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April Newsletter

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school for this last term. I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. Hopefully the weather will improve for us this term.

Condolences

Our Condolences to Fr. Paul on behalf of our school community on the recent passing of his mother Patty. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this time. May she Rest in Peace.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms. Eileen Maguire, one of our Special Education Teachers who got married over the Easter holidays. Ms. Maguire will be changing her name to Ms. Glennon.

Faith Friends

The Faith Friends disco was held in Scoil Bhríde on Friday evening. I'd like to thank Trish O'Neill and the Faith Friends team for all their work helping prepare our 6th class girls for Confirmation.

Couch 2 5K

The 6th class girls have begun their training on the couch 2 5k programme. Ms. Young made a presentation to the girls last Monday on the importance of sport and fitness in our lives. We will be training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's. I'd like to thank the Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. May, Ms. Young and Ms. Barrett for their support and commitment to this programme.

Football

The 3rd and 4th class girls have begun football coaching on Friday's. Our girls played a football match last Thursday against Sallins N.S. They were narrowly defeated by a point. Well done to the girls on a great performance. They are playing Kill on Thursday in Kill at 1pm. They are playing Caragh the following week – details to be confirmed. Thank you to Ms. Fox and Ms. Brown for all their work with the girls.

Camogie

Senior camogie training started back this week for 5th and 6th class girls. Training will continue at lunch time on Wednesdays. The girls are in Kildare division 1b. They will come up against Scoil Bhríde Kill and Mercy Convent Naas next month.

Cross Country

The Cross Country event due to take place before Easter but was cancelled due to the weather, is rescheduled for Friday 20th April. The girls have been training hard. We would like to wish them the best of luck on Friday. Thank you to Ms. Fox and Ms. May for training the girls.

Gymnastics

The final group will begin gymnastics on Tuesday 17th April. The following classes will participate in gymnastics this term at a cost of €10.00 for 8 weeks. Each session lasts 40 minutes. The last session of gymnastics will be Tuesday 12th June.

Ms. Johnson's, Ms. Heneghan's, Mrs. Maybury's, Mrs. D'Arcy and Mrs. May's.

Swimming

The 3rd class are currently attending swimming. They have 3 weeks left and will finish on the 3rd May. The 2nd class children will begin swimming on the 17th May

Basketball News

The annual Scoil Bhríde Basketball Blitz will take place in early May. Teams consisting of a mixture of 5th and 6th class girls will play against each other for a place in the final. The girls and their coaches are currently very busy preparing for what promises to be an exciting and fun Blitz.

Confirmation

Thank you to the 6th class girls who made a donation from their Confirmation money towards the purchase of a swing for the children in our Special class.

Medical Information

We are updating all our medical files. Could everyone please return the forms given out during the week whether your child has a medical condition or not.

Child Protection

The Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment are on display in the front hall.

Active schools notice board

The children are being encouraged to bring in photos of them being active outside of school to display on a notice board in the front hall. Thank you to Ms. Young, Ms. Barrett and Ms. Fox for organising this.

Playground games

Ms. Young has trained a group of 5th class children to teach/play playground games with the Infant classes. This is working really well for both groups.

Sponsored Walk

The biggest PA fundraiser of the year - the Sponsored Walk - is taking place this Sunday 22nd April in Donadea forest starting at 2.30pm. This is a super family day out so please do come along and support the event. If your daughter hasn't yet returned her sponsorship card could she please return it by Friday this week. All returned sponsorship cards are entered into a raffle which is held at the end of the walk and there are always some lovely prizes generously donated by the PA and local businesses - first prize is an Alba 8 inch Tablet!

2018/2019 School Year

Could you please let the office know if your daughter will not be returning to Scoil Bhríde next year as we begin work on our classes for next year.

Zambia

€707 was raised from the no uniform day, the day of the Easter holidays to support our past pupils in Transition Year in Scoil Mhuire who will be travelling to Zambia to work with Special Needs Children. Thank you to all who contributed.

School Closures

Scoil Bhríde is used as a polling station. It will therefore be closed on Friday 25th of May as this is the date of the Referendum.

The school will also be closed from 7th – 11th May as per the school calendar.

School Tours

The teachers are currently in the process of booking school tours. Parents who are asked to accompany their daughter's class on the tour will need to be Garda vetted. The form for this is available on the website under the policies section. Please remember to send a copy of photo ID and a utility bill with the application.

Ms. Arrigan's class are going on their tour on Thursday 26th April to Lullymore.

Summer Camps

There will be four Summer Camps in the school this year.

July 2nd – 6th - Mrs.D'Arcy and Ms. Stafford

July 9th – 13th – Ms. Young and Ms. Doyle

July 16th – 20th – Ms. Gleeson (Drama camp with arts and crafts)

August 13th – 17th – Starcamp

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