



THE ARTS

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SCHOOL CHOIR & BAND

The school band did a school performance during Seachtain na Gaeilge. They put on a very enjoyable show! They are also still busy preparing for the First Holy Communion which will be in May.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have a new extra-curricular activity at Scoil Bhríde PS. Rugby has commenced for all First Class pupils and hurling and camogie are well under way. We are looking forward to hearing how the rugby goes!

ERICSSON SCIENCE COMPETITION

On Monday February 20th, some of the Third Class children attending Scoil Bhríde PS attended the Regional Final Science Competition sponsored by Ericsson. This was held in Athlone IT in the New Engineering Block. The children from third class created a project on recycling rain water for the new school. A lot of data and research was carried out independently by the pupils since September 2011. Lots of hard work went into this creative project. A great day was had by all.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was the 1st of March and we had great fun celebrating this wonderful day. The children dressed up as their favourite characters from different stories. Various activities took place in the school to acknowledge such an important day. Some activities included visiting the local library, choosing a favourite story as a class and drama performances within the classroom. This is a great way to encourage a love of learning and reading.

STORYTELLING

The pupils in Senior Infants had a special visitor on Wednesday March 14th. John Maguire came to Scoil Bhríde PS and read the story 'Larry the Leprechaun' to all the children from Mr. O'Regan and Ms. Gavin's Senior Infants. The children really enjoyed this special day, especially as St. Patrick's Day was only a few days away. The children asked questions about the book and discussed their favourite parts of the story. Thank you Mr. Maguire for a truly wonderful time!

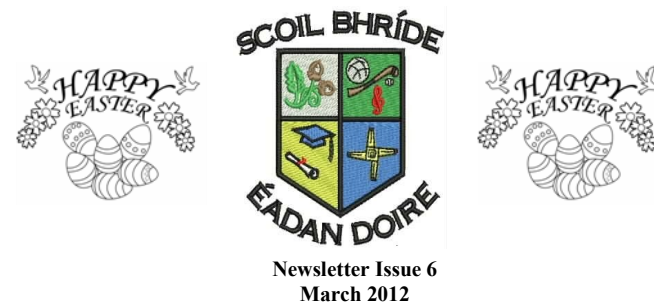
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More school blogs are up and running! For more information about these, you can visit www.scoilbhrideps.com. You will find links to the school blogs at this website. Blogs are a great tool for home-school links where information can be shared and enjoyed. Feel free to comment on the blogs!

AMNESTY IRELAND

Scoil Bhríde PS would like to thank those who contributed to Amnesty Ireland during Friendship Week. A generous donation of €348.08 was made.

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the second Spring edition of our Parents' newsletter.

On behalf of all the staff at Scoil Bhríde PS, I would like to thank all those who participated in Friendship Week. A generous amount of €348.08 was raised and given to Amnesty Ireland. The children in Second Class are busy preparing for their First Confession, whilst the school choir and band are preparing for the First Holy Communion. Seachtain na Gaeilge was another great success this year at Scoil Bhríde PS. The children participated in a wide range of activities including learning Irish songs, listening to Irish music and they also got to see the band 'The Gypsies' perform! Finally, I would like to wish all our pupils and parents a very enjoyable and safe Easter break.

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS

Vision and hearing screenings will be taking place for pupils in Senior Infants on April 18th and 19th at 10am. Vision screenings only will be carried out for pupils in Second Class.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Scoil Bhríde PS are going to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day on Friday March 30th. The staff will be wearing blue on the day to acknowledge such an important event and there will be leaflets available to view on the day.

INFORMATION MEETING

There is a meeting in Tullamore, Co. Offaly on Tuesday 27th March from 8pm-9pm about the project “ *Progressing Disability Services for Children & Young People (0-18 years).*”

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Brief presentation of “Progressing Disabilities” project.
- 2) Presentation by Parent Representative.
- 3) Questions & Answers in relation to service user involvement/parent representation.
- 4) Next steps.

Further information about this project can be found on www.hseireland.ie.

FIRST CONFESSION

First Confession for the pupils in Second Class will be taking place on March 27th at 7pm. The First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday May 19th at 11am.

FIRE DRILL

All the staff and children at Scoil Bhríde PS took part in a fire drill on Thursday March 8th and Friday March 9th.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

The school will close at 11.30 am on March 30th for the Easter holidays and school will resume again on Monday April 16th.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from the 5th-17th of March. There were lots of activities taking place in school during this time. The children learned Irish songs, rhymes, the national anthem, and listened to Irish music among some. Each class also performed a little Irish treat! On Wednesday March 13th, ‘*The Gypsies*’ came to the school and played music for the children and told the children about different Irish instruments. Ms. Drew and Ms. Fitzgerald also performed for the school and the school choir and band joined in too. Bhí an spóirt againn i rith na seachtaine!

RELIGIOUS VISITS

On Ash Wednesday, Father McEvoy came to visit some of the pupils at Scoil Bhríde PS to give ashes to them. He also came to visit the children on the Feast of St. Blaise.

WRITE-A-BOOK COMPETITION

All the children attending Scoil Bhríde PS took part in the ‘*Write-A-Book Competition*’ this year. This is an exciting competition where children can let their creative juices flow and create their own short stories or poems. This is a great competition to encourage a love of reading and writing. The winning books will be announced on March 27th. Best of luck to all our authors at Scoil Bhríde PS!

INTO HANDWRITING COMPETITION

This year Scoil Bhríde PS entered the annual 20th INTO Handwriting Competition. Winners in the INTO Handwriting Competition were Aisling Pender, Conor Ryce and Julia Drabik. A prize giving ceremony will take place at the Tullamore Court Hotel at 6pm on March 29th. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who took part.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE FUNDS

Scoil Bhríde PS would like to thank all of those who contributed to the No Uniform Day which was in aid of the Edenderry St. Patrick’s Day Parade 2012. A very generous donation of €387 was raised. A fun-filled day was had by all.

