

CHRISTMAS PANTO

Unfortunately, for the second year running the pupils of Scoil Bhríde are unable to attend the annual professional theatre performance. However, we are ordering the Panto online from the Helix and the production this year is 'Little Red Riding Hood'. It will be streamed into the classrooms on the week of the 13th of December. The pupils really enjoyed last year's production so hopefully they will enjoy this one as much from the comfort of their own classrooms.

DIG IN PROGRAMME

Ms Hasting's 5th class and Ms Craig's 4th class took part in Aimee Gray's, Agri Aware's Education Officer 'Fun Friday' webinars every Friday for the school term as part of the 'Dig In' programme. 'Dairy farming in Ireland' was the theme for the webinar series. Over the past few weeks the children have learned about sheep, horses, pigs, cereals, fruit and vegetables, the environment, climate change, biodiversity and the important role that farmers can play in maintaining the wild-life habitat on their farms and farm safety.

NEW SCHOOL IPADS

Scoil Bhríde recently purchased a second set of iPads. All classes will now have their own class iPad and will also have the use of the school set on a weekly basis. This is a wonderful resource to have in our school and the children will all benefit greatly. A big thank you to Ms Craig's class for helping to get the new iPads set up on our school system.

ATTENDANCE

Just a gentle reminder of the importance of school attendance at school. We remind parents that if children are absent they need to inform the teacher on Aladdin and if it is a long term medical issue that medical documentation should be sent to the class teacher or to the school.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week is a week-long event in Ireland which takes place each November. During Science Week we take the opportunity to celebrate science in our everyday lives. The whole school was actively involved in STEAM activities during this week. Some classes made rainbows from skittles, others created their own lava lamps, there was even a reconstruction of the human digestive system. It was fantastic to see so many children enjoying such a variety of activities. We are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of our two robots from Offaly County Council. We are hoping that 6th class will take part in the Offaly VEX IQ Championships in January. Exciting times ahead.

SANTA'S VISIT

We are all looking forward to Santa's big visit. Santa is very busy this time of year but will take some time off to visit the boys and girls of Scoil Bhríde on **Tuesday, 21st December** to wish us all a Merry Christmas. We hope that all the pupils are being well behaved in advance of his arrival! Many thanks to the Parents' Association for extending the invitation to Santa and for all their work in preparing for the visit.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

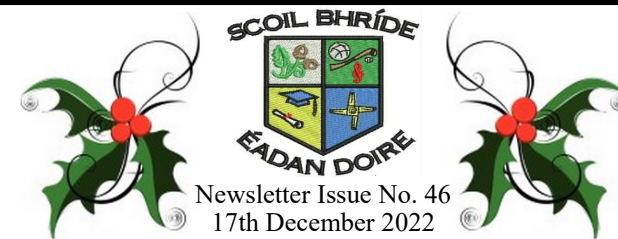
The children have been involved in creating their personalised Christmas Cards. We are sure the recipients will be very impressed with the fantastic works of art they are set to receive. Many thanks to Ms. Mc Keown, Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Guing for organising this initiative.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We would like to bring a bit of festive cheer to Scoil Bhríde on **Monday, 20th December 2021**. We are inviting all children and staff to wear their most "Christmassy" outfit (Christmas jumper, tinsel, elf costume, Santa costume etc.) on this day. We would be so grateful if those who dress up would donate €2. All proceeds will go towards the school.

SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Killane, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter. This has been a very busy term for all involved at Scoil Bhríde. As you will see throughout this newsletter we have a lot of fun events planned for the coming weeks in preparation for the festive season.

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to thank our Parents' Association. Their hard work and efforts are very much appreciated by all here in Scoil Bhríde.

As we look forward to 2022, we will begin with Enrolment week for prospective students and their families on January 13th 2022. Unfortunately, for the second year running, we cannot hold our annual open day but we will be on hand to answer any questions you have about our school and its facilities. Please feel free to phone 046-9773451 or email enrolment@scoilbhrideps.com

I would also like to acknowledge our excellent staff who have all been busy in preparation for our many different Christmas activities. My thanks to all the children of Scoil Bhríde for their on-going work in the build up to the Christmas festivities.

On behalf of the school Board of Management, staff and myself, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a joyous new year.

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Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh (Príomh Oide)*

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NOTES FOR PARENTS

NUT ALLERGY NOTICE

A number of children in Scoil Bhríde have potentially life threatening allergies to peanuts/nuts. To protect the welfare of all our students, the Board of Management of Scoil Bhríde reminds parents that Scoil Bhríde is a “NUT FREE SCHOOL”.

SOCCER

Girls and boys from 4th class took part in the FAI Futsal recently. It was a very enjoyable morning. Many thanks to Gary Seery from the FAI for coming to Scoil Bhríde and running the sessions. We also thank Ms. Hevican for organising this for 4th class. We hope to run a lunchtime Futsal tournament in the next school term.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Our school is looking very festive this year. This is down to the hard work of our very dedicated and very artistic staff. This is really appreciated and we cannot thank them enough for their immense efforts. A special mention to Majella Pender, Frank Byrne, Therese Jordan, Fiona Hutchinson, Siobhán Groome, Sharon Farrell and Fiona Brady.

TEAM HOPE'S CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

Here at Scoil Bhríde, we are committed to supporting those who are less fortunate than us. This year our school donated almost 200 shoe boxes to the Team Hope Annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We are so proud of the kindness shown and extend a huge “thank you” to all parents and children who participated. We would like to especially thank Ms. Fitzmaurice, Ms. Kerrigan and Mrs Mangan for driving this wonderful initiative in our school.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

Everyone at the Parents' Association would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year for 2022. We thank Jamie and Kathy and the rest of the committee for their fantastic work over the last two years. A new committee has recently been formed and we look forward to working with the school. The new committee is - Chairperson Lynne Sheehy, co-Chairperson Lynda Lynch and treasurer Derval McDonnell. The last 20 months have not been the easiest of times for many families and we hope the coming year brings with it a new hope and positivity of better times ahead. The Parents' Association will continue to work with the school to support and run annual activities that are loved by the children of Scoil Bhríde. We are delighted to be able to fund the Christmas selection boxes again this year and will contribute towards the cost of online Panto for all the children to enjoy from the safety of their classroom. We would like to thank all the parents for their continued support through fundraising which allows us to provide these happy moments for the children. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for upcoming fundraisers. Also a big shout out to Frank the school caretaker, who is always on hand to volunteer his time to the PA. Thank you,
Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association.

MATHS WEEK 2021

Maths Week 2021 was a huge success! Activities throughout the week demonstrated how maths can be fun, useful and applied to everyday life. A big thank you to all the parents/ guardians, children and teachers for their co-operation in making this a very enjoyable and educational week for all.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

Our scary ghosts and ghouls raised €696 for our Halloween Fancy Dress. A great day was had by the staff and children. There were smiles all around the school. The proceeds will go towards supporting extra curricular activities within Scoil Bhríde.

REMEMBRANCE TREE

Our beautiful Remembrance Tree was erected for the month of November to mark “All Souls” month. The tree afforded members of the school community with an opportunity to remember those loved ones who are no longer with us.

GAA COACHING

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Mairéad Daly for her work coaching the children throughout the term. The children really enjoyed their weekly session with Mairéad. All the hard work is paying off on the football field. We look forward to Mairéad's return next term.

TAG RUGBY

Scoil Bhríde would like to thank Gráinne Vaughn of Edenderry Rugby Club for training 6th class boys and girls this term. On behalf of us all here in Scoil Bhríde, we would like to wish Gráinne all the best in her new adventures. She will be missed by all of us. We look forward to welcoming our new rugby coach in the new school term.

ENROLMENT 2022/2023

Enrolment for the 2022/2023 school year will commence on the 13th of January 2022. Enrolment forms can be requested via email to enrolment@scoilbhrideps.com and are also available at the school reception. Unfortunately, we will be unable to host our annual open day. However, for more information and a virtual look around our school please visit www.scoilbhrideps.com

STAFF MEETING FOR 2022

Staff meetings will be held on the 25th of January and the 3rd of May for the coming year. This will require a staggered finish time for all students. More details will follow closer to the dates.

REOPENING OF SCHOOL

School will reopen after the Christmas holidays at 8.50am on Thursday, January 6th. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone after a well deserved break!
