



Hi all! We hope everyone enjoyed the week off last week? Looking forward to a busy last few weeks in this term.

Here are some points of information:

Communion: Our 2 second classes will make their First Holy Communion at 12 noon mass on **Saturday 14th May** in the Dominican church. We wish them and their families a happy day of celebration. Thanks to some of the 1st class parents who are organising to provide refreshments back at the school in the G.P. room after the ceremony. All 2nd class families are invited to call out to the school if they so wish.

Clean-Up Day: A huge thanks to all who helped to ensure a very successful cleaning day in Scoil Bhríde on Thursday 21st April particularly Ms. Cosgrove & the Green Schools Committee who organised all the cleaning equipment and the schedule for the day. To the parents (and grandparents!) who helped out on the day and especially to all the boys and girls who worked hard to make sure their classrooms were sparkling, thank you one and all. The challenge now is to maintain a clean school! Thanks also to Sam Fitzgibbon who provided the background music for the clean up time.

Football: It has been a busy month for the boys footballers of Scoil Bhríde and it is not over yet. The senior boys team has played 4 out of their 5 matches against Scoil na Naomh Uilig, Newbridge, Kildangan, Churchtown & Grangenolvin. Their final game is against Kilberry. Panel: Adam Black, J.P. Byrne, Adam Condon, Conor Dunne, Sam Fitzgibbon, Dylan O' Keeffe, Jack Tierney, Charlie O' Dwyer, Pierce Coleman, Ben Hensey, Barry Lyons, Ross Maguire, Patrick McGreevy, John Meehan, Evan Morris, Padraic Nolan, Scott O' Keeffe, Adam Smithers, Shane Treacy, Stephen Byrne, Jack Murphy & Theo Frisby.

The U/10 boys team have played 2 games beating Scoil na Naomh Uilig, Newbridge & Kilmeade. They have received a walkover from Moone. This means they have qualified for the semi-finals at a neutral venue against Kilshane this week – Best of Luck boys. Panel: Conor Kraus (C) Jamie Sweeney, Matthew Deasy, Sam Sheehan, Jack Deegan, Steven Sweeney, Conor Gallagher, Corey Ryan, Liam Gorman, Adam Smith, Ben O' Connor, Sam Gaine, Rian Smithers, Daniel Cox, Caolán O' Neill & Niall Barry.

For the last 4 weeks, 3rd class to 6th class have been going to GAA coaching as part of their P.E. curriculum. They have been coached the basic skills in hurling, football, camogie & ladies football in a fun, relaxed, non-competitive environment. Special thanks to Sine Smith, Gill Gorman, Derek Gallagher, Kevin Bowen & Brian Daniels for volunteering their time and without their help and guidance, this coaching would not have been possible. Finally, a word of thanks to all parents who drove and provided lifts to football matches across the county. Your help is greatly appreciated. Regards Michael Reidy.

Girls Football: I would like to congratulate the senior girls footballers on a fantastic league this year. I would also like to thank the girls for their enthusiasm and commitment all season. They were a pleasure to work with. For those of you that are not with clubs, please join and keep it up. Athgarvan training is on Saturday morning at 10.30 a.m. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who drove to all our matches.

Active Schools Week: Our annual Scoil Bhríde Active Schools Week takes place from **Monday 30th May** (starting with Zumba on the Monday morning) finishing with our Sports Day on Friday 3rd June. All details of activities and races on the Friday will be sent out by the Healthy Lifestyle Committee. If you are available to help out during this week please give your name to Emer in the office. Your Parents Association are planning some fun activities for the children after the races on Friday 3rd. Again more details will follow. Hopefully the sun will shine. Looking forward to a busy, active week.

Order of Malta: The Order of Malta cadet unit continue to meet each Monday evening in Scoil Bhríde from 7 p.m. Congratulations to the children who have joined the unit. If you are still interested in your child becoming involved in this very worthwhile activity, please contact Cadet Leader and secretary, Carmel at 085-7361469. (Fundraiser: Please see attached. The funds we raise on the night will go to the cadet unit. The cadets are junior members of the Order of Malta, aged from 10-16. They are being trained in first aid and CPR. All money raised will be put towards their uniforms and education in First Aid. These Kids are the life savers of the future. Please come and support us.)

Maths for Parents: Due to popular demand the 'Maths for Parents' evening is returning for one more session. The talk on how to help your child with their maths homework will be given by Mr David Dempsey on **Thursday 26th May from 7pm until 9pm**. A minimum of 15 will be needed for the Parent Association to fund the - night. Please leave your name on the sign-in sheet by Emer's office.

Book Fair: The annual Scoil Bhríde Book Fair takes place from 11th – 18th May. This is always a great event in Scoil Bhríde, not least that 60% of the profit made comes back to the school to purchase books. Details of times when book fair will be open has been sent out by Ms. Reddy who co-ordinates the book fair each year. Thanks to all parents who always support this fair.

Parking: We continue to remind all parents and those who drop and collect children from Scoil Bhríde to be alert and aware of the proper protocols. Remember that the Set-down area is just that **A-SET-DOWN-AREA or PICK-UP** space and **NOT** for parking at any time. There are ample parking spaces available in the GAA car-park if anybody needs to leave their car to collect or drop into school. Please also be reminded that if you have to collect your child during the day (if they are unwell or have an appointment) you may, of course, pull in at the front of the school for these minutes - but obviously not for regular pick-up times. Thanks as always in anticipation of your continued support as we endeavour to provide safe access for all children to Scoil Bhríde.

Facility Fee: A huge appreciation to all parents who have paid this fee for the school year 2015-2016. A gentle reminder to those who may have forgotten to do so. Please also be aware that if you would prefer to pay the fee for 2016-2017 in June 2016, that facility is available to you. The fee is €130 per child to a max of €300 per family. These monies allow us to properly resource, and maintain your child(ren)'s school. Payment in instalments is also always very welcome.

Curragh Racecourse: On Wednesday 13th April, 5th class pupils went on an educational visit to the Curragh Racecourse. They had a very interesting morning talking to trainers, jockeys, racecourse manager Paul Hensey (parent) and some pupils even had a go on the horse simulator! A huge thanks to all at the racecourse for inviting us to this event. The pupils had then to write an essay based on their morning visit. A huge congratulations to Amy Butler (Ms. Burke's class) who was a runner-up winner and was present with her prize at the Parish Race Day on the May Bank Holiday Monday.

Website: We are currently looking for a sponsor for our school year 2016-2017. Currently Alan O' Grady (parent) of Ultimate I.T. Solutions is our sponsor and we thank him for this. More details are available by request (can be done on website) or please contact Emer in school office.

Uniform: We are so proud of how well your children look in their Scoil Bhríde uniform. Please ensure you are aware of tracksuit days as with Active Schools Week and other activities days can change. Children are always informed of these changes. Hopefully the weather will continue to improve so children may wear their summer uniform (school shorts, white t-shirt & tracksuit jumper) this last term.

Communion Photos: Children in 2nd class will be getting their communion photos taken on **Thursday 19th May** between 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. in the G.P. room. More details to follow.

Engineering Day: The Junior Infant - 1st classes had another exciting and interesting day with Scott Ziglinski on Tuesday 19th May. They used basic equipment to test out friction and forces and make simple "roller-coaster" pieces. Thanks to your Parents Association who kindly funded this day.

Sponsored Silence: The 6th class and Ms. Cosgrove had a very challenging day on Thursday 14th March when they didn't speak for the whole school day! They said the most challenging activity was 'Silent Dodge Ball' which they played in the afternoon. They raised an amazing €1,513.33 in sponsorship! This money is going to the 'Maintain Hope' charity run by Mr. Gerry O' Donoghue (retired principal of Scoil Bhríde) Mr. O' Donoghue came in to show the students a video of the children in the school in Africa. The monies will be used to buy uniforms and books for the African children to allow them access to education. A huge congratulations to all involved.

Moore Abbey Woods: On Wednesday 27th April, junior infants went on a walk to Moore Abbey Woods to see the bluebells. A great morning was had by all.

Book Rental:

Jennifer will be taking payments for book rental for classes 3rd – 6th on the following dates.

Tuesday June 14th: 9:15am to 10:45am

Tuesday June 21st: 9:15am to 10:45am.

*****Please note that booklists and book rental lists will be sent out prior to these dates.*****

Gardening Club: Our industrious & enthusiastic gardening club under the excellent leadership of Ciara Kavanagh & Katie Fogarty have planted bedding plants with the junior infants - 2nd class in the raised beds at the rear of the school. We look forward to them adding an extra dash of colour to the yard area. Thanks to Ciara and her family for kindly donating these plants and compost.

New Language Curriculum Day: The Department of Education has directed all schools to close for one in-service day for all teachers in the New Primary Language Curriculum to be phased in from September 2016 (details available on NCCA website). Scoil **Bhríde will be closed for all pupils on Friday 27th May to facilitate this in-service day.**

Cross Country: On Friday 22nd April, a boys & girls team from Scoil Bhríde took part in the inter-schools cross country event at Hawkfield. A huge congratulations to all who ran so well on the day. Thanks to Ms. Kelly, Ms. Kavanagh & Paul Archbold (parent) who trained with the teams and all the boys and girls since February.

Storytelling at Annie's House, Athgarvan: A magical hour of hilarious stories and shenanigans for 5 to 9 year olds told in a cosy little wooden house in a corner of the garden. Tales this month include 'Has Anyone Seen My Rabbits?' & 'Please Don't Eat The Tadpoles' - **Thursday May 19th, 26th and June 2nd 5-6 pm.** €5 per child, all proceeds to KWWSPCA. Contact Annie Morris on 086-225 4213 to reserve a place.

Quote of the Month

“Do the right thing
Even when no one is looking”

Le gach dea-ghui

Kate Gallagher