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**SCOIL BHRÍDE,
CLANE,
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March Newsletter

Roof works

The initial works on the roof are complete. During the works it materialised that 10 of the velux windows need to be replaced. The Department will fund the replacement windows. This work will be completed over the Easter holidays as the school will need to be closed.

World Book Day - Thursday March 2nd

Junior Infants to 1st class dressed up as a character from their favourite book.

Senior Infants visited the local library,

3rd to 6th – Table Quiz based on books.

Each child was given a World Book Day Token for €1.50

Basketball News

Scoil Bhríde has been nominated to be part of the Tesco Community Fund Initiative. The funds raised will go towards obtaining much needed basketball equipment to fit out our new sports hall. We are delighted to be chosen and we ask for your support with this. Therefore, every time you shop in our local Tesco store in Clane, please remember to drop a blue token in the Scoil Bhríde Sports Fund.

Eason's Spelling Bee

Mrs. Maybury and Mrs. D'Arcy held trials for children who wished to participate in the Eason's Spelling Bee. Ebere Agbobu will represent the school in the Kildare event on Thursday March 9th in Ballitore.

Cross Country

Ms. Fox, Ms. Johnson and Ms. May are training the girls for the upcoming Cumann na mBunscoil Cross Country Event in Hawkfield.

Ash Wednesday

4th and 5th class attended Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday and ashes were distributed to all classes.

Table Quiz

Two teams from 6th Class took part in the Coill Dubh Credit Union Table Quiz.

A team from 6th class will also participate in the Cumann na mBunscoil Quiz in Newbridge on Wednesday 8th March.

Hockey

The girls have been training since November. They played their first friendlies of the year against Hewetson in Naas on February 2nd. The girls won or drew all of their games. Great performances from all. They played against Sallins in Naas on Thursday 2nd March. Ms. Young has also organised a hockey league for Kildare teams on Thursday 6th April.

Scrabble Art

The 6th Class students completed their Confirmation Scrabble Art with Mandy Connolly, Siobhan O'Brien and Ciara Early. The girls really enjoyed it. Thank you to our generous sponsor for sponsoring this activity for the girls.

Dogs Trust

Fiona from Dog's Trust will be visiting the Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class on the 22nd and the 23rd of March.

Confirmation

Confirmation takes place on March 11th.

Ms. Mc Kenna's class @ 11 a.m.

Ms. May's class @ 2 p.m.

Confirmation photographs will take place in the school on Tuesday March 14th.

Engineer's Week

Ms. Sandra Gill a Volunteer with Intel is coming to work with students in 3rd class on Tuesday March 7th at 9.30 a.m. for Engineer's Week.

Green Schools

We have just been awarded our 7th Green Flag. Dara Wyer from 'An Taisce' visited the school to assess the work of the Green schools committee. An Taisce wrote to say 'We are highly impressed by your programme and had no hesitation in granting the renewal flag'. A big Thank You to Ms. Stafford and Ms. McKenna for guiding the Greens Schools Committee and co-ordinating their activities.

Camogie

The girls in 1st class will be availing of camogie training for the next 6 weeks.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

A céilí will be held for Junior Infants to 2nd class and 3rd to 6th class on Thursday, 16th March in the school hall. The children have been learning some Irish steps in preparation for this. The children may wear their tracksuit and bring in green accessories on this day.

St. Patricks Day Prayer Service

Ms. Johnson's 4th class will perform the Prayer service on Thursday 16th.

Author Visit

Ms. Jackie Burke, author, will speak to the girls in 3rd & 4th class on Friday, March 31st.

Violin €40 per year

There are still some violin charges outstanding for the school year 2016/2017. We would greatly appreciate it if they could be paid in the coming weeks. Please check with your child's teacher if you are unsure of what you have paid. Thank you to all those who have paid in full already.

Sponsored Walk

The date earmarked for The Parents Association Annual Sponsored Walk in Donadea is Sunday April 2nd. We are awaiting approval from Coillte to confirm this date.

Easter Camps

Ms. Young and Ms. Doyle will be running an Easter Camp for Junior Infants to 4th Class students in the school from 10th April to 13th April. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please contact the teachers for additional information.

Rebecca Flynn will be holding 'Fun Dance Camp' in the school 18th & 19th April.

School Closures

St. Patricks Day – School Closed Friday 17th March

Easter holidays. School closes at 12 p.m. on Friday 7th April for 1st to 6th class and at 11.45 for Junior and Senior Infants for ease of collection. School re-opens on Monday 24th April.

Primary Languages In service for Teachers: School Closed May 18th

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