

# Scoil Bhríde Newsletter



SCOIL BHRÍDE



SUMMER 2024

NO: 56

## Principal's Address:

*Dear Parent(s), / Guardian(s),*

*Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter for the 2023/2024 school year. This newsletter brings to a close what has been a very busy, successful and positive school year. As you will see, the last term has been particularly active with lots of special achievements.*

*On Wednesday June 5th, we were joined by the incoming Junior Infants for September and their parents. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.*

*Well done to all our pupils who represented the school so excellently at various events and activities throughout the year. A special word of mention must go to our girls camogie team who won the Cumann na mBunscol final this term. Many thanks to all the staff who continue to give up their time so freely to make the many extra-curricular activities we have here at Scoil Bhríde PS so successful. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation this term. Congratulations also to our staff and students who have worked on the Blue Star programme this term. Their work on various aspects of European countries and traditions was rewarded with a visit from Minister Eamonn Ryan and the Croatian ambassador, Davor Vidiš. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our Parents Association for all of their hard work throughout the school year.*

*I would like to wish the 6th class all the best as they embark on the next step of their educational journey. I also look forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants in September.*

*Wishing you all a safe, happy and enjoyable summer.*

*I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday, August 29th!*

*Is mise le meas,*

*Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh (Príomh Oíde)*

## REOPENING OF SCHOOL

School will reopen after the summer holidays at 8.50am on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> of August.  
We will be looking forward to seeing everyone after a well-deserved break!

### Spraoi Classes 2024-25 Information for Parents

Class Level & New Teacher 2024-25	Current Class Teacher	New Room 2024-25
Junior Infants - Ms. Fitzmaurice	N/A	1
Junior Infants - Ms. Maguire	N/A	2
Junior Infants - Mrs. Costello	N/A	3
Senior Infants - Ms. Noone	Mrs. Costello	4
Senior Infants - Ms. Green	Ms. Fitzmaurice	5
Senior Infants - Ms. Minnock	Ms. Maguire	6
1 <sup>st</sup> Class - Ms. Madden	Ms. Melia	14
1 <sup>st</sup> Class - Ms. Digan	Ms. Green	15
1 <sup>st</sup> Class - Ms. O Connor	Ms. Noone	16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class - Mr. I. Duffy	<i>Whole class reformulated</i>	17
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class - Ms. Evans	<i>Whole class reformulated</i>	18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class - Mrs. Quinn	Mr. I. Duffy	19
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class - Mrs. Dolan	Ms. Evans	20
4 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mrs. Kearns	Mrs. Quinn	21
4 <sup>th</sup> Class - Ms. Gaffney	Mrs. Swaine	23
4 <sup>th</sup> Class - Ms. McDonnell	Mr. Heffernan	24
5 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. Garvey	Mrs. Kenny	25
5 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mrs. Farrell	Mrs. Kearns	26
5 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. Abbott	Ms. Carroll/Mr. Hickey	27
6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. Brereton	Ms. Gaffney	28
6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Ms. Power	Mrs. Farrell	29
6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. O Connor	Mr. Garvey	30

\*Mr. Duffy reserves the right to amend class teacher allocation during the summer if/when the need arises.

## School Summer Programme

- Two DEIS literacy and numeracy camps (one week in duration).
- School-based summer provision for children with complex needs (four weeks in duration).

## Contacting The School

If you have a query during our School Summer Programme, you may contact the school on the following mobile number between the hours of 8.50 am and 2.30 pm  
**083-2030360.**

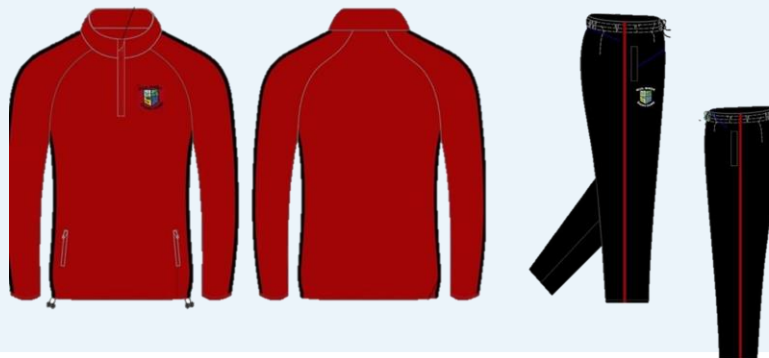
## Update to School Uniform

There are exciting times ahead for Scoil Bhríde as we begin to roll out our new school uniform for September 2024. The introduction of the new tracksuit will take place on a phased basis with a requirement for all incoming Junior Infants to wear the new uniform and purchase of the new uniform optional for all other students (Senior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class).

The new school uniform will be available for purchase in both Dermot Halls Menswear and Anna-Marie Boutique for a cost of €45. (this includes a crested half zip top and crested tracksuit bottoms).

In order to reduce costs for families, the option to wear the new and existing uniform will be accepted for the duration of the 2024/2025 school year.

**Please note that if children are wearing the “old” school uniform next year they must wear plain black tracksuit bottoms – leggings and branded tracksuit bottoms will not be accepted.**



# School Calendar 2024/2025

<b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29<sup>th</sup> of August – Re-opening of School</li> </ul>	<b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC – School Photographer</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> –Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)</li> </ul>
<b>October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Fancy Dress</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> of Oct to 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov inclusive – Halloween Mid-Term Break</li> </ul>	<b>November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC – Parent / Teacher Meetings</li> </ul>
<b>December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)</li> </ul>	<b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> – Re-opening of School</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> – Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)</li> </ul>
<b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> inclusive – Spring Mid-Term Break</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> –Re-opening of School</li> </ul>	<b>March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> </ul>
<b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> – Easter holidays (School closing at 11.30 am)</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> – Re-opening of School</li> </ul>	<b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> – Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> – School Closure</li> </ul>
<b>June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> – Summer Holidays (School closing at 11.30 am)</li> </ul>	<b>July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> of June to 22<sup>nd</sup> of July ‘July Provision for pupils with ASDs’- pending approval of Board of Management &amp; Department of Education &amp; Skills</li> </ul>

- In the event that Scoil Bhríde PS has an unplanned closure(s) due to adverse weather conditions, the school may compensate for up to 3 days’ closure during the first three days of the Easter Holidays, i.e. the school will remain open on either or all of the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025.
- Dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation yet to be confirmed.
- Relevant parents will be notified of Stage 3 meeting times by class teachers / resource teachers.
- In consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Management, the Principal reserves the right to make any future amendments to this list of closures and events.
- The school calendar will be made available on our school website – [www.scoilbhrideps.com](http://www.scoilbhrideps.com)

## School Enrolment

If you have a query regarding school enrolment during the summer holiday period, please contact us by email on:

[enrolment@scoilbhrideps.com](mailto:enrolment@scoilbhrideps.com)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

Sixth class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Delphi on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May as their final school tour with Scoil Bhríde. We would like to wish them all the best of luck as they move on to a new chapter in their lives. Their graduation mass took place on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

They had a great year in sixth class and we wish them every success in the future.



## Active Schools Week

Scoil Bhríde Active Schools Week is taking place from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. The children have the opportunity to take part in many different activities across the week. Thanks also to the students who raised money for the school through sponsorship cards.

# Literacy Updates

Emma and Melissa from Edenderry Library came to talk to pupils about using our local library.

Third class took part in Creative Writing Workshops with Offaly Fighting Words.

We had 11 children in school this year who earned the title of “Word Millionaire” by reading over one million words in their library books.

## *Word Millionaires*



Word Millionaires	
Elizabeth Wogan	3,156,010 (6 <sup>th</sup> )
Tommy Reilly	1,865,037 (5 <sup>th</sup> )
Ben Simpson	1,132,220 (5 <sup>th</sup> )
Max Simpson	1,791,226 (5 <sup>th</sup> )
Faye O'Connor	1,287,947 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Maisie Smyth	1,128,756 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Zach Sweeney Noonan	1,014,396 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Finley Ashcroft	1,416,943 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Edward Manole	1,373,933 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
Ellen Connell	1,497,866 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Donal Power	1,066,498 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )





## Blue Star Visit

We were incredibly lucky to welcome Croatian Ambassador, Mr. Davor Vidiš, Minister Eamon Ryan, Senator Pippa Hackett and Cllr Mark Hackett to our school as recognition for our work on the Blue Star Programme, Green Schools and Safe Routes to School. They praised all of the great work being done across the school in these areas and spoke to the children about their work!



## Cumann na mBunscol

The boys hurling team and girls camogie team have been busy training and taking part in the spring Cumann na mBunscol competition. A massive congratulations to our school camogie team who won their first ever Cumann na mBunscol final in O'Connor Park, Tullamore. They beat a Kilcormac/Broughal side on a scoreline of 5.7 to 4.1.



## Pitch Development Update

A huge thank you to all who have supported our pitch development. There has been huge progress recently with the construction of our astro-turf pitch and ball wall. The ground work has been completed and drainage works have taken place. With the erection of fencing and the top layer of stones and foundation material we have noticed progress week on week. It is hoped that the astro-turf pitch will be operational when the students return to school after the summer holidays. Thanks again to all those who have supported and contributed.



## Parents' Association

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association. Their support, hard work and generosity have allowed many initiatives and events to take place this year.

## Digital Information Board

We are encouraging all visitors to our school to have a look at our new digital information board in reception. This contains information about key school dates, upcoming events and general news from around the school.