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### **June Newsletter**

#### **Report Cards**

Please send in a stamped addressed envelope for your child's end of year report card before Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Golf 4 Girls**

A big thank you to Michael McNulty from the Golf Confederation of Ireland who came on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June to give a golf taster session to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class girls. We hope it was an enjoyable experience for them.

#### **Junior Infants**

Our new Junior Infants came in to visit us last Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May. We hope they will all be very happy here with us in Scoil Bhríde. We will have 76 new Junior Infants next year.

#### **Active schools week**

A huge thank you to everyone for their active participation in active schools week. It was very evident from the activities in the girls' journals that the children were very active at home too. We had a great week of activities in school too and I think the girls really enjoyed it.

A special word of thanks to Ms. Young, Ms. Fox and Ms. Barrett for all their work co-ordinating the school activities and preparing for the Active Flag. A big thank you to Marina Jordan from the Parents Association for all her work on the Active flag page on the website and uploading all the photos. It looks great. If you haven't had a chance yet, please take a look.

#### **Active Schools Physical Survey**

The Active Schools Committee would like to invite all of the pupils to take part in our 'Physical Activity Pupil Survey'. The survey is available on the home page of our school website, [www.scoilbhrideclane.ie](http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie). This survey will really help us to understand how active our pupils are and what activities they like to do.

#### **Biodiversity Talk**

John Kennedy from Clane Tidy Towns spoke to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class girls about biodiversity and local flora and fauna on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June in conjunction with biodiversity week. The children learnt lots of interesting information.

#### **Green schools**

Green Schools Committee have been working hard all year on recycling. The compost bins reintroduced last September have been a great success. We are delighted to announce that we will be working with Eileen O'Carroll of Firmount House on composting. Our composting will be collected daily and fed to the pigs in Firmount House.

Pupils are asked to bring home every other piece of packaging from their lunch. Please continue to encourage your children to use recycling bins. Small daily practices will make a huge impact on our environment. Think globally, act locally!

David has been busy making raised beds. Classes have been busy planting flowers and vegetables. Hopefully we will get to see the fruits of the children's hard work in the coming weeks.

## **Camogie**

Our Camogie team played the Gael Scoil Maynooth in a semi- final here in Scoil Bhríde on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May. The final score was 6.3 to 2.2. It was a fantastic game. The girls put in a super performance. The final will take place in mid-June – details to follow.

## **Basketball News**

Well done to the girls in fifth and sixth class who recently took part in the Scoil Bhríde Basketball League. The girls had great fun putting the skills they learnt during the year into action. The final was a very close match with Team 6 finally emerging victorious on a score line of 12 – 8. The girls will be presented with their winning medals at their Assembly in June. The league marks the end of another great year of basketball in Scoil Bhríde. A big thank you to Mrs. Arrigan, Ms. Cronin, Mrs. Glennon and Miss Mc Nelis for all their work coaching the girls this year.

## **Sports Day**

We hope to hold our sports day for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class in the GAA on the 19<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting). Thank you to the G.A.A for allowing us use of their facilities. A date for Junior and Senior Infants sports day has not yet been decided.

## **Book Sale**

The annual book sale will take place in the school hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please bring your book list with you on the day. Times – 9.00am to 12.30pm and 1.15pm to 3.00pm.

## **Booklists**

The book lists for the 2018/2019 school year will be given out today, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. These lists will be available on the website if you happen to misplace them.

Please note that the school charges were already sent out with the book rental letter. There is no need to pay these fees again if you have already done so. Many thanks to everyone who have paid the charges and book rental already. These can be paid to the office at any time or on the day of the book sale.

## **Blackhall Stud**

The 5<sup>th</sup> class students have been invited on a tour of Blackhall Stud on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. This has proven to be a fantastic tour for the girls in the past. It's a wonderful opportunity for the girls to find out all about a stud farm. We would like to thank Blackhall Stud for their generous invitation each year.

## **Junior Achiever's Ireland.**

Thank you to Mick Waters who has volunteered his time to work with the 4<sup>th</sup> class girls on the Junior Achiever's Ireland programme. The children are really engaging with it and enjoying the experience.

## **Weaving Well Being**

You may have noticed on the fees for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class that there is a charge for €5 for a book called 'Weaving Well Being'. Ms. Heneghan trialled this programme in her 4<sup>th</sup> class this year and it received positive feedback from the parents and the children alike. This programme is available for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. It is designed to promote resilience and wellbeing. The pupil's book can only be purchased from a specialised supplier. We will order the books in the school and give them to the children when they start the programme in September.

## **Couch 2 5k**

The 6<sup>th</sup> class girls have been training hard following the couch 2 5k programme. This will culminate in us taking part in a 5k parkrun in Castletown on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 9.30pm. Please make sure that your child is registered with parkrun by logging on to [www.parkrun.ie](http://www.parkrun.ie). They will be given a barcode. Please print this off. The girls will need this when they cross the finish line to get their correct time. We would like the girl's family and friends to join us and support the girls on the day.

## **Mrs. Maybury's retirement**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will have a celebration with the children, of Mrs. Maybury's 43 years teaching in our school. The ice cream van will visit the school on this day. Let's hope the sun shines. Thank you to the Parents Association and the Board of Management who cover the cost of this treat for the children.

### **Violin Recital**

The violin recital will take place this year on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The recital will begin at 10.30am. The following is the order on the day.

1. Mrs. May 6<sup>th</sup> class
2. Ms. Johnson 4<sup>th</sup> class
3. Miss Brown 1<sup>st</sup> class
4. Mrs. D'Arcy 5<sup>th</sup> class
5. Miss Gleeson 2<sup>nd</sup> class
6. Ms. Heneghan 4<sup>th</sup> class
7. Miss Stafford 1<sup>st</sup> class
8. Mrs. Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> class
9. Miss Barrett 2<sup>nd</sup> class
10. Mrs. Dignam 3<sup>rd</sup> class
11. Mrs. Maybury 5<sup>th</sup> class
12. Miss Shine 1<sup>st</sup> class
13. Mrs. McKenna 6<sup>th</sup> class

### **Graduation Mass**

The 6<sup>th</sup> class Graduation Mass takes place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the school hall. We look forward to celebrating the 8 years the girls have spent in Scoil Bhríde.

### **Staff**

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to thank the staff for all their work throughout the year. Thank you for providing the girls with such wonderful opportunities and experiences – hockey, basketball, football, camogie, cross country, couch to 5k, debating, Green schools, Active Flag co-ordinators, Student Council, Peace Proms, Céilí band etc. These things could not take place without the teachers volunteering their own time.

Ms. Mc Nelis has decided to move home to her beloved County Clare. She has been teaching Junior Infants here for the past 9 years. She will be dearly missed by us all here in Scoil Bhríde.

### **Uniform**

Just a reminder that the girls from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> have the option of wearing unisex navy trousers as part of their uniform next year. Junior and Senior Infants wear their tracksuit.

### **Holidays**

The school will close at 12 O'clock on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June for the Summer Holidays.

The **Junior and Senior Infants will go home at 11.45** a.m. to ease traffic congestion.

The school will reopen on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August at 8.55a.m.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

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**Eimear Hennessy,**  
**Principal**

As you open your child's end of year report card this year. Please bear this in mind. You may have heard this letter read out on the Ryan Tubridy Show. It was written by a teacher 'Ms. Lynch' to her students before their Drumcondra/ Sigma T Tests. It reminds us that these tests are only a fraction of a moment in time. They do not define who our children are. Our children are more than a test result.

"Dear students, tomorrow you will take your Drumcondra maths test. I know how hard you've worked but there's something very important you must know. These tests do not assess all of what makes you special and unique.

The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you like I do and certainly not the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two or more languages or that you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or gymnastics or football.

They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them, that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that your face turns red when you feel shy.

They do not know that you participate in sports, wonder about the future or sometimes you help with your little brother or little sister after school.

They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and every day you try your very best. And the scores you will get from these tests will tell you something but they will not tell you everything. These tests do not define you.

There are many ways of being smart. You are smart. You are enough. You are the light that brightens my day and the reason I am happy to come to work each day so in the midst of all of these tests, remember that there's no way to test all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, you.

All I ask is that you do your personal best and do not give up. You've been working for this since junior infants and are ready.

I believe in you."