



May



Newsletter

Welcome to our Scoil Bhríde May Newsletter

Some important dates to note:

June School Closure

**Mon 2nd - Fri 6th
June**

**Active Schools
Week:**

16th - 20th June

**Bike Day
16th June**

**Ice Cream Van:
20th June**

**6th Class
Graduation:**

**25th June at
7.30pm**

**School closed
for holidays:**

**27th June at
12 noon**



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Our Junior Infant Induction Day took place on May 16th. We look forward to welcoming 46 new Junior Infants to our school in September.



The Parents Association Sponsored Walk took place in Donadea Forest Park on May 11th. Thank you to all who came and made it such a great success. Thank you as always to our PA for organising this wonderful event.



A gentle reminder that the school charges are now payable on Aladdin for the 25/26 school year.



Minister Helen McEntee has announced a number of actions to improve school attendance for the 25/26 school year.



The calendar for the 25/26 school year is now available on the website.



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School Tour Dates

Class	Venue	Date
Junior Infant & Junior AS	Lullymore	11 th June
Senior Infant	Jungle Den	11 th June
1 st Class	Lets Go Kilcullen	13 th June
2 nd Class & Senior AS	Explorium Sandyford	28 th May
3 rd Class	Airtastic Celbridge	12 th June
4 th Class	Emerald Park	10 th June
5 th Class	Funtasia	20 th June
6 th Class	Lilyput Adventure Centre	19 th June



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First Communion

Well done to all the girls who made their communion in the glorious sunshine on Sunday 18th May. A special thank you to their teachers, Ms. Clohessy, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Barrett for their work preparing the girls. A sincere thank you to the Parents Association and the volunteers for the lovely party which they held for the girls and their families after each mass.



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2nd Class School Tour

Ms. Johnson, Ms. Clohessy and Ms. Barret's classes went to Explorium on their school tour. The girls had a fantastic time. There was lots to see and do, including a Robotics and a Lightning Show! A great day was had by all.



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Blessing of the Bell and Opening of Clane Grief Space

Ms. Heneghan's class attended the Blessing of the new church bell in the parish church with Bishop Denis Nulty. The girls also attended the opening of the Children's grief space in the Parish Centre. The sun was shining and the girls were treated to some lovely treats afterwards. Thank you to Fr. Paul for the invitation to attend this lovely parish event.



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Green Schools Award Ceremony

The Green Schools Committee were delighted to be awarded the flag for Global Citizenship Biodiversity. This is our tenth flag in the Green Schools programme. The committee have been working extremely hard over the past two years to promote awareness of biodiversity in the school community. The awards ceremony was attended by Green Schools coordinators Miss Johnson and Miss MacGlinchey. Annie Flynn and Grace Conlon, both members of the committee accepted the flag on behalf of Scoil Bhride. The ceremony was held in the Helix and the girls were so proud to bring the flag home. Well done to the whole committee for their hard work and dedication. A special thank you to Miss Johnson and Miss MacGlinchey for supporting the committee through the process.



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Challenge to Change Seminar

The children in Mrs Mac Glinchey's 5th class were all invited to present their project on Quality Education at the annual Challenge to Change seminar in Tullamore on 6th May. They had a chance to present their project and its findings, participate in a science and drumming workshop and learn about other projects primary and secondary schools had completed. Mrs Hennessy, Jackie, Mrs Mac Glinchey and all the children had a wonderful fun filled day.



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Irish Aid Awards



The children in Mrs Mac Glinchey's fifth class received super exciting news in May. Their video entry on their project about Quality Education developing countries has been shortlisted for an Irish Aid Our World Award. They will travel to Dublin Castle on 30th May to participate in the national final. Thank you to Ms. Mac Glinchey for sharing her passion with the girls.

The class have received wonderful support and recognition on social media and in local online newspapers. Their fabulous video can be viewed on the school website:

<https://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/irish-aid-awards-submission/>



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Navan Choral Festival

The school choir competed in Navan Choral Festival on May 7th in St. Paul's Primary School, Navan. The choir performed in two competitions on the day. They excelled in both and received wonderful feedback from the adjudicators. In the popular choice section of the choral competition, the girls came in 2nd place. A huge congratulations to all of the choir members on their dedication and commitment throughout the year. They really deserve the recognition of their hard work and we are all very proud of them. Thank you also to Ms. Sheehan, Ms. Byrne, Ms. Johnston, Ms. Farrell and Jackie for all their work with the choir this year.



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Drumming Workshops

We had Paul Byrne from Mobile Music School in to do 'Let's drum workshops' with all the classes in our school at the beginning of May. This was funded from a donation we received from Blackhall Stud and supplemented from funding raised from the PA sponsored walk last year. Every child in our school participated and really enjoyed the workshops.

Let's Drum is a hands-on, interactive drumming workshop that introduces children to an array of percussion instruments from around the world. These workshops delve into rhythms and patterns commonly found in African, samba drumming, and modern music. Each child had the chance to play a range of different instruments, with every workshop culminating in an end-of-workshop performance of the material covered. Here are some photos from the wonderful experience.



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Drama Workshop

6th class pupils were treated to a fantastic drama workshop led by George Mahon (Fair City's Mondo). Great acting, laughing, team building games and role play made for a most enjoyable session for all.



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Science & Magic Workshops

We were delighted to welcome Niall the magician and mad professor to entertain and educate every class in the school.

The magician's show for children was filled with wonder and laughter. Each trick sparked wide-eyed amazement, and the hall was buzzing with excitement! It was a fantastic morning of fun and imagination.

Later on in the afternoon, we had experiments about air, sound, density, oil and water, all of which, had everyone on the edge of their seats. Fun and interactive shows for everyone in the school. These shows were funded by the earnings at the bake sale during well being week. A nice way to thank the children for their efforts.



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Couch to 3k

Completing a 3k for children aged 9-13 is a fantastic achievement. It certainly did have its challenges with the girls having six weeks of training to get ready for the run. They ran twice a week in preparation. The run consisted of girls from 4th, 5th and 6th. They had to complete one lap of the pitch, followed by three full laps of the track to complete the required distance. A big thank you to Clane GAA for the use of their facilities on the day. The girls were treated to crisps, sweets and a drink after the race. They put in a tremendous effort and we are very proud of them. A big thank you to the teachers who helped to facilitate the run!



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Football

On Wednesday 28th May our U13 team took on the Mercy Convent Naas in the Cumann na Mbunscol Division 1 final in Moorefield. Scoil Bhríde Clane got off to the better start with some well taken points by Erin Reynolds and Joan Mackey. The Mercy Convent replied with some well taken points of their own. Half way through the first half, Joan Mackey got the opening goal of the match after some brilliant team play. This left the score at halftime: Scoil Bhríde Clane 1-7 Mercy Convent Naas 0-5. The Mercy Convent started the second half well. Some fantastic blocks and tackles from our backline kept the damage to a minimum. Scoil Bhríde Clane weathered the storm and were rewarded for their effort with a goal by Erin Reynolds. Two brilliant goals by Clodagh White and Emma O' Donoghue in quick succession helped Scoil Bhríde Clane see out the match. Both teams showed great skill and determination throughout the match. Well done to both teams. Emma O' Donoghue lifted the trophy on behalf of her team. The final score: Scoil Bhríde Clane 4-8 Mercy Convent Naas 0-7



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Basketball Blitz

A big thank you to Ms. Glennon who held an internal blitz among sixth class students. The teams consisted of children from the three sixth classes. The group games were held at lunch time and refereed by class teachers, a big thank you to everyone their help! It culminated with a semi-final and final on Friday evening with children from third, fourth fifth and sixth all getting the chance to watch and encourage. Mr Nerney kept everyone entertained with his song choices for the final. In the end there could only be one winning team but all the children really enjoyed the tournament and hopefully some are inspired to pick up the sport.



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Nature around our school

Scoil Bhíde is participating in #NoMowMay and leaving a strip of grass uncut to encourage Pollinators. Thank you to Mr. Nurney's 5th class for this wonderful display for No Mow May.



We have also created two wildflower beds to feed the bees.

Ms. Harney's senior infants have been busy in the garden weeding, watering and planting sunflowers.



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Come Farm With Me

Ms Downes' 4th class have been engaging with Agri Aware's Come Farm With Me webinars throughout the year. We have really enjoyed getting an inside look into the 'day in the life' of lots of different types of farmers around Ireland.

We got a look inside a broccoli, dairy, pig, tillage, beef and sheep farm. It was very interesting!

Following the webinar series, the girls chose one farm they would like to research a little more about. In groups, the girls created a visual project to represent what they learnt in the webinars and from their own research.



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History



Ita, one of our wonderful SNA's spoke to 4th class this month about what Scoil Bhríde was like years ago. She shared lots of interesting information about schools in the past and we got to ask lots of questions! Thank you so much Ita.

Maths

We have been very lucky to have had such wonderful weather recently, so we decided to take maths outside and into the sun. We really enjoyed measuring the perimeter of the school using trundle wheels. Our school is a lot bigger than what we estimated!!



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Birthday Celebrations

We celebrated lots of special birthdays during May. In 3rd class, we had a great day after the Easter holidays celebrating Jackie's birthday! The girls were so excited to celebrate with Jackie on her special day. Jackie does so much for the girls and her work is really appreciated by all.



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Artwork around our school

Ms. Farrell's class explored mythical creatures this month in English and had great fun writing about our own mythical creatures as well as creating them out of clay! We had a wonderful array of different creatures created in the class, take a look!



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4th Class Cubism Art, inspired by Picasso



Mrs. McKenna's 1st Class designed their own boomerangs after learning all about Australia



Senior Infants created Monet-inspired water lilies. They used bleeding tissue paper to make the water background and then painted their own water lilies on top



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Have a lovely week off!



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