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June Newsletter

27th June, 2017.

1. Junior Infants 2017/2018

Our new Junior Infants came to visit us last Friday, 23rd of June to visit their new teacher and their new classroom. We hope they are all very happy here with us in Scoil Bhríde.

2. Camogie

Well done to our camogie team who played in the final against the Gael Scoil in Maynooth in Moorefield on Thursday, June 15th. Unfortunately the girls were defeated on the day. They should be so proud of themselves as they played brilliantly. It was wonderful to reach the final our first year back playing camogie.

3. 'Moo Crew'

Congratulations to Ms. Doyle's Junior Infant class who came runner up in the Moo Crew competition run by the National Dairy Council. The girls had a wonderful day out in Airfield Farm and were presented with a plaque and a voucher for €250 for sports equipment. Well done girls.

4. Green Flag / Ice cream Van

The ice cream van visited our school last Tuesday. It was a nice treat for the girls to celebrate the raising of our 7th green flag. This was funded by the Parents Association and the Board of Management as a thank you to the girls for all their hard work during the year.

5. Graduation

The 6th class Graduation was held last night in the Big Hall. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our 6th class girls the very best of luck as they move on to this new chapter in their lives. We hope they look back on their time in Scoil Bhríde with fond memories. Congratulations girls.

6. Couch 2 5K

The 6th class girls completed the Couch to 5k running programme over the course of 9 weeks. It was great to see the girls and their families in Castletown parkrun on Saturday morning running their first 5k. Well done girls. Thanks to all the supporters who cheered us on. The girls were all presented with a medal on Monday for completing the programme.

7. Violin

The Violin recital was held in the school on Wednesday 21st of June. The girls played wonderfully. The recital is a wonderful chance to show case how much the girls have progressed over the years.

The Board of Management have met to discuss the situation with violin for the 2017/ 2018 school year. The results of the questionnaires were analysed and discussed at great length.

69% of Parents responded to the questionnaire. Of those 85% stated that they would like to see violin continue in the school.

The Board have decided to continue with violin for the 2017/ 2018 school year and to review it again in February 2018.

8. Staffing for 2017/2018

Junior Infants: Ms. Young, Ms. Doyle, Ms. McNelis

Senior Infants: Ms. O Shaughnessy, Ms. Carberry

1st class: Ms. Shine, Ms. Stafford, Ms. Brown

2nd class: Ms. Barrett, Ms. Gleeson

3rd class: Mrs. Dignam, Mrs. Brown

4th class: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Heneghan

5th class: Mrs. Maybury, Mrs. D'Arcy

6th class: Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. May

Special Ed: Ms. Fox, Ms. Cronin and Ms. Kane

ASD class: Mrs. Arrigan

9. ASD class

We have 4 students enrolled in our ASD class next year. Mrs. Arrigan, Ms. Fox and myself have been visiting ASD classes in the area. We have applied to the department to have some work done to the class. We hope to have this work completed over the summer holidays.

- a) A few years ago the Parents Association did some fabulous work on a garden at the centre of the old school. This garden will now be part of the sensory garden for the ASD class. It has gotten a bit overgrown recently. If any parent has an interest in gardening and might have a bit of time to spare, could they please ring the school as we would love some help and advice with pruning etc.
- b) We would also appreciate if anyone had any of the following items which they might be willing to donate to the ASD class.
 - Trucks/ cars/ diggers
 - Jigsaws, puzzles, sequencing games etc.
 - Space hoppers
- c) We have placed an application in TESCO for funding for our ASD class. Please put your blue tesco token in our box to support us.
- d) Equipment for an ASD class is very specialised. If anyone knows of someone who might be willing to contribute to our ASD class we would be delighted to hear from them. Items on our wish list would be an outdoor swing, a wooden picnic table and bench, an outdoor play frame etc.

10. Sports equipment

The Parents Association recently gave us a cheque of money raised from the sponsored walk for sports equipment. Ms. Fox and Ms. Young went shopping recently with a wish list from the teachers. A delivery of our new sports equipment should arrive before the end of the week and will be ready for use in September. Thank you to the Parents Association and to you the parents for providing us with the funds to purchase this new sports equipment.

11. School Year 2017/ 2018

Please ring the office and let us know if your daughter is not returning to school in September as we need to know which classes have spaces for the next school year.

12. End of Year Mass

Fr. Paul will celebrate the end of the school year with us on Wednesday, 28th June at 11.30 a.m.

13. School Closure

The school closes for the summer holidays on **Friday, 30th June at 12 noon.** The Junior and Senior Infants and their siblings may go home at 11.45 to ease traffic congestion.

The school will re-open on Thursday 31st August.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support. Have a happy, fun filled summer. Enjoy the holidays.

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