

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. We include items which should be of interest to you.

Punctuality, Uniform

Thanks again to all the children who are wearing the correct uniform. It looks very well and it is something that we are all rightly proud of.

Most families are now on time for school. We encourage people to be punctual (8.50am) as it creates good habits for the future. I will continue to remind children who are late of the importance of being on time.

Peace Proms

Congratulations to all who attended the Peace Proms recently. It is a great experience for the choir members to embrace such a high quality occasion. Thanks also to all the volunteer teachers who readied the children for the event and also accompanied them on the night. Much appreciated.

Active School Flag

Scoil Bhríde is an Active School and is currently working towards renewing that status to achieve our second Active School Flag. We would like to say a huge thank you to all who completed our recent survey. We are working on the responses and feedback received, thank you. Some recent initiatives that we have been implementing as part of the Active School Flag process are the Daily Mile, Active Lines and Playground Leaders. We will be updating our school website in the near future which will provide you with information on all aspects of the process. We have an Active School Committee with children from all class levels who are tasked with duties each week. We are currently in the process of creating a Scoil Bhríde Active Walkway which we hope to launch soon.

Credit Union Quiz / Cumann na mBunscol Quiz / Upcoming P.T.A. Quiz

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who have been diligently working towards the above quiz dates. On Friday the 1st February our Junior and Senior quiz teams performed so well in the **Credit Union Quiz**. Our Senior team finished 4th and our Junior team finished 2nd. A great achievement by our teams as approximately 50 teams took part in this event.

The annual **Cumann na mBunscol quiz** is coming up soon and we wish our team the very best in that quiz.

Parents/Guardians, please put **Friday 5th April** in your diary for the **P.T.A. Quiz**. It will be on at 8pm in Naas GAA Club. It promises to be a very enjoyable night for all. We would be most grateful, if possible, that parents might consider sending in prizes for the raffle (drinks, chocolates, deeds of the house!! Etc.) Hopefully, as many of you as possible, will consider entering a team on the night. €10 per person to enter, 4 per team. More news closer to the time.

Sport

Hugh congratulations to our girls basketball team who recently contested the county final. They were very unlucky to lose out to a very good Kill team. Also thanks to their coaches who trained them to reach the final. Next up is the basketball blitz which both our boys and girls will be contesting.

The table tennis tournament will finish tomorrow, Friday. Very enjoyable for all who took part. Aimee and Caitlin will contest the girls final and Leo and Darragh will go into battle in the boys contest. Great games and wonderful fun.

Up next on the playing fields the U10s, Senior Boys and Mini 7s will be taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions. The girls will have a go at the Mini 7s and Senior Girls. There is also a selection of Camogie and Hurling available.

Best of luck to all partaking. Thanks to the parents for your support and also to all the coaches for their continued hard work.

Scoil Bhríde's Got Talent

This year we are piloting Scoil Bhríde's Got Talent for 4th, 5th and 6th. Over the next few weeks the children will be practicing their acts in the hope that they will get through to the finals to be held sometime in March. God bless everyone's talent. Maybe we will unearth the next superstar!!!

Magic the Dog

Recently we were delighted to host Magic the dog and his handler, Paul Cleary, from Dogs Trust Ireland. Paul and Magic visited all the first classes and also called in to each of our ASD classes. It was a big hit and very informative.

Getting to know and enjoy wood

John Doran, a local wood turner, is returning to us this year. We are delighted to have him. He will visit 1st, 2nd and ASD classes. These classes have already been informed. **Don't forget to bring in your €3 donation by tomorrow, Friday.**

Parking

Could I remind you again how important it is that we respect the safety of children who attend this school.

- Never park on double yellow lines
- Always go to the roundabout to exit the school
- Be aware that children can appear out of nowhere
- Let the children cross at the 'Zebra Crossing'
- 'Set Down' does not mean 'Park'
- Please do not block roundabouts, in the school or at the traffic lights. A lot of frustration in this area.
- Also it has been noticed that parents are parking in the staff car park. Please refrain from doing this.

Please talk to your children about getting in and out of school safely

Biddy Walk

Congratulations to all involved in the organisation of the Biddy Walk. It was a huge success.

Brown Coin Collection

Thank you to all who have contributed to this collection. You can continue to bring in your coins until tomorrow, Friday.

Thanks to all children, parents and staff for being so co-operative around all these requests. We are all lucky to be involved with Scoil Bhríde.

Regards



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Principal