES



First Confession: 8 th April	First Holy Communion: 10 th May 11am	Confirmation: 7 th June 11am
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School Uniform

As our weather continues to improve, please note that pupils may wear shorts to school on sunny days. Please ensure that your child's shorts are plain black and knee-length. Pupils may wear black shorts, white polo t-shirt and school tracksuit top.

Homework Club

Homework club will run for 5 weeks after the Easter break which will bring us up to the week ending the 30th of May. Homework club will run free of charge for those weeks. We currently have some spaces available and it is a brilliant opportunity if you would like your child/children to try homework club ahead of the new school year.

The official opening of our new astro turf development will take place on Thursday, April 10th, at 10am. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who made this dream a reality.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is a priority for us in Scoil Bhríde and we will continue to work closely with Tusla's Education Welfare Officer, James Maher. 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.

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

Daffodil Day

The Green Schools Committee and the Student Council sold daffodils from the school garden to raise money for the Irish Cancer Society on

March 14th. €246.05 was raised.



Literacy Updates

This year, we celebrated World Book Day with a school pyjama day!

The whole school enjoyed fun reading activities in the comfort of their pyjamas.

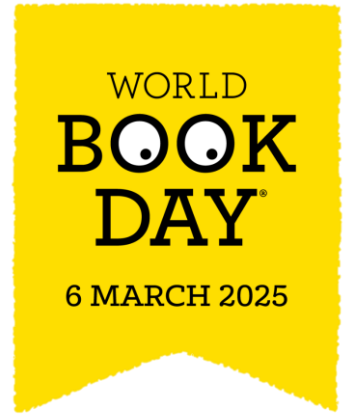
Junior and Senior classes took part in shared and paired reading sessions together.

Third Class enjoyed story time with one of our local librarians from Edenderry Library.

Fourth Class took part in Creative Writing Workshops with Offaly Fighting Words.

Our School Book Fair was a great success this year. A record number of books were sold, allowing us to add to our school library with book rewards.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this.



Word Millionaires!

We added four new Word Millionaires to our library board. Max Simpson, Donal Power, Bonnie O' Mahony Dunne and Edward Manole have all read over a million words this year.



Enterprise Day

Well done to our 5th class pupils who hosted a very successful Enterprise Day on March 20th. Our pupils demonstrated wonderful innovation and creativity, with many wonderful products for sale on the day. A special well done to Jenna May McCreanor. She won the title, 'Most Enterprising Student', on the day and will go on to attend an awards ceremony hosted by the Local Enterprise Office. The future of entrepreneurship in Edenderry and surrounding areas is certainly in safe hands.



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 Ed Kenny who put on an amazing show for the children on Friday, March 14th.

This coincided with our 'Lá Glas'.

Please scan the attached QR code to watch a short video featuring the highlights of Seachtain na Gaeilge at Scoil Bhríde.



Mathematics Updates

As you are aware, we are currently implementing the New Primary Mathematics Curriculum.

Teachers and pupils are working hard to implement the New Curriculum, and we are always trying to find fun and interactive ways of teaching the content within it. We are always committed to working on developing life-long mathematics skills at Scoil Bhríde. We want to teach mathematics skills in a fun way, but we also need children to understand how mathematics applies to everyday life. It would be great if parents/guardians found opportunities to use maths outside school, e.g. measuring whilst baking, using money when the children are in the shops/supermarkets, etc.

Thank you so much to those of you at home who are already helping us to do this. The children must learn to generalise the skills they are learning in school and apply these skills at home too.

School Closure: We will have a School Closure Day on 16th May. This will be our 2nd training Day of the New Primary Mathematics Curriculum.

School Tour Dates and Venues

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

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 or 0469773451

Extra Curricular

Peace Proms

Congratulations to our 5th class who recently performed in the RDS in Dublin as part of the Peace Proms concert. The children made a great effort to learn several songs and dances over the last few months and did a great job representing Scoil Bhride at the concert which took place in February. Well done to everyone involved.

Cumann na mBunscol

Our hurling and camogie teams are gearing up to compete in the Offaly Cumann na mBunscol throughout March, April, and May. Over the past few months, we've seen fantastic attendance and a great attitude at training on our new astro pitch. We want to wish both teams the best of luck – we are confident they will represent the school with pride.

Offaly FAI Primary 5's Finals Day

A huge congratulations to both our boys' and girls' soccer teams who took part in the Offaly FAI primary 5's competition. Both our girls' and boys' teams were winners on the day. They 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!

