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The Board of Management is not in the position to provide supervision to pupils who wish to remain indoors during break time and lunch times. Therefore, if your child is unwell and is unable to participate in normal school activities, then he/she should remain at home.

Giant Teddy raffl e

A special thank you to Fr. Greg Corcoran for his kind donation of the teddy which will be raffled on Wednesday at 10 cents a ticket. All monies raised will be used to purchase resources for the Learning Support Department of the school.

Heineken cup visit

A special thank you to Patsy Gorman and the Leinster Rugby Representative for including us in their province wide interactive Trophy Tour. Our pupils enjoyed the opportunity to see the Heineken Cup and learn more about rugby.

First holy communion 2013

Pupils in Second Class are busy preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday, the 11th of May at 12 pm.

Morning Lines

We thank all parents and pupils for their co-operation with our new approach to the lines in the morning and afternoon times. We would like to remind parents to bring their children to their line in the mornings and to wait in the line until their teacher/SNA arrives to collect the children. Once the hand-over has taken place parents are asked to move to the side of the yard with other parents. Similarly, in the afternoons, parents who collect their children are asked to wait with other parents until the gates open and then go to the relevant line to collect their child from the teacher/ SNAs.

On-l ine school patronage survey

Thank you to all parents who have completed the on-line School Patronage Survey and also to those of you who have returned the hard copy of the survey to the school.

No smoking or pets on the yard

In the interests of 'health and safety' we ask that:

- ♦ parents do **not** smoke on school grounds.
 - ♦ pets are **not** to be brought onto school grounds.
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School uniform

The school uniform is very important. It enforces your child's association with the school and creates an identity and image for and of the school. We ask you to adhere strictly to the designated uniform. The red school jacket with the school's crest is an important part of our school uniform. We ask parents to ensure that their child wears the red school uniform jacket each day during the colder months of the school year.

Heal thy Eating Initiative

Scoil Bhríde operates a "Healthy Lunch Initiative" and all children are encouraged to eat a healthy, well balanced diet. Children should bring nutritious lunches to school and should not bring in: crisps or other snack packets, sweets, chewing gum or fizzy drinks. A single treat is allowed on Fridays only and please ensure your child's lunch does not contain more than one treat. Crisps are not allowed at any time. Our school operates a programme to encourage pupils to reduce, re-use and recycle waste. We ask that parents support this initiative and use lunch boxes and re-usable plastic bottles for drinks. All wrappers must be brought home by the children.

Edenderry St. Patrick's day parade 2013

Scoil Bhríde was delighted to support the fundraising efforts of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Thanks to all of those who contributed to the *No Uniform Day* last Friday. A very generous donation was presented to the committee members Mr. Tony Farrell and Ms. Aisling O' Kelly on Friday last.

Seachtain na Gaeil ge

Plans are at an advanced stage for celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in March 2013.

Scoil Bhríde Primary School

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Welcome to the spring edition of our Parents' Newsletter. We have had a very busy beginning to the second term of this school year. Our annual Grandparents' Day was once again a great success and I would like to extend my gratitude to all grandparents who contributed to the day. Congratulations to the Third and Fourth Class teams who represented Scoil Bhríde P.S. at the Credit Union Quiz. We are very proud of their achievement in coming third. Friendship Week in Scoil Bhríde PS was also a very positive experience and helped foster co-operation, trust and respect for all.

Our plans for our new school building are progressing well and we are still aiming for a September 2013 opening. The OPW are confident to begin the building process at the end of March. However the County Council is due to build an access road to the site. We urge parents to support us in ensuring this road is built and to contact and raise awareness of this matter with our local County Councillors.

Finally, I would like to wish all our pupils and parents a very enjoyable mid-term break.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

World book day and Book fair
Scoil Bhríde will be hosting a Book Fair from the 29th of February to the 6th of March which coincides with our celebration of 'World Book Day' on the 7th of March with a range of activities and events. We hope to promote literacy by making books and reading more fun. We also aim to earn enough free books from the book fair to further enhance our class libraries. Essentially we hope to build more interest and participation from our pupils and families. All children will receive a brochure and a World Book Day token and more details will follow in terms of viewing times and selling times of the book fair.

Grandparents' Day

The first class boys and girls in Ms. Dalton's and Mr. Winters' class invited their grandparents to join them in the Edenderry GAA Hall to celebrate Grandparents' Day on Wednesday the 30th January. This provided an opportunity for the children to realise that their grandparents also share the good news of our faith in a kind and loving way. Grandparents' Day began with a prayer service. The children were then invited to perform on stage. Mr. Winters and Ms. Dalton then asked the children to join their grandparents at their table and together they created a picture of their favourite memory. The children interviewed their grandparents and recorded their answers. Grandparents were also asked to bring artefacts with them on the day and place them on the artefacts table on stage. All the staff and children of Scoil Bhríde were delighted with the number of special artefacts that were brought in on the day. The children and Grandparents enjoyed the day immensely.

Catholic Schools Week

During Catholic Schools Week 2013 Catholic schools were invited to celebrate and experience the joy and happiness of being part of a developing, loving and caring community. We were invited to *Share the Good News* with one another and our Catholic community. The ultimate aim of Catholic education is the full growth of the individual, a fully alive person for self and for others, in communion with Christ. The pupils of Scoil Bhríde P.S. were encouraged to grow in communion with Christ and with each other not alone as individuals but with the help of each other.

St. brigid's day

Scoil Bhríde P.S. celebrated the feast day of our schools patron saint, St. Brigid on Friday the 1st of February. During the week, the pupils were considering how to spread the Good News in our communities of faith. The children joined together with family, friends and the catholic community to conclude Catholic Schools Week at a special mass in St. Mary's Church Edenderry. We concluded the week as it began by marking ourselves with the sign of our faith.

Into handwriting competition

The theme of this years INTO/EBS Handwriting Competition is 'Playtime'. Our goal is to celebrate the skill of handwriting among all of our pupils from Junior Infants up to Fourth Class. Our entries will be finalised on the 22nd of February.

Write a book competition

Scoil Bhríde P.S. is excited about entering into *The Write A Book Project*. Our entries will be completed by the 15th of March. This project enables our pupils to become real authors as they create their own books by actively engaging in the processes of writing, composing, constructing, designing, illustrating and presenting their work to a wide audience.

Local author visit

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank local author Mr. Pat Hynes who recently gave our Third and Fourth Class pupils an appreciation of the process used to create books. Mr. Hynes also read some extracts from some of his various books including; *Land of Deep Shadow*, *Dawn Flight* and *Chase The Wind*. His visit was a truly memorable one for our pupils.

Friendship week

Friendship week was a fantastic hit in Scoil Bhríde. Friendship week is Amnesty International Ireland's annual celebration of friendship, solidarity and human rights. All classes participated in activities such as making friendship chains, creating a Friendship Wish Flower and posters and sending friendly messages. Games incorporating the spirit of friendship were also played in the hall. All pupils were encouraged to consider the meaning of friendship and recognize the role they can play in having a positive impact on people in their environment and the wider world. A total of €09.30 was raised from the friendship bracelets sold and donated to Amnesty International.

Credit union quiz

Scoil Bhríde Primary School would like to congratulate our teams from Third and Fourth Classes who participated in the Credit Union Quiz 2013. A special congratulations to the team members on reaching third place. Quizmaster Mr. Sean Fitzgerald complimented our team's success on our first time for entering this competition. Well done to the following pupils; Jim Bergin, Holly Meehan, Aisling Pendar, Olivia King, Jack Hooper, Adam McGlade and Abdullah Butt.
