

## THE ARTS

**Visual Art and Drama:** Ms. Mc Donagh has recently been appointed as *Arts Co-Ordinator* for the school. At present she is developing the Arts Programme and is seeking to expand our Visual Art and Drama resources. If you have any artwork, e.g., drawings, paintings, prints, ceramics etc, either originals or copies, that you would like to donate or lend to the school, or can help in any way, she would be delighted to hear from you. Similarly in relation to Drama, should you have any costumes/dress-up items that you would like to donate please contact her.

**Art Competition:** Good luck to all the boys and girls who have entered the local Credit Union Competition “*Ireland Through My Eyes*”.

**Music:** A Scoil Bhríde Primary School Choir was established. Our new piano which was entirely funded by the Parents’ Association is due to arrive this week.

## WITCHES AND WIZARDS WOOD WALK

The annual ‘*Witches and Wizards Wood Walk*’ took place on Friday the 21st of October 2011 to Donadee Forest Park. The children from First Class examined the characteristics of the Horse Chestnut, the Oak and the Ash trees, distinguished between deciduous and evergreen trees and learned about the different habitat levels in the forest. They held a minutes silence at the 9/11 Memorial Site, made a wish at The Wishing Tree and explored the architectural features of the castle. Some even saw the “*fairy people of the forest*”!! A most enjoyable day was had by all. A big thanks to all the staff involved in making it such a success. Photos from the forest can be seen on our website: [www.scoilbhrideps.com](http://www.scoilbhrideps.com).

## LUNCH-TIME GAELIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE— REPORT FROM MR. O’REGAN

The ‘Scoil Bhríde Gaelic Football League’ kicked off to a flying start. Kerry played Cork in their opening game and it proved to be a very competitive match. Both sides got off to an excellent start with goals and points exchanged at either end. Eoin McDermott and Adam McGlade held their own in the middle of the field for Cork and gave them the lead as half time approached. Mr. O’ Regan and Mr. O’ Sullivan could only bite their nails and watch as Dylan Cole drove Cork on from wing back. However, the Bergin duo in the form of Jim and Joe were to save the day for Kerry with their unstoppable scoring power. Mr. Desmond’s Cork side put on a great show and with so many young stars in Naoise Colvin, Aisling Pender, Jake Connolly and many more, there is no doubt that they will be back to fight another day.

Elsewhere in the league, Roscommon had it put up to them by the home side as they played Offaly in their opening match. Robbie Rolandi and Alekss Dinsbergs proved to be very effective for the home team while Mr. Spain and Mr. McDonnell co-ordinated proceedings from the sideline. Mr. Carney’s side were not to be beaten however and Seán Mustapha pulled off a wonderful goal stopping block. Along with great performances from Corey Broome, Carragh Flannagan Moran and Honeya Razabutt, Roscommon were happy to settle for a draw against a very strong Offaly side. There is no doubt both teams will be forces to reckon with as this year’s lunch time league progresses.

## THE SOCIAL CLUB

The Children in the Social Club enjoyed ‘*Halloween in The Forest*’, when they joined their friends in First Class for the annual ‘*Witches and Wizards Wood Walk*’. Everyone had a “spooky” good time. See photos on our website:

[www.scoilbhrideps.com](http://www.scoilbhrideps.com).

## SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL Carrick Road, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



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*Dear Parents,*

*On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate the Edenderry Senior Football Team on their successful victory in the recent Offaly Senior Football Championship. Scoil Bhríde was very honoured that the team arrived into the school with the cup the following day. The members of the Edenderry Senior Football Panel are a great role model to our many sporting pupils. Indeed a lot of our pupils are involved in the local Football Cúl-Redz Club and we also have a high pupil participation in our very own “Scoil Bhríde Lunch-Time Gaelic Football League”.*

*I would also like to extend my best wishes to St. Mary’s Primary School as they celebrate the occasion of their Centenary Year.*

*I wish you all a very enjoyable Mid-Term Break.*

*Is mise le meas,*

*Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomh Oide)*

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## **NOTES FOR PARENTS**

### **JUNIOR INFANT ENROLMENT SEPTEMBER 2012**

Scoil Bhríde Primary School will hold an Enrolment Week for Junior Infants due to commence school in September 2012. Applications for Enrolment will be processed from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2011 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2011 between the hours of 8.30 am and 3 pm each day. Please bring your child's Birth / Baptismal Certificate and PPS No. which is available from the Dept. of Social & Family Affairs – Client Identity Section, Ph. (01) 7043281 / 7043418. For further information on Scoil Bhríde Primary School, please see [www.scoilbhrideps.com](http://www.scoilbhrideps.com).

### **HEALTHY LUNCH 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.

### **CHILD PROTECTION**

The Board of Management of Scoil Bhríde Primary School would like to inform all parents that Mr. Duffy is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and Ms. Kearney is the Deputy DLP for all matters relating to Child Welfare and Child Protection. Either can be contacted in confidence should you have any concerns.

### **MATHS WEEK**

Last week Scoil Bhríde took part in Maths Week Ireland which promotes, awareness, appreciation and understanding of maths. All classes participated in fun, daily mathematical activities during this week with their class teacher. On Friday all class groupings engaged in a Maths Puzzles Day in the hall. Pupil teams had great fun moving around the hall tackling the mathematical puzzle challenges and activities under the guidance of the Third Class Pupils.

### **PURCHASE OF NEW INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS**

Four new Interactive Whiteboards were installed into the new mainstream classrooms. Scoil Bhríde would like to thank the Parents' Association for their great fundraising efforts and contributing to the purchase of one of these boards. The use of these boards present educational resources in a highly interactive way which allow our pupils to engage and interact with the technology and become active participants in learning.

### **HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS**

Halloween Celebrations are taking place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of October. The children will be dressing up in fancy dress costume and taking part in enjoyable Halloween games and celebrations in class. As a fundraiser, children are asked to bring in €1 for Breast Cancer Aware.

### **CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME ARRANGEMENTS**

Junior and Senior Infants are attending the Christmas Pantomime *Aladdin* in *The Helix* on the 19th of December. All other class levels are going on the 20th of December. The cost of the production is €2.50 per child. This fee can be paid to the class teacher between the 7th of November and the 15th of December. Pupils are reminded to wear their School PE Tracksuit along with their coats and have a packed lunch with a drink. Normal school hours apply on these days.

### **EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY**

All class levels celebrated European Languages Day by participating in various inter-cultural activities with their class teacher.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Scoil Bhríde is taking part in the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal with Team-Hope. We would like to thank parents who have contributed to this appeal. The final date for delivering gift filled shoeboxes to the school is Friday the 11th of November.

### **CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL**

Scoil Bhríde would like to congratulate our young footballers who took part in this week's Cumann na mBunscol Competition in Tullamore on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Ten of our finest footballers from Second and Third Classes competed in a seven-a-side Gaelic Football League against their peers from other Offaly schools.

### **RUGBY**

Ms. Kearney organised a rugby timetable with Coach Patsy Gorman for Second and Third Class pupils which commenced in mid-September. These sessions are on-going.

### **BASKETBALL**

A Scoil Bhríde Basketball Team was established. Ms. Kearney and Mr. O'Regan will continue Basketball training for the selected team (twelve boys and twelve girls) on Wednesdays from 2.30—3 pm.

### **FRENCH CLASSES - SENIOR INFANTS**

Senior Infants are enjoying their French Classes on Tuesday afternoons with Ms. McDonnell and Ms. Gavin. Pupils who avail of these extra-curricular lessons are engaging in enjoyable activities including oral fun games, listening to French music and food tastings from France.