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April/ May Newsletter

Welcome back to the final term of this school year.

Active Schools Week

'Get Ireland Walking' Challenge was organised by Ms. Amy Young. A 500m loop of the school was mapped out. The children have different activity stations along the route e.g. 10 jumping jacks, 10 star jumps etc. Each class walks two loops each day so that they walk a kilometre. We will add up all the kilometres walked by the end of the week.

ASD Class

Scoil Bhríde has been sanctioned to open an ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) class in September 2017. This will be a mixed class. We look forward to welcoming our new students in September.

Holidays 2017/ 2018

The holidays are available on the school website. We are back to school on Thursday, August 31st.

Attendance

Any child absent over 20 days will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer. Please write a note explaining your child's absence to the teacher when they return to school. Please do not ring the office as we must have it in writing.

Clane Youth Project

Joyce and Tina from Clane Youth Project came and did two bullying workshops with each of the 4th, 5th and 6th classes. One on bullying and one on cyber-bullying. The girls really enjoyed these workshops.

September

If any child is not returning to school in September 2017 could you please let the office know as soon as possible as we need to know if we have spaces available in classes.

Report Cards

Please send in a stamped addressed envelope to your child's class teacher for the end of year report cards.

'Bizworld'

Ms. Nicola Brown took both the 5th classes for a 'Bizworld' workshop. During the workshop, the classes were split into groups and each group developed their own mini enterprise. At the end of the workshop, they got to pitch their business ideas to a visiting 'Dragon'. Thank you to Ms. Brown for giving the girls this opportunity.

SESS

On the 21st March, Maria Byrne from the SESS (Special Education Support Services) came and spoke to the staff about Autism with girls.

Uniform

This is a reminder that school tracksuits can only be worn on PE days.

Nail varnish is not allowed.

Only one pair of stud earrings can be worn.

Summer Camps in school

July 3rd to 7th – Ms. Stafford and Mrs. D'Arcy

July 10th – 14th – Ms. Young and Ms. Doyle

August 14th – 18th – Starcamp (www.starcamps.ie)

Please contact the teachers in question about the camps in the school and not the office.

Dental Hygienist

A big thank you to Claire from Dental Options who came to speak to the children about Dental Hygiene.

Cross Country

The annual Cumann na mBunscol cross-country took place in Hawkfield on Thursday 6th April. Two teams of eight represented Scoil Bhríde from 5th and 6th class. Many break-times and lunch times were spent training and the girls must be commended for their commitment and dedication. There was over 140 girls in our race and some of our girls finished in the top ten. There are definitely future cross country stars in the making at Scoil Bhríde.

Football

The Senior Girls have begun their 2017 campaign playing Sallins, Kill and Caragh to date. The matches have been closely contested, but unfortunately the girls have not yet been victorious. There are two remaining matches to be played over the next fortnight, Kilcullen and Maynooth. Fingers crossed our luck will change in these fixtures. Well done to all who are taking part. (If you want the names let me know)

The In-school Football League will resume shortly for 5th & 6th class girls, a number of teams are currently level on points so the remaining fixtures will determine the overall winner. Well done to all the girls who are participating.

Hockey

The school hockey team have been very busy over the last few months, training and playing in friendly blitzes in Naas. On April 6th, they competed in the Kildare Primary School Blitz. The competition comprised of 12 teams and it was great to see 4 Scoil Bhríde teams lining out on the day, and playing so well. We would like to say a special well done and thank you to our 6th class captains, who were part of the first Scoil Bhríde hockey team 3 years ago, and have developed so much as players and leaders over their time on the team.

Camogie

The girls in 1st class are currently enjoying their camogie which was organised by Katherine Martin.

Camogie training for 5th and 6th class with Ms. Doyle will be starting this week.

We are in Division 1B with Naas and Kill. We have a bye in the first round. In round two we are playing Kill at home on the week of the 8th May and Naas away on the week of the 15th of May. Depending on those results: semi-finals: 29th May-June 2nd and finals: 8th June

6th class – Couch to 5k

Mrs. Hennessy, Ms. Young and Ms. Barrett together with the 6th class teachers Mrs. McKenna and Ms. May, will start the couch to 5k running programme with our 6th class on April 24th. We hope to run a local parkrun at the end of the programme.

Grow in Love In service

The 1st/2nd class teachers attended In service on the new religion programme for 1st and 2nd class in Ballycane recently.

Windows

10 Velux windows were replaced over the Easter holidays in the old part of the school. This work was funded by the Department.

Jackie Burke

On Friday 31st March, Jackie Burke an author came to speak to the 2nd and 3rd classes about her books, being a writer and creative writing in general. These sessions were intended to encourage and inspire children to develop their reading and writing skills. Reading and writing should be fun!

Sponsored Walk

A huge thank you to the Parents Association for organising a fantastic sponsored walk. The sun shone and a lovely day was had by all. Thank you for the funds that were raised which can go towards much needed sports equipment.

Rubbish

We are trying to reduce our costs at the moment. One large cost is our refuse. We are going to encourage the girls to bring the wrappings from their lunch home in their lunch boxes to reduce the amount of waste in the school. Fruit etc. will all go in the compost bin here in school.

Communion Bracelets

The girls in 2nd class will have the opportunity to make communion bracelets on the 25th and 26th of April. This will be a lovely keepsake for their big day.

Rugby

The girls in 3rd and 4th class will be availing of rugby training for the next six weeks. Caoilfhionn Hallissy a former past pupil and a rugby ambassador will be coaching the girls.

Basketball

Jason Killeen from Basketball Ireland will be coming to the school on Tuesday May 2nd. He will work with 4 groups for a half an hour each on the day.

Basketball News

Thanks to the work of the Parents Association and the staff and students of Scoil Bhríde, we are delighted to announce that our hall has been fully lined and fitted with new basketball rings. We would also like to thank the Playball team who kindly donated a number of new basketballs for the children to use. The girls in Scoil Bhríde have already been putting the new equipment to great use during basketball training and in P.E. lessons.

In April, our sixth class students participated in a Scoil Bhríde Basketball League. The girls really enjoyed the league and matches were strongly contested with the winners emerging on a very tight score line. This league brings basketball training to a close for sixth class and league medals will be presented at a sixth class awards ceremony. We were delighted with the commitment and interest that the girls showed and the huge progress they made in terms of their confidence and basketball skills. We wish them well in the future and hope that they will continue to use what they have learnt in secondary school.

Basketball training has now commenced for our fifth class girls who completed their first training session on Monday 24th April. We are delighted with the ever increasing number of girls who are signing up for Basketball each year and we look forward to working with them over the course of the year.

Theatre Group

On Monday, 29th May, a theatre group will be performing 'Treasure Island' for the girls. We will be asking for a nominal fee of €2 to cover the cost of this closer to the time.

Fundraiser

A fundraiser will be held in the GAA on Saturday June 3rd for the Fogarty family. Layla Jane Fogarty is in Junior Infants in our school. There will also be a run in Clane starting at Scoil Phádraig and running to Clane United FC, starting at 3.30pm. A social event is planned for Clane GAA Club at 8 pm on June 3. Tickets available locally.

Closures

Reminder the school is closed on:

Monday, May 1st - May Bank Holiday

Thursday May 18th as the teachers will be attending training on the new Primary Languages Curriculum.

Monday, June 5th - June Bank Holiday

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