



# Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

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**“School work is important but it is life that matters “**  
Minister of Education Joe Mc Hugh (May 2020)

## **Nóta ón Príomhoide/Note from Principal**

A thuisti

Tá súil agam go raibh deireadh seachtaine álainn agaibh go léir. We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe weekend. It is hard to believe that we are in our last month of school. A month which we hope everyone will continue availing of distance learning despite the beautiful weather. It might be an idea to block time to cover work in Google Classroom and still allow for plenty of fun times. We understand the new reality turned you into digital platform teachers and all your other duties as parents, meal makers and house organiser and a hundred other things still exist. It's hard but you are doing great. Your children are doing great so hang in there.

Tabhar aire, mind yourselves and stay safe.  
Le meas, Máire

## **Nóta ón Fhoireann/Note from all the teachers** **Please read aloud to your child.**

A pháistí,

This is a message from me, Múinteoir Máire and all the teachers in Scoil Bhríde. We are so proud of you all. You are all working so hard on Google Classroom and your work is fantastic. We know it is very strange not to be in school and to be away from your friends but we must all do our best until we are back together in school.

It is really important to keep reading even a little everyday. You are all really wonderful readers and getting better and better all the time. So please keep reading. Next week your teacher will teach you about water safety. It is so important to be careful in pools and in the sea. They will also teach you about farm safety, this is very important too. I know you will listen and learn so much.

It is also really important to help your Mum/Dad out around the house. They really love it when your room is tidy, all of your toys are all tidy and ready for the next day. It is important to give them a big hug because they love your lovely hugs. Every day they are doing everything to make sure you are happy. Keep working and keep smiling, you are doing a great job, we always knew it, you are the best páistí in Galway,  
Maith Sibh!

## Cruinnithe Ranga/Class Meets

Our class meets have proven to be a brilliant success. Well over 150 children join us every week and I must say it's fun all round. The children are so polite and abide by the rules at all times. As children do, they have taken to it all so easily and for this we are so proud of them.

It is important to submit work and this way teachers can offer feedback and encouragement to your child. The MEET gives children the opportunity to say hello to each other and wave, sing happy birthday and share their news. If you are yet to take part, then consider it for the month of June, there are four weeks left and the teachers have some lovely things planned. Drop us an email at [gsuite@scoilbhride1862.ie](mailto:gsuite@scoilbhride1862.ie) and we will lend a hand.

Each year Rang 6 and get a chance to address the younger classes at our assembly and we all say our goodbyes. We would like running machine and the younger classes to have the same opportunity this year. We can achieve this by recording the goodbyes and words of wisdom from each class and class teacher on a class meet. It will be used then NH as part of the virtual graduation and on our website/facebook.

## Cabhair ón Scoil/Help is Available

Tá an scoil ag cur glaochanna oraibh na laethanta seo. The school has been reaching out and phoning families offering support. As we are not getting to see you on a daily basis it is harder to ensure you/child are doing ok. The online distance learning is a whole new scene to us all but we are doing great. If you need a device/tablet or if you think your child would benefit from a chat with myself or their teacher, just let us know. The calls to you and your child will be made on a private number and a set time will be arranged. This can be done daily, weekly pending your child's needs. It is a very strange time for them. We would like them to know we are still here and a chat could go a long way.

## Sábháilteacht Samhradh/Summer Safety

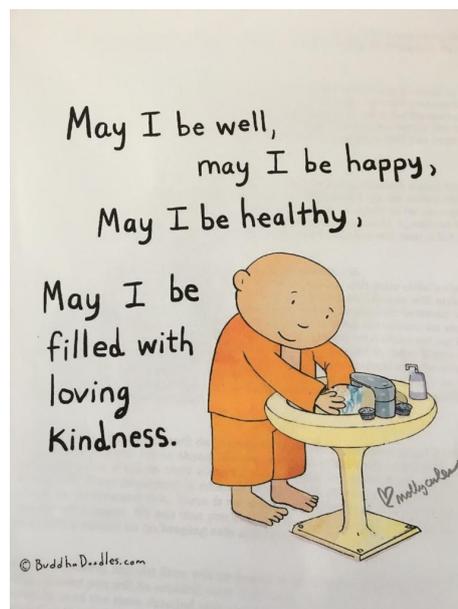
Each year the PAWs programme/Farm Safety and the 5 S's of Sun Safety: Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide! is taught in our school in the final term of the year. The teachers will cover these topics between now and the end of the school year. However, as the sun shines and more families are travelling to beaches we ask that parents refresh and visit the websites [www.paws.ie](http://www.paws.ie), <https://irishskin.ie/being-sunsmart-at-a-glance/> and <http://www.agrikids.ie/learn-more.php> to ensure we are all safe and aware when engaging in the beauty of the ocean and the ever popular garden pools, in the wonderful nature around us which may be on farm land. Also ensuring that we are sun smart as we do these things. Your child's class teacher will direct you to age appropriate lessons over the coming weeks.

## Cruinniú na nÓg

*Lá álainn le gcruiñniu na nÓg ar an 13ú Meitheamh.*

Cruinniú na nÓg has beautiful events lined up on line for children on the 13th of June. Check out their website/one to watch

<https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/>



## Ardteistaméireacht/Leaving Cert Pupils

Mar is eol don tír ní bheidh an scrúdu ag tarlú i mbliana. It was announced some weeks ago that over 61,000 leaving cert students would not have the opportunity to sit their leaving cert exam. The minister of Education Mr Joe McHugh informed the nation that all children needed to be treated equally and all children deserved the resources allocated to them in order to prepare for the exams. He stated that these were exceptional times and that all leaving cert students were not in a position to avail of the same resources and opportunities that they deserved before their exams. He noted that students were not on an equal footing heading into the exams and which, as a result, was causing extreme stress.

He explained that the **physical and mental health of the children** was most important during this global emergency and that there were no perfect solutions. The Department's working group took all the findings into account and the exams were cancelled. This was a difficult decision and heartbreaking for students who have studied hard over the years preparing for their biggest exam. Hopefully when all this has passed, and it will pass, that today's students will, as adults, remember the words of their Minister of Education and understand the Department's wisdom - **school work is important but it is life that matters**. Our thoughts are with our past pupils and all the students nationwide. We trust everything will work out for you all and that you will find yourselves where you should be and happy come the Autumn.

## Meán Fómhair/September 2020

There is plenty of speculation about what might or might not happen in September. We will wait until we have official guidance before informing parents of what arrangement will be in place. Once we are given an indication as to when we can return, a start date will be shared with the school community. We are like yourselves listening and watching the news reports and hoping for positive news.

## Leabhar ar Cíos/Book Rental

Thosaigh bailiú na leabhar le cúpla lá. Má tá aon leabhar eile agat sa bhaile bí cinnte rá linn le do thoil. In order to stay a step ahead of the Covid :19 situation we began the return of rental books last Saturday and Monday. We would like the book rental to be up and running for all classes for September as per previous years. If you are yet to return books please inform us by the end of the week. Thank you to everyone who dropped by to leave books with us and said their hellos at a social distance.

## Trócaire

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