

# Scoil Shride Newsletter June 2022



Welcome one and all. Thanks for your continued support and good will. Hope you all have a great summer 2022. Wear sunscreen! Please find huge amount of good cheer, hard work and learning going on as evidenced below. Best wishes, **Brendan Kelleher, Staff and Board of Management.**

## Junior Infant News

The children in Junior Infants have worked so hard and learned so much this year, our teachers are very proud of us. We loved learning about under the sea creatures and how to plant a sunflower. We enjoyed the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. We created beautiful symmetrical butterflies and saw some real-life butterflies. Ms Collier's class created some fabulous Rainbow Fish using paint and paper plates. We have really enjoyed our weekly paired reading sessions with the 5th and 6th class children! Some of our highlights from June included our Sports Day and Teddy Bears Picnic with sixth class and watching the School Choir



Concert in the hall! We are really looking forward to our school tour to Caragh Pet farm. We have had a great year and are looking forward to Senior Infants in September



## Senior Infant News

Senior Infants have been very busy this month. We had a great day at the Sports Day and tried loads of different activities, it was such a fun day!! We also went on our school tour to Pine Forest which is up the Dublin mountains. We went on a hill walk up a mountain where we made special wishes to the fairies that live there, and, we also made lots of cool art like our very own fairy door! We have



worked really hard this term and are now ready for First Class

next year!! We hope everyone has a great summer!!



# First Class News

We have had a great last term in 1<sup>st</sup> class and we can't believe the year is nearly over. We enjoyed practising our GAA skills with Coach Kelly each week. We had a great day at our Sports Day and we were really lucky with the great weather we had on the day. We loved the school concert and we got to see some of our brothers and sisters perform! Hopefully some day we will get to perform in front of the whole school! We enjoyed going to the Green Schools Flag raising ceremony. We can't wait now for our summer holidays.





## Ross and Maria's classes

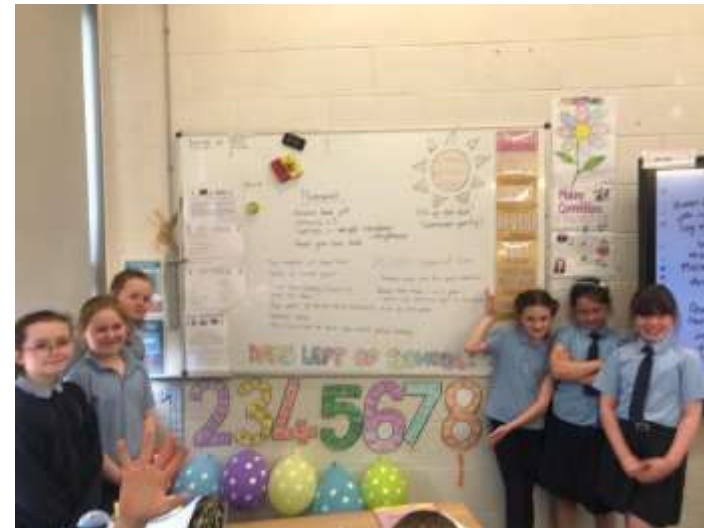
Ross and Maria's classes have been very busy during the last term. We completed the hatching programme and had five lovely chicks hatch in our class. We went on our school tour to Jungle Den in Naas. It was so much fun! Our senior students went to visit their new school. It is such an exciting time for them! We had sports day last week. The children had a great time completing an obstacle course, races and penalties. We had a teddy bears picnic and wore our rainbow colours. On Monday we will have a graduation ceremony for our 6th class children. We are so proud of them and we will miss them so much. Tissues at the ready!





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class News

We have been very busy in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class this term. In May we made our First Holy Communion. We had a great day. In June we went on our school tour to Tayto Park. We saw lots of amazing animals the meerkats, otters and lynx. We had great fun on the Funfair rides. We had a super day for our



Sports Day. Thanks 6<sup>th</sup> class for organising it for us! In class we learned all about the Egyptians and we did projects on them. In the school garden we went on a mini-beasts hunt and we looked at spiders,



## Music

### CHOIR

What a fantastic year we had with our school choir. When we couldn't sing as a group properly we kept up the singing at break times in pods/bubbles. We were so thrilled when that changed! A huge well done and congratulations to everyone in the choir for working so hard, giving up break and lunch times and other fun activities. The choir success and we are so proud of who attended. Thank you and 6<sup>th</sup> class choir members. We welcoming new members in



concerts were a huge you all. Thanks you to all well done to our outgoing are looking forward to September for another year

of singing, fun and entertaining everyone. Ms Moynihan, Mr Maguire and Ms Collier

## Fís Film Project

In June, Ms. Dunne worked with Mr. Breen's class to create a film as part of the Fís Film Project. The students put so much work, creativity and talent into it and we're really proud of how the film turned out. As we played lots of Wordle this year we wanted to make a film about it, and we took inspiration from one of our favourite movies Mean Girls and lots of other movies and shows such as The Truman Show, Clueless, Love Island, and Hidden Figures.

See attached the link to view the movie: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U8VluUH9tmhF9ZsL7HwgJcr7-7MO-4BV/view?usp=sharing>

A number of parents have shared their discomfort with the tone in some WhatsApp group messages from well before Covid-19 kicked off and definitely since. Essentially their concern is that they may not agree with an opinion being expressed but don't feel comfortable with sharing their disagreement due to experience. Contrary opinions can become divisive quite quickly and silence can be interpreted differently – as agreement or disapproval. It is recommended that any class parent WhatsApp groups should be for business and communication only. Social media platforms like this can cause upset and hurt via misinformation to others including school staff. If you have a query or concern regarding your child, please contact your child's teacher via phone call or email within working hours. For more information <https://www.webwise.ie/>



## 3<sup>rd</sup> class news



We have had a busy final term in 3<sup>rd</sup> class. We have been learning about the world around us and beyond. One of the highlights was when we travelled back in time to Ireland in the 1800's. We got into role and interviewed a child from a rich family and a child from a poorer family. This helped us find out the thoughts and feelings of people during this time.

We are almost finished reading our novel Charlotte's Web and are very much looking forward to watching the movie version.

During art we created prints using polystyrene sheets. From here we added ink and created our prints. Here are some examples of our beautiful work! Again, we travelled back in time to find out about the life of Pablo Picasso. Picasso inspired us to replicate one of his pieces – 'The Rooster.'





We have been learning how to paper weave. It is a very tricky and skilled process. First, we began weaving with just two colours to create a

piece. The following week we printed paper using bubble wrap. Once it was dry we cut it in strips and began weaving. From here we added 4 paws, a head and a tail to create some beautiful and very unique dogs! Take a look at the results below!

Mr Carty's class were honoured to welcome Ireland's Rugby sevens player Billy Dardis to their classroom. He spoke to the children about how he prepares for a match and his experiences playing for Ireland during the Olympics in Tokyo. Billy brought the children out for a tough training session! He demonstrated to the class how to pass and catch the ball. He very kindly signed posters for us and gave us some presents. Billy's final words of advice to the class were 'If you want something, go and get it.'



In Ms Feeney's class, we have been working very hard on our Gaeilge this term. We have been learning a song to the tune of 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons to help us practise some of our Gaeilge questions. Ms Feeney thinks we sound even better than the original version!



We have also been focusing on different ways we can take care of our well-being. We have been exploring different activities that help us feel relaxed and positive and have been taking time to think about all of the people and things in our lives that we are grateful for. We have a lot to be grateful for in our lives, we are very lucky!

In Science, we explored how different liquids react differently when mixed together when we did the Colourful Milk experiment. We used milk, food colouring and washing-up liquid to do this experiment and we were very impressed with the interesting, colourful results.

We have been embracing the summer season through our art work recently. We drew pictures of ice cream cones and sundaes. Then we used tin foil, markers and water to print a bright, colourful background for our delicious ice cream pictures.

We were looking forward to summer days on the beach when we created our beach scene paintings. We practised blending different shades of blue to create the illusion of the deep sea. Enjoy a sample of our summer art below!



We have had an enjoyable year in 3<sup>rd</sup> class and we are now looking forward to 4<sup>th</sup> class in September. We hope everyone has a lovely summer!



## 4<sup>th</sup> Class news

It is nearly the summer holidays. We are ready for the break!

We went to Derrymore Springs for our tour on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. It is a water park in Co. Westmeath. We sang and chanted our heads off on the bus. We had great fun kayaking, pedal boating and playing on the inflatables. Then we got ice-cream. It was a great day. Some people even fell asleep on the bus on the way back.

We got our pen licences recently. The tests were tough, but we made it eventually. It's great to write in pen. It feels much more fluent.



We had a great Sports Day on June 13<sup>th</sup>. It was great craic. We especially liked the dodgeball, but we did lots of other sports including Olympic handball, pacemaker and high jump.

All the 4<sup>th</sup> classes did a project on European countries. We learned a lot from them, including information about the food, customs, history, language, famous people and the flag.

Ms Christian's Class made pizzas and garlic bread. They also got to meet and hold some of the chicks that were reared in Ross and Maria's classes. We are really looking forward to going on our school tour to Derrymore Springs.

Ms Farry's Class really enjoyed food tasting day from around Europe.



## Green-Schools

It was a very exciting month for our school as we were awarded our 6<sup>th</sup> Green Flag for Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. The whole school wore green and we all gathered outside the school to mark the celebration and raise the flag together. Each member of the green school committee had a role to play in the ceremony and they all did a super job – Well Done! We were delighted to welcome members of our local Tidy Town committee and famous jockey - Katie Walsh. Katie presented a speech and awarded members of the committee a certificate for all their hard work over the last two years. The school choir led the raising of the flag with their beautiful singing of the song 'Happy'. It was a great day and we hope to continue initiatives such as 'Score on the Door', 'Litter Pickers', 'One Sheet Does Plenty' and 'Bin Monitors' next year.

Remember: **'Don't Be Bitter, Recycle Your Litter, Keep Our World Clean and Go Green!'**



## Different Families Same Love

Mr. Breen's class entered the nationwide "Different Families, Same Love" competition ran annually by the Irish National Teachers Organisation. This competition aims to celebrate all the different peoples and families in Irish society.

To begin work on the project, we began by discussing different types of families. We used the 'Different Families, Same Love' poster to jump start conversation around this, and also discussed families as depicted in popular media. In discussing this, the children began to see how much of the media centered around the traditional nuclear family. This was most evident in children's media, such as Disney movies (King and Queen, Prince and Princess), or cartoons such as The Simpsons. Once we had used this as a basis to generate conversation, we discussed the make up of the families in our class, the wider families that the children in the class might be related to, and families in the wider school community. In doing this, the children began to identify how the school community and wider community consisted of many different types of families - nuclear families, single parent families, same sex families, foster families, adoptive families, children who were being raised by their grandparents, and more. After we identified this, the children decided to create an art piece depicting the different types of families in the school and wider Irish society. The children painted and cut out over 750 feathers, which they distributed to each child in the school. Each child wrote or drew an image of their family. The feathers were collected and arranged into a large set of wings, whose colours were inspired by the progress pride flag. We tipped the wings with gold feathers on which children could write the names of deceased family members, and feathers showing the different cultural and ethnic backgrounds of the school community, and disabilities present in our families. These wings are displayed in the school hall.

A second way we explored the topic was by looking at family make up and differences in wider Irish society, and how this has changed over years. We integrated this in maths and geography, looking at census data regarding religion and change over time. We also discussed different families we know in wider society, and how we might represent each of these families. We decided to use an Irish flag as a backdrop for the art piece, and again use symbols to depict the differences in families. We looked at religious symbols, symbols of different disabilities, and the wide variety of pride flags in relation to sexuality and gender identities. We used silhouette art to depict these families, and used the symbols to show the wider variety of family make ups regarding gender, ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, gender identities, and sexual orientation. However, the consistent background of the Irish flag tied all of these families together, illustrating that each of these families worked together to create the fabric of Irish society.

Finally, one of the topics that the class frequently mentioned was the marriage equality referendum in 2015. The children were just beginning school this stage, it is one of their most prevalent memories of LGBTQIA+ rights. We used this as a basis for further learning on the topic, integrating LGBTQIA+ rights into history, music, and English. In history, we learned about the history of LGBTQIA+ rights in Irish law, and how history was criminalised until 1992 in Ireland. We also looked at struggles and prejudices faced by LGBTQIA+ people in other countries over time, and how it is still illegal in some countries.

In English, we looked at persuasive writing. We again used the marriage equality referendum as a basis for the children to write persuasive speeches. We first explored the "Vote No" posters used in 2015, which used slogans such as "children deserve a mother and a father", and "she needs a mother for life, not just nine months". When the children saw this they are horrified at both how misleading the posters were - as they were not what the vote was about - and also the insinuation that only a nuclear family could raise a child properly. Using these posters and the children's emotional reactions, the children wrote speeches using the title "\_\_\_\_\_ can raise a child equally as well as a nuclear family". The children could begin the speech using whatever they felt strongest about, such as "Same sex couples", "foster families", "adoptive families", or "single parents".

In June, we heard that our class won first place in the national competition! The class were delighted with their success.



### 5<sup>th</sup> class News



### The Minimus by Lucy Mc Carthy

The Minimus is a competition. There is a girls and boys competition that includes running a kilometre, swimming as many lengths and metres as possible in two minutes and riding my pony cross country. I ran a kilometre in 3 minutes 50 seconds, I swam 5 lengths and 7 metres in two minutes. I went clear cross country on my pony. After the cross country I was in the lead. Finally in the swimming segment I was in second place and I won the running by one second which helped me win the whole girls competition!

I was so happy. I won a trophy, a sash and a rosette.



## Our 3D Practical Projects

As our last project of the year Ms Finnegan asked us to do a project on a topic in History, Science or Geography. We also had to create a 3-D model which would also be the main part of the project along with some informative writing. One person did The Amazon and built a jungle scene with a clay Anaconda, another did the Achill Railway and built a train station with a train, another made a guillotine and built a working one and I made a Tank and that shoots!

-Dylan McHale



## 5<sup>th</sup> Class News

We have had a great year in 5<sup>th</sup> Class. We really enjoyed our Sports Day this month. We can't wait for our tour to Hidden Valley in Wicklow next week. We had a great time taking part in the school choir concert and being in the audience too. We had a great day going to the shop and GAA pitch for a picnic. The junior infant classes have loved us going down to them for paired reading. It has been great fun to get out and take part in the World Cup. We have done excellent projects in our classes. We are looking

forward to holidays and really looking forward to 6<sup>th</sup> class!





### Rainbow Day

On Friday 24th, to celebrate Mr. Breen's Class' win in the Different Families, Same Love competition, Mr. Breen's class decided to hold Scoil Bhríde's first 'Rainbow Day'. When a number of other teachers heard of this, they also thought it was a great idea and decided to celebrate with their class as well.

Mr. Breen's class started the day by having tea and toast in the classroom. As the day progressed the kids had more fun, taking part in some face painting activities and getting photos with their winning mosaic in the hall. After lunch, Mr. Kelleher treated the class to chips for their hard work throughout the project.

A number of other companies also decided to get involved in the celebrations, providing the class with more treats. Skellig Chocolate sent each child a pride chocolate bar, Keoghs provided free crisps, Ampersand sent boxes of jellies which were enjoyed by all, Offbeat provided some pride themed donuts, and Loved by the Middle Child provided baked goods for the children! Búioch provided a chocolate hamper for the best dressed, which was won by Matthew Critchley. Matthew had painted his own shoes and t-shirt to get into the spirit of the day!!

A great day was had by all, and the atmosphere in the school was fantastic!





## Contrasting Summer Poems

by Róisín Hickey and Cooper Brown Ms Finnegan's class.

### Dear Summer, by Róisín Hickey

My Dearest Summer,  
I'd like you to know,  
That I do not like you in the slightest, oh no!

I know it seems a little strange,  
Cause all the other kids my age,  
Are out playing and laughing and having fun,  
Whilst enjoying their time in the sun.

I guess I don't like you because the sun is too hot,  
And pollen runs up my nose and makes me want to cough,  
I just can't stand the warm summer air,  
Yet my friends drag me out without even a care,  
A care for my hay fever or my blocked nose,  
Not a care is given for heatstroke nor my fragile bones.

I wish I could slam the doors in their faces, and yell and scream and shout,  
"I'm not coming out today, no way! Without a doubt!"  
But for now I'm staying in my room,  
Hoping this summer will come and pass,  
And I just can't wait to get back to class!

### Dear Summer by Cooper Brown

Dear Summer, you are definitely the best season.  
The sun is shining,  
There's no time for whining,  
No one could hate you without good reason.

I grab my sandals and head to the beach.  
I have so much fun,  
Playing out in the sun.  
And teachers don't have to teach.

The last day of summer is the worst.  
Autumn will fall,  
And I'll sit on my wall.  
And cry until May the first!

## Ms Moynihan's Construction Projects

We have done lots of project work this year. For our final big project, we did construction projects. We researched and chose a famous building, place or landmark from Ireland or around the world. These projects took a lot of time. We learned as we worked on them what materials worked and what didn't. We were delighted with the end results. See the pictures below.



## Sports News

The sports year in the school ended this week with the conclusion of our annual World Cup Tournament that includes all the children in both our fifth and sixth classes. Macedonia defeated England in the cup competition and Netherlands defeated Germany in our shield competition. Once again, it was a huge success and I must thank Mr. Kelleher for purchasing some lovely trophies for all the finalists. I must thank also at this point Ms. Wright, Ms. Christian, Ms. Flatley, Ms. Lomax, Mr. Maguire, Mr. Carty, Mr. Kelly and one of our parents Ms. Pamplin for the immense contribution they have made in year. The Sixth Class teachers Ms. Holland, Ms. Jameson and Mr. Kelly and their wonderful manner in which they organized our school sports days. It was a huge success that brought children in the school. Sadly, we must now say goodbye to all the children in sixth class who sport in the school over the last two years. I hope that in September we will be able to return existed pre-covid in school. To date, we have entered the Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, will commence in the new school year. To all the parents who have driven to matches



the training of teams throughout the classes deserve all our gratitude for the wonderful enjoyment to all the have missed out so much in terms of to the busy sporting calendar that Camogie and Hurling leagues, which throughout year I express on behalf of

everyone our sincerest gratitude. Finally, I would like to thank Kill GAA for providing us with the wonderful GAA coach Kellie Harrington all year round. She has provided all the class groupings with some excellent coaching. Mr Gallagher

Thanks for everything Mr Gallagher!!!



Cup Winners 2022 Macedonia

Shield Winners 2022 Netherlands

\*\*\*\*\*A message from the **DISCOVERY PROMARY SCIENCE AND MATHS TEAM**\*\*\*\*\*

Congratulations - your school has achieved an **SFI Discover Science and Maths Award**. We have evaluated your Log of Evidence and we are satisfied that you have met all the criteria for the Plaque of STEM.

Your school has provided evidence of children's engagement with STEM in the following areas: 1. Science 2. Technology 3. Engineering 4. Maths 5. STEM Showcase

Congratulations on your award! Well done on all the hard work.

**BIG CONGRATUATIONS AND WELL DONE TO MR CARTY AND MS BUCKLEY FOR A NEW STEM SCIENCE AND MATHS AWARD. A HUGE AMOUNT OF WORK WENT INTO THIS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED. LOTS OF EXCELLENT MATHS AND SCIENCE LEARNING BY ALL THE CHILDREN THIS YEAR. THANKS MR CARTY AND MS BUCKLEY.**

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## 6<sup>th</sup> class News

6<sup>th</sup> class have had a very busy and exciting term participating in numerous, fun activities to round off their last month of primary school. At the beginning of June, we had our Confirmation. We had three ceremonies throughout the day, all of which were a great success. The sun was shining and the children looked great.





Each class was treated to a breakfast to celebrate the had! We really enjoyed having a class. We were also very run the school sports day for



gourmet 5-star great year that they breakfast together as proud to organise and the Junior and the

Senior end of the school. The weather was great and we had lots of fun. For our 6<sup>th</sup> class sports day, we went to the GAA. We played loads of games and had a mini water fight. We also went on a Teddy Bear picnic with our Junior Infant reading buddies. We went to the park and everyone brought a teddy. Mr Kelly's class went on a History Walk around the village, including such areas as, the two old schools, St John's Church, GAA and finished at the John Devoy statue. We learnt lots about our local area including that the Old House was burnt down in 1942 and that the Moat at the back of Glendara estate is apparently a burial ground for the Kings and Queens of Leinster. Ms Holland's class learnt all about electricity and how circuits work. We added switches and buzzers to our circuits. We also made our own lighthouses with an on and off switch. It was really fun! Ms. Jameson's class learnt about and taught the Junior Infant students about the lifecycle of a butterfly. They had live caterpillars in the classroom that they observed turning into chrysalides and then into butterflies. They set them free last week in the school garden along with all of Junior & Senior Infant students! Finally, we went to Lilliput and Jump Zone for our school tour. It was the best school tour we ever had. We loved getting muddy in the bog and diving into the water off the paddle boards. Jump Zone was great craic. A huge thank you to our teachers Mr. Kelly, Ms. Holland and Ms. Jameson for making our last year in primary school a year to remember. Thank you also to all the staff, parents and students that took part in our guard of honour and supporting us for the last 8 years in Scoil Bhríde.



And finally...

School opens Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 08.50 and assembly is like this year.

**LOST and FOUND items and clothes will be sent to charity shops in Naas from this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please retrieve any lost items as soon as you can.**

Please walk to school. If you are cycling, wear a helmet. If you are driving please do not idle your car's engine and remember we have 82 car parking spaces only 😊 Research around schools in the U.K. have demonstrated decrease in air quality attributed to car engines running idle while in the school grounds. Our playgrounds are **NO IDLING ZONES !! NO SMOKING OR VAPING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**  
Drop off and leave from the drop-off area in the carpark. Use the Church car park and develop healthy habits with your child. Please respect our neighbours and do not use Earl's Court or the laneway beside the school as parking area.

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Single use plastic: Just a reminder to remember to continue to use reusable drink bottles in school and **no single use plastic bottles!**

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**It is important to note that when the school is not open for pupils, it is out of bounds to the public. This means no access to the basketball court, All Weather Pitch or grounds in general. This applies to weekends and after school without specific permission of the Board of Management. It is trespassing to be on the premises without permission.**

Thanks to Ms. Moynihan, all the contributors and Paula for helping with this newsletter.

Wishing you all Happy Safe Holidays 😊