

Scoil Shride June 2023



Greetings all and welcome to our End of Year Newsletter 2023

Junior Infant Summer News

We had a busy last term in Junior Infants! We have worked so hard this year and our teachers are very proud of us! We are now reading books and writing sentences! We enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, how to recycle and underwater creatures. Ms Reynolds and Ms Fitzpatrick's classes learned how to plant and take care of sunflowers. Ms Delmer's class learned how to make butter and made a healthy fruit salad! We had lots of exciting events in the last month. Some of our highlights include: our school tour to Pine Forest, Show and Tell, Sports Day with sixth class, Rainbow Day, the Circus and our Teddy Bear Picnic! We have





had a great year in Junior Infants and are ready for Senior Infants in September. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer ☀️

Science Award 2023

Scoil Bhríde has been awarded the Curious Minds Science Foundation Ireland Gold Award for 2023. It is the 7th year in a row that the school's achievements have been rewarded in this way. Throughout the year the classes have been engaged in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities. The children and teachers have enjoyed exploring, discovering, experimenting and documenting their results and findings. Minister Simon Harris announced that only 10 schools from Kildare received the Gold awards, and we were one of them. Here is Ms Buckley's Class celebrating the award.



Senior Infants Summer News

We have had a fun filled final term in Senior Infants! In March our caterpillars arrived. They were very small to begin with but ate and ate and grew and grew- they were very hungry caterpillars! After a week they turned into a chrysalis and after another week we had 5 beautiful butterflies in each net. We fed them fruit and sugar water before we released them into the garden.

The school bake sale went down a 'treat' with everyone in Senior Infants and we also had great fun practising our circus skills as part of Well-being Week in the school. Sports day and Rainbow Day were also some of our favourite days in Senior Infants. We have had a wonderful year and we are really looking forward to all the fun First Class will bring!



First Class News

We have had a very busy but brilliant term in 1st class. We have been working hard as we get ready to move into 2nd class in September.

We really enjoyed Sports Day which took place in early June. We had great fun trying out the high jump for the first time and we loved the obstacle courses and sack races. We took full advantage of the recent sunny weather and enjoyed eating our lunch 'al fresco' in the school garden on a few occasions. We also enjoyed an ice-cream party as a treat to keep us nice and cool.

We were lucky enough to have Eoghan Oates' dad, Paul, visit the school in recent weeks to tell us all about his job as a Garda. Paul showed us all his gadgets that he carries when he is at work and answered some of our super questions all about being a member of the Gardaí.

We thoroughly enjoyed Rainbow Day which took place on Monday 12th June. We all looked absolutely fantastic dressed in our rainbow colours to celebrate diversity and inclusion in Scoil Bhríde.

We are really looking forward to our school tour to Lullymore on Wednesday 28th June and we cannot wait for the summer holidays!



SchoolQuip jerseys

A huge thank you to Tony and Kenneth Wheeler for their generosity in sponsoring a new set of jerseys for the school camogie team and also tops for all the teachers involved in coaching the teams. Tony and Kenneth run a small family business, Schoolquip.com, and have been working with us in Scoil Bhríde for the last 12 years. They have previously sponsored a set of jerseys for the boy's hurling team. We look forward to continuing this partnership into the future.



2nd Class News

It has been a busy few weeks in Second Class. We went on our school tour to Emerald Park and saw all of the amazing animals and went on all of the rides. The bird show was great fun with a few of the birds flying close to the children's heads!

We had our sports day also. The sun was shining and we completed obstacles courses, relay races and high jumps. We were also lucky enough to get a visit from the Garda Síochána. Second Class had lots of questions and learnt a lot about the job of a Garda and how to contact them. Some children were even lucky enough to try on the uniform!

For wellbeing week, the children completed some Circus training in the school. It was great fun and the children enjoyed spinning plates and juggling.



3RD Class News

On May 12th last, Mr. Carty's 3rd class visited the Lidl Farm and Distribution centre in Newbridge. The tour was named "From Farm to Fork" and gave us the opportunity to see how vegetables are grown and also a real cow and calf! The children got to sow their own broad beans too. After we completed this part of the tour we hopped aboard the Lidl train which brought us through the huge distribution room. We saw lots of people going about their work dividing all types of items, ready to go out to the shops around Ireland. The best part was seeing the people, looking like Arctic explorers, working in the cold room. A great time was had by all.



To enhance our Gaeilge skills we have been teaming up with other classes for 'comhrá Gaeilge.' Ms O'Reilly's class partnered up with Ms Roche's 4th class. It was a great chance to get to know new friends in our school through Gaeilge.



On Friday 9th of June we had our annual Sport's Day. We participated in soccer, high jump, basketball, obstacle course, athletics, stations, Olympic handball and many more. Thank you to 6th class and Mr. Gallagher for a great day.

Next Thursday 29th June we are heading to Redhills outdoor adventure centre. We are looking forward to human foosball, go karting and some paintballing!!

In Ms Feeney's Class we learned interesting facts about turtles in celebration of World Day last month. We learned about different types of turtles and created our own sea turtles out of clay.

When we were learning about area in Maths, we designed our own zoos and measured the area of each enclosure on our maps.



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We have been embracing the summer season through our art recently. We created mini beach scenes in anticipation of the long summer days we hope to spend on the beach! We also showed our creativity when we wrote acrostic poems about summer and created delicious ice cream pictures.

We had fun experimenting and exploring how different liquids mix and together. We used milk, food colouring and washing-up liquid to do this experiment and we were very impressed with the colourful results.

We also have some treats to look forward to to celebrate working hard – a picnic, games day and a movie. Have a great Summer everyone!



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Choir

What a great year of singing and performing. Thanks so much to all our wonderful choir members for all the hard work throughout the year. A special mention to our 6th class choir children. So much talent! We will miss ye greatly but please keep up the singing in secondary school!

We are very proud of you all and we can't wait to start back in September. We will be looking forward to welcoming new 4th class members in September also.

Ms. Moynihan, Mr. Maguire, Ms. Collier and Ms. Brady.



Ross and Maria's Class News

The children in Ross and Maria's classes have been very busy. We went to Jungle Den school tour. It was fantastic fun! Some of the children took part in a dance show in Theatre. We enjoyed sports day and circus skills. We have been going to the shop and every Friday. We celebrated Arran's graduation! Have a lovely summer everyone!



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4th Class news by Olivia, Eve, Liam, Habiba, Calum, Oscar, Caroline and Kate

This is the 4th class newsletter. Thankfully, we got to do and learn loads of amazing things this term. Here are some of them:

Rory Best came to visit our school recently. He is the former captain of the Irish rugby team. He was walking from Dublin to Mayo to raise funds for children's cancer. It was a great experience for us, and we got clappers to clap for him and to cheer him on. He got us no homework!

We had our Sports Day on June 9th. It was brilliant fun, and we did loads of activities – high jump, football, obstacle course, Olympic handball, bench ball, and many more. It really was a great day!

A Garda came to visit our school. He came in to speak to us and he showed us all the equipment he carries with him in his job, e.g., pepper spray, a baton and handcuffs. He wears a stab-vest to protect himself too.

We got our reports last week. We are very proud of them. We will be learning the tin whistle in 5th class.

Our school tour to Clara Lara is on Thursday 29th June and we are so excited. This is only our second tour since Covid-19. Last year we had a great trip to Red Hills. Some people have been to Clara Lara before, but for some people it's their first trip.

We had a very special Diversity Day on June 12th. This is a day where we celebrated everyone's individuality and the fact that we are a school that recognises people's differences as well as what we have in common. Dorothy McGinley (President of the I.N.T.O.) came and raised the special flag. It was a great celebration with lots of prizes for the best costumes and artwork.

We have been very busy for the last few weeks working on our European country projects. We got a lot of information and facts about our country, and we typed our projects in the computer room and printed them in the classroom. We decorated them with pictures and drawings and when we put it all together, they looked amazing. Another thing we did was persuasive writing. We had to try to persuade Ms. Roche to give us no homework for June. We couldn't persuade her to give us none, but we did persuade her to give us much less!!



Rainbow Day 2023

On Monday, 12th June, Scoil Bhríde held a Rainbow Day in celebration of diversity in our school community. In the days and weeks leading up to it, the students learned about diversity through books such as *The Rainbow Fish*, *It's Okay to Be Different*, and *Elmer: The Patchwork Elephant*. Some older classes also spent time learning about refugees and human rights.

On Rainbow Day, the students dressed up in colourful clothing, and we had a lovely ceremony outside which was attended by the President of the INTO, Dorothy McGinley. The students sang the songs *True Colours* and *Count on Me*, led by 6th class students Katie Holbrook, Caoilfhionn Temple, and Ciara Wynne. Two 6th class students, Róisín Hickey and Sarah-Rose Edwards, read essays which they had written on the importance of diversity, and the INTO President raised the Progress Pride Flag. The day was a wonderful celebration of inclusion and diversity. The Parents' Association very kindly provided banners, badges, and prizes for the day, and From Scratch Bakery, The Elizabeth Ann Dessert Collection, Noo Chocolates, and Offbeat Donuts also generously donated treats for the occasion.



We were exceptionally proud of all our students on the day.

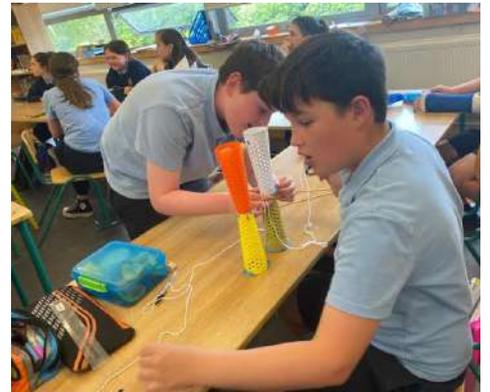


5th Class News

5th class students have had a wonderful summer term in Scoil Bhríde. There have been many fun activities happening in the school, and we have also been very busy finishing up each of our curricular subjects for 5th class, doing assessments and lots of revision so that we are ready for our 6th class teachers in September!!

S.T.E.A.M. Education - Engineering

We have been very lucky to have had two engineers, Saoirse and Brian, come in from BAM to co-facilitate a series of STEAM (Science; Technology; Engineering; Art; Maths) projects along with the class teachers, over the last 8 weeks. This has given the students a great insight into various contexts of and types of engineering including electrical, biomedical, infrastructure, environmental and transport. The students have become familiar with the Engineering Design Process through a series of practical projects. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and motivation as they developed their skills and knowledge through these fun, interactive activities. These projects have guided our thinking towards considering what ideas and innovations could help us build and create a better future together.



Well-Being Week

Our school's 'Wellbeing Week' was in May. Someone came in to teach a circus skills class; we really enjoyed it and learned lots of new tricks!! We were very lucky to have such good weather and our teachers brought us to the park on Friday - we got to go to the shop, eat our lunch under the trees and play a soccer match with all three 5th classes together in the park.



We celebrated diversity of all kinds in our school this term through wearing rainbow colours to school. We had a ceremony outside with the whole school and the president of the I.N.T.O. came to raise a rainbow flag in our school. It was a great day full of lots of joy and fun!!



Ms. Purcell's class helped Ms. O'Sulivans 1st class to do a minibeast hunt and we had lots of fun. It was a nice way to end the year with our reading buddies :)



Ms. Farry's 5th class did an art project using paper-mache. There were many steps involved. We had to come up with our own creative ideas that would work around the shape of a balloon. We got to work with paper-mache (glue and newspaper). We designed, constructed and painted them over a few weeks. It was great fun and they turned out brilliantly! We are so proud of all of our hard work and how they turned out!



Ms. Jameson's 5th class took part in a Book-Bingo Readathon over the last 6 weeks. We read books from a variety of different genres, books recommended by our friends and teachers and books to read to our friends and family members. It really encouraged us to read a lot more and we enjoyed relaxing in the library while reading our books!



Fís Film Project Entries

Huge congratulations to the current 6th class students whose 2022 Fís Film Competition entry that they created with the support of Ms. Dunne last year received the Highly Commended award.

We wish this year's entry, The Inkvasion of Kill, which was created by 6th class students, Niall Corrigan, Scott O'Leary, Tom Troy, and Ashton Rowe with the support of Ms. Dunne, every success in the competition. The boys had a wonderful time making the film.



Sports News

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the contribution they made to the "Rory's Miles2Mayo" fundraiser, which accumulated a sum of €3998.50. Rory himself expressed his immense gratitude on the day to the welcome he received here in Scoil Bhríde, Kill.

We have had a wonderful year of sport participating in both boys, girls' competitions run by Cumann na mBunscol and the F.A.I. I would personally like to thank Stephen Bradley who this week took time out of his busy schedule to come in to present medals to many of our children in the school. Our sporting year came to a conclusion with the annual running of our World Cup competition, which is inclusive of every child in both our 5th and 6th classes. This is an event that every child eagerly looks forward to and participates in. It is organized and run by our 6th class children who also organize and run all our sports days for your children to make them a more enjoyable experience on the day.

I would like to show my appreciation to Mr. Kelleher who encourages an ethos in the school of participating in sport, whether that be through competing on school teams or purely through class PE. Sessions. I would also like to thank all the teachers Ms. Christian & Ms. Wright (Camogie), Ms. Flatley & Ms. Purcell (Girls Football), Mr. Kelly & Mr. Carty (Hurling), Ms. Stynes (Athletics) Mr. Maguire (Boys Football), and Ms. Dempsey (Basketball) who have given their own personal time to promote and train teams before school, during their lunch breaks and after school for the benefit of the children.

I thank Kill GAA for providing us with the G.A.A. coach Kelly Perkins who has been wonderful with the children and has coached every child in the school this year. I thank Kill soccer and the G.A.A. club for allowing us to use their grounds and facilities for matches. I thank Mick Cahill and Naas rugby club for providing coaching to our 6th classes earlier in the year. I thank Lorraine Pamplin for the huge commitment she gave to our boys and girls Basketball teams. Finally, I would like to express my huge gratitude to all the parents, who drove to matches, supported the teams and helped in many other ways.

Congratulations to two of our children Ellen Moran and Cillian Malone who have been selected to play in this year's all Ireland semi-finals in Croke Park. Ellen will play in the Limerick v Galway match and Cillian will play in the football semi-final the following week.

Mr. Gallagher

6th Class News

We have had a wonderful last term in 6th Class and in Scoil Bhríde. We did lots of revision and tests which wasn't so much fun but all the great outdoor activities made up for all of that! We really enjoyed Wellbeing Week, taking part in circus skills training. So much fun! We thoroughly enjoyed organizing and running Sports Days for the other classes in the school and we were so lucky to have had such good weather for all of the Sports Days. Mr Gallagher organised our own special Sports Day then on June 26th. We got a lovely surprise of pizza to finish the day.

We went to Athlone for our school tour and took part in the 'Day at the Bay' activities there. We did rafting, kayaking, paddle boarding and the best part was swimming out to giant inflatable slides and an obstacle course. We went to McDonalds on the way home. We were starving so we really enjoyed that.

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We went to the shop and the park on another sunny day. That was a memorable afternoon. Our teachers spoiled us with other treat at the end of the month. Thank you teachers!

Some of did end of year projects involving construction work. We learned a lot doing those and we had fun in the process.

As we type this we are preparing for our Graduation Ceremony on June 28th. It will be a lovely evening and we are looking forward to it. We are really looking forward to the last day in 6th class, getting our t-shirts signed, walking out to a guard of honour and spending the last few hours with our friends and teachers. We are feeling a bit sad about leaving Scoil Bhríde but we are leaving with amazing memories, lovely friends and we are full of excitement for our new future adventures. Thank you to Mr Kelleher, Mr Gallagher, Mick, Paula, all of our teachers and sna's over the years for all of your help, support, care, kindness and the fun times. Slán go Fóill agus go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir. 6th Class 2023





Hurling and Camogie News

Well done to all 32 boys and girls in 4th class who recently participated in the local Mixed Hurling & Camogie Blitz. They played against Straffan and Ardclough. It was evident Kill had the most children participating out of all three schools on the day. This is testament to the work at underage level being put into these teams in Kill GAA.

Well done to Elliot Kearney who was chosen as player of the tournament on the day.

Thank you Kelly GPO for organising the blitz and to all the parents for lifts and support.

Hard luck to our U/13 Camogie team who were narrowly beaten by Straffan in the semi final. Thank you School Quip who sponsored a new set of Camogie jerseys for the team.

Finally best wishes to Ellen Moran who will represent Scoil Bhríde at half time in Croke Park on the 8th July when Galway and Limerick meet in the All Ireland Hurling Semi Final.



*PLEASE remember traffic protocols within school grounds. Reverse in. Drive out.
NO DROPPING OFF on roundabout. It's not safe and when one decides the safety rules don't apply to them, then more follow and then we all lose out.*

*Remember Acceptable Usage Policy on photos of people!!
Be careful about posting images or videos of other people's children without permission. Not everybody appreciates being on the internet.*

*We have school uniforms for a reason and now is as important as ever. Designer gear serves no child in a school. Use of mobile phones is prohibited in school / school related events. Keep going with the healthy lunches and well done!!
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** !!
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.*

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

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.

Happy Summer everybody ☺

Brendan Kelleher and Staff and **see you all on Wednesday 30th August 2023**