

Newsletter – Summer 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

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

Drumcondra Tests

The Drumcondra Tests have been given to the children (1st to 6th classes) this week. The reading assessment is the same as last year and we would not be expecting any major changes in the results. However, the maths assessment is completely different and new and we do expect that, as a result, the Sten Scores on maths may be down on previous years. We advise that you should not stress over this. It will take a number of years for the children to get used to the new format.

Healthy Eating Policy

During the month of May the classes have been busy learning about our proposed new Healthy Eating Policy. Almost every school has a Healthy Eating Policy and we really need to move ahead and show needed leadership to the children under our care. The policy has been put together by the staff members and members of the parent body. In some cases it will necessitate a change in practice regarding the lunches. We take this responsibility very seriously and look forward to your support in its implementation, beginning in June.

Please read the Policy on our website www.scoilbhridenaas.com and also for healthy eating information see the following www.scoilbhridenaas.com/healthyeating.

Sport

- Congratulations to all our sports teams, especially those doing so well in the Cumann na mBunscol gaelic football leagues. The boy's u10, senior boys and the senior girls have all reached their respective semi-finals. Well done to all and thanks to everyone who makes it happen (children, teachers and parents).
- The Family Fun Evening will take place on Wednesday 19th June. It will begin at 7pm and finish at 8pm. All are welcome.
- Active School Week begins on Monday 17th June. There will be many activities arranged for the children during that week, including a sports day. We are very thankful to our P.T.A. who will be providing bouncing castles on that day. Hopefully, it will be enjoyed by all.

Shows/Confirmation/Communion/Graduation

- The end of year 6th Class Show will take place on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th June. This year we are taking the classic songs from a number of shows and combining them into a "songfest" of great songs from great shows. This is an experiment for us and we are sure that both the parents and children will enjoy the end result. Plenty of dancing and singing!!
- The children of 6th Class will be going on their end of year Retreat this Monday in Mount St. Anne's Retreat Centre. It is always a great day out and hopefully all will get something out of the day.
- The children of 2nd Class received their Communion on Saturday 11th May. All three classes received the sacrament together. It was wonderful to hear the great responses and spectacular singing from the children and the choir. Thanks to the children, parents, teachers, P.T.A. and Parish Team for making it such a memorable occasion.
- The Graduation for 6th Class will be on Wednesday 26th June. Looking forward to it very much. On the Thursday (27th) they will go on their final school trip and they will be getting their holidays on that day.

Bollards outside the school

Many thanks to Bill Clear and Sean McKenna, who between them, organised the parking bollards outside the school gate. We very much welcome them and earnestly request that no cars park in that area. We all have a responsibility in policing and respecting this situation. Remember, the safety of our children is the only issue that should matter to us.

Induction Evening

The induction evening for new parents/guardians of children starting in Junior Infants is on Wednesday 12th June at 7pm. We are really looking forward to meeting them and welcoming our new recruits to our great school.

Thank you, as usual, for your wonderful, much appreciated support.
Running a school can only work if we are all in it together, and we are.

Regards

Joe Hartnett
Principal