

Scoil Bhríde June 2024



Greetings all and welcome to our June Summer 2024 Edition! 😊

Wishing Ms. Ailish Carr and Ms. Delmer all the best in their travels galavanting yonder and thanks for their hard work and good cheer. We're also saying goodbye for now to Ms. O' Byrne and Ms. Hennessy who are working elsewhere next year. They have been very hardworking and dedicated teachers and their new schools are lucky to have them.

We also must acknowledge the sad news that Ms. Phelan is retiring and leaving us “after more years than I care to remember”. Miriam Phelan started teaching in Scoil Bhríde Kill a long long time ago – before the internet and mobile phones. Skilled and supportive she quickly established herself as a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend. As the years went by Miriam demonstrated she was always up for a challenge and blew away any presumptions that more senior staff were not versatile or energetic or open to new things. She made many valuable contributions to life in Scoil Bhríde and we all wish her the very best as she embarks on the next phase of her career. Keep an eye out for her in coffee shops where there's a dress code! She was and is practically perfect in every way but the winds have changed and she's flying off. Reminds us a bit of another person with M. P. as their initials. 😊

Thanks to the Board of Management and especially Fiona Pakenham for their amazing support for the wellbeing, education and safety of the pupils and staff. Thanks also to the Parents' Association who have been a force for good in our community. Thanks also to the wonderful staff, children and parents for all that has been accomplished this year.

Really interesting info about memory again!!! <https://www.bbc.com/reel/video/p0j2099x/how-to-improve-your-memory>
Don't forget to check out <http://freedemliving.com/> also about memory and learning. 2.5 min meetings long
Junior Infant News

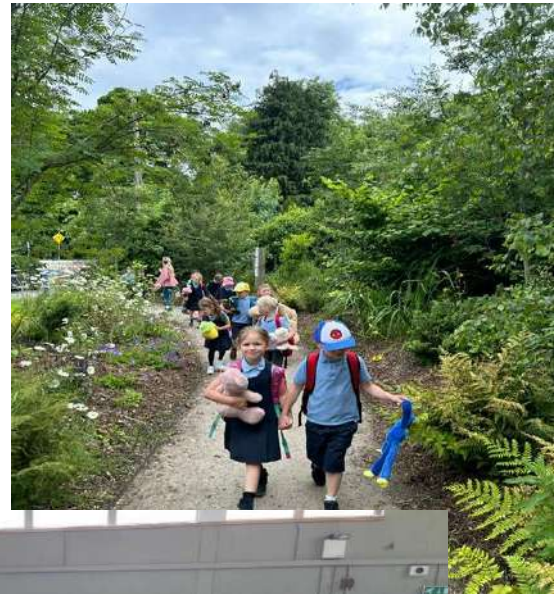
Junior Infants have had a really fun June. We took part in the school sports day which the 6th class students kindly organised. We also went on a Teddy Bears picnic to the park and our teachers treated us to ice-creams.

Ms Delmer's class focused on healthy eating and made delicious fruit salads.

We did fun maths with smarties and our teachers let us eat them afterwards.

We are so excited for our school tour to Caragh Pet Farm.

We have loved our first year in Scoil Bhríde and are looking forward to Senior Infants.



Senior Infant News



We have had a great last term in Senior Infants. We had lots of fun at the Bake Sale enjoying all the sweets, treats and games. We are delighted that it is nearly our summer holidays and we have been busy exploring 'The Airport' and learning about sea creatures. It's so much fun! We have been making the most of our last few weeks in Senior Infants by going on a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' and other fun activities. We particularly enjoyed our Sports Day. Our favourite sports were dodgeball, basketball and the obstacle course. We have been busy preparing for First Class and we are so excited for a well-deserved Summer break after all our hard work and effort this year.



1st Class News

It has been a jam-packed last term in 1st class and we have been extra busy the past few weeks making sure we are ready for the move to 2nd class next year! We finished the last of our phonics sounds in English and worked on addition, money, weight and capacity in Maths and have been predicting and observing outcomes of experiments in Science.

But it hasn't been all work and no play! We learned about Pop Art, namely the artist Roy Lichtenstein and designed our own names in Pop Art style. We sampled lots of treats at the Bake Sale and even had a visit from the Community Garda to talk about her role.



We managed to get outdoors a lot too and keep active. Coach Kelly and Coach Mikal have been teaching us some hurling and tag rugby skills. We also really enjoyed our Sport's Day on 6th June. Highlights of the day were the team-building activities, the Limbo, skipping and parachute games. Special shout out to Mr Gallagher and the 6th class children. They worked hard to make sure the day was a great success for all classes involved. Some future teachers in the making! We can't wait to visit Let's Go, Kilcullen on our School Tour on Friday 21st June!



We remain hopeful for sunnier days in the next few weeks and the possibility of an ice-cream party to celebrate the summer holidays! Fingers crossed! Happy Holidays everyone!

2nd Class News

In 2nd class, our last term has been quite a hectic one! We Communion in May. It was such a special day and we will remember it forever. We went on our school tour to Emerald



Park, we managed to avoid the bad rain and saw all of the amazing animals and went on all of the rides. We had our sports day also. The sun was shining and we



made our First Holy



completed obstacles courses, relay races and high jumps. We've also had swimming lessons the last few weeks. It has been a great finish to a great year and we are looking forward to starting 3rd class in September!

Curious Minds Award 2024

This year all classes and pupils worked incredibly hard on their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) activities. All the hard work paid off as the school was awarded a Gold Award from the Science Foundation Ireland. Great fun was had by everyone throughout the year but especially during Science Week, Maths Week, Space Week and Engineering Week. Scoil Bhríde is committed to enhancing STEM education among all children and we look forward to continuing this tradition again next year.



<https://www.kildarenow.com/news/home/1529860/12-primary-schools-in-kildare-recognised-for-participation-in-science-technology-engineering-and-maths.html>

3rd class newsletter.

We have had a very busy and enjoyable final term in 3rd class. We were lucky enough to have rugby with a coach from Leinster rugby. We had the opportunity to learn new skills in a fun and playful way. Some of the 3rd class children also went to KLeisure for their swimming lessons.



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DreamSpace

Well done to our DreamSpace Ambassadors who recently visited Microsoft to receive a Platinum Award demonstrating outstanding STEM and 21st Century Learning Skills.



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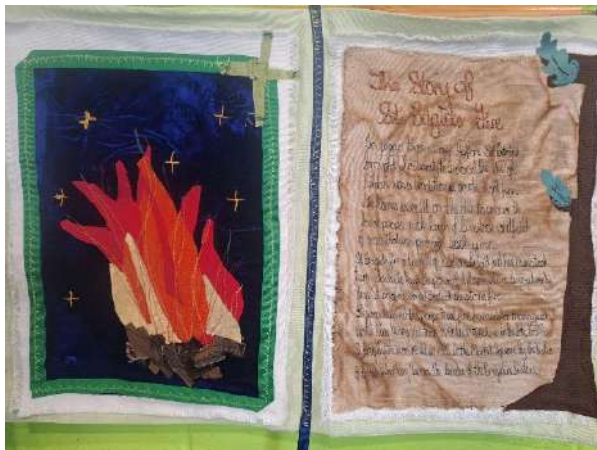
Well done to the Mini 7s team who retained the cup for the second year in a row. In the group stages they beat Clane, Naas and Kilcullen. On final days they beat Crookstown, Rathmore, Johnstownbridge and Broadford. A special mention to Ellen Bryan who has been selected to represent our school at halftime during the All Ireland Hurling Final in July.



Our u/12 team showed great promise this year winning all their group stage matches with conviction. They beat Ardclough and two Celbridge teams before being beaten in the semi-final by a strong Prosperous team.



Brigid 1500 Celebrations



To mark the 1500th year of St Brigid we held a number of events in early February, namely a visit from Mrs Sabina Higgins to celebrate our theme 'Inspirational Women'. We also welcomed Stephanie Roche, Nina Carberry, Lauren Crowley Walsh, Katie Walsh, Katie Nolan, Emer Lysaght, Audrey Moore, Emma Jane Leeson, Mary Orford and many parents and grandparents to help in storytelling, knitting and sewing. All classes completed group projects on Inspirational Women and senior classes had great fun creating a cloaks and learning how to make St



Brigid Crosses with the help of the Parish Ladies. Every member of our school community participated in making a human cross (see link below)

All celebrations ended with whole school prayer service by Fr Joe where the children joined in in song and blessings of the crosses. The front wall designed by Sadbh Doyle has been painted to commemorate St Brigid's 1500th year. Finally, Ms Christian's 5th Class were selected to work alongside an artist Aideen Cross to create a Textile Project based on St Brigid and our community. They created a school flag and a textile storybook (see link below). Their work is on show in the school before being exhibited in the Riverbank Theatre Newbridge in January 2025.



Human Cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8pdmkpUxE&t=11s>

Textile Project <https://www.youtube.com/@aideencross5539>



Ross and Niamh's classes

We had a very busy and enjoyable last term. Had our sports day, went on lots of nature walk, and celebrated lots of birthdays. One of the highlights of the whole year was performing in The Civic Theatre in Tallaght. Harrison's mum Ann from The Ann Malone School of Dance has been teaching the children dance routines since September and the



show was a great success and we are all so very very proud of the children.



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4th Class News

A highlight of the last term was definitely our fourth class trip to Clara Lara. We had a wonderful time and the weather was amazing! Ms Carr's Class were delighted to win the best line award and thoroughly enjoyed their ice-cream prize. All of the fourth classes completed excellent projects on European Countries, we really enjoyed getting a taste of Europe! We wish everyone a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.



Choir News

The school choir had a wonderful year of singing and performing. From a hugely successful concert in December to singing at communion and confirmation ceremonies, they have been highly dedicated and committed. They have given up their lunch times so willingly and with enthusiasm. Thanks so much to them all.

A very special thank you to our outgoing 6th class members. You have been so dedicated and you have worked so hard. We will miss you all. We are looking forward to hearing them sing for one last time at their graduation ceremony on the 26th of June.

We are proud of you all.

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



Green School's News

This year we have been very busy working on reducing our school's energy consumption and tackling litter, particularly around the bike rack area. A big thank you goes to Ms. Delmer's Junior Infant class for dedicating their weekends to cleaning our community through the Picker Pals Programme. We also appreciate everyone who participated in recycling bottle caps at school, helping us create a beautiful energy display for our Green-Schools Noticeboard. Special thanks to Xylem Water Solutions for educating our 4th-6th grade students on water quality and pH levels. Lastly, thank you to everyone who participated in our Shine Bright Without A Light Day. Remember our Green Code: "Turn Off The Light And Help Keep Our Future Bright!"

Scoil Bhríde Sports News

We have had an incredibly successful year in the Cumann na mBunscoil competition. Division One titles were achieved at under 11 and senior levels. Camogie retained their mini sevens title. Finals were reached by the under 10 boys, under 11 girls, senior girls football teams, under 12 hurlers and all our basketball teams. We even had a team compete and win a Leinster inter county blitz. Athletic teams also competed in a schools competition. None of this success is possible without the dedication and hard work of all the staff who took time to train teams throughout the year. I personally would like to thank Ms Wright, Ms Christian, Ms Purcell, Ms Stynes, Ms Kearney, Mr Kelly, Mr Carty and Mr Maguire. I would also like to thank the contribution of parents who helped train teams and in particular Lorraine Pamplin. Mr Kelleher is the main reason why we afford the children so many sporting fixtures and has encouraged this ethos since he arrived here in Kill. I thank sincerely also all the parents who have driven children to matches. Without the continued support of parents none of this would be possible. Thank You.

Mr Gallagher.

5th Class Newsletter

5th class have been busy this term. We were lucky to be able to take part in a 10-week engineering course with our local engineering BAM. Each class thoroughly enjoyed creating and designing different objects, for example birdboxes, ships and bridges. Watch this space for our future engineers...

Ms. Purcell's class have been busy learning all about the Great Famine. We created individual projects and constructed coffin ships from clay. We also have really enjoyed our hurling training with Kelly over the last few weeks.

Ms. Glendon's class put their baking skills to the test. We created our own Chocolate Biscuit Cake recipes in both English and Gaeilge. We put these recipes to good use and it all went down a treat 😊 This term we were lucky enough to receive Leinster rugby coaching, we really enjoyed this and learned lots of new drills.



Well done to everyone on a very successful year in 5th class. We hope you have a lovely summer



and a well earned break!

6th Class News

What a term and year we have had! We thoroughly enjoyed preparing for our confirmation and we all had a very special day on April 26th.

We were challenged by Bishop Nulty to leave our mark on our community so we decided to run our annual bake sale on May 3rd. It was such a success. We raised 3404 euro. We decided to donate 1700 euro to Barretstown and the rest to Focus Ireland, while also donating some of our own confirmation money to the funds. We had so much fun and will always remember it.

The 6th class choir had a great time singing at the 2nd class communion, and after, we were treated by the choir teachers to pizza and chips!

We helped organise the junior infants to fifth class sports day. Later in the week we had our very own sports day and we had a blast!

In April we went on an excursion to Dublin and visited The Natural History Museum, National Art Gallery, Trinity College and The Book Of Kells. On our trip we also went to a playground and sat down to eat lunch. Our teachers showed us the government buildings.

For our school tour we went to Bay Sports and had a phenomenal time! On the way we stopped off to have breakfast it was scrumdilyumptious! The teachers got in the water with us too. We all had a great time going on the climbing wall, inflatable slides and obstacle courses!

All through the year our teachers have been treating us, some of these consist of: Pizza and chips, breakfast in school, going to the park and the shop and taking us out for football and we would like to thank them for everything (not including the homework hahaahahaha)

5th and 6th class competed in the world cup this year. We had loads of different teams and we were all assigned a different country.

During the year we have completed many art projects including, posters for the bake sale, posters for our confirmation and many more. We also made an art project for Sabina Higgins when she kindly visited the school. And we celebrated Saint Brigid's 1500 anniversary aswell. For the celebrations of Saint Brigid all the classes in our school came together and formed a cross, which took many days to perfect. Ms Christian, one of the 5th class teachers, has been working on a big project for Saint Brigid outside of the school. Every class has painted a square on her cloak to leave their mark.

In February, we went on a confirmation retreat to Mount Saint Anne's we played different religious games and we all had a lot of fun! For lunch, we were given lovely tea and biscuits. It was a very relaxing get away.

This year the grandparents of the 6th class children came in to the school so we could show them all of the work we've been doing over the past year. We sang songs, had a religious ceremony and had some treats.

This year, Stephanie Roche, a famous Irish football player, visited our school. First, she started by telling us all about her journey in her career, and then after, we all played a massive game of football with her. We painted a life size poster of Stephanie Roche and did a small fact file on her.

On the day of graduation, we all got our shirts signed by all the other classes. As we were leaving at the end of the day we had the guard of honour, there were a few tears! After we went home we came back later in the day for graduation. We will miss this school! Thank you to all our teachers and everyone in Scoil Bhríde. It's been a blast!

This is Mr. Kelly's class when we went to all of the museums in Dublin.



This is Ms. Finnegan's class standing outside the Government building.



This is Ms. Moynihan's in the art museum listening to the tour guide telling them about the paintings.

This is the three 6th classes making their confirmation.





This is Mr. Kelly's class outside having a snow day.



This is 6th class working at the bake sale.



This is 6th class on Valentines Day giving the teachers a Valentines Day surprise.

We will miss all the memories we've made in this school and we're excited for what's ahead of us! 😊

PLEASE remember traffic protocols within school grounds. The "Car Park" is a "Drop off zone" - **Set Down for student Drop off and Collection** (on school plans) and not actually supposed to be a car park! Please drop off and go.

Please **Reverse in** and **Drive out** and please do not block other motorists. The Wheelchair accessible carparking spots are only for use by those who need closer access to the school and are directly affected. Please honour this internationally agreed protocol.



If you are driving please do not idle your car's engine 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 !!**

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 and "smart Watches" and similar 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.

Until the council change the traffic management outside the school, motorists are to turn left upon exiting the grounds. This helps the traffic management within the school grounds and makes for safer and less frustrated motorists..

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 Thursday 29th August 2024