



# Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

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**“Summer is not lost, this can be a summer of hope!”**

Leo Varadkar, Taoiseach, 2020

## Nóta ón Príomhoide/Note from Principal

Athuistí

*Táimid ag teacht chuig an cúpla seachtaine deirneach den scoil bhliain.*

We are now approaching the last few weeks of schooling. As we all monitor the changing situation nationwide, we must continue to mind each other. It's important to pace ourselves as we travel a little further a field as permitted of late. We again ask parents and children to keep the chin up and continue with the distance learning. It all makes a difference and both parents and children are doing a great job. *Lean oraibh.* Keep it up.

## Teachtaireacht do Rang 6/A Message for Rang 6

Our current Rang 6 began their Primary education at a unique time in the history of the school. A new school, a new Príomhoide and lots of new adventures. Together we witnessed many “firsts”. Our theory was and still is “if it's something that is good for the children then let's try it” Many of these are now the norm for the infant children that join us each September.

They took to school like it was their second home and to Gaeilge like it was their given right, the language of their forefathers.

They were the first infants to perform the nativity play through the medium of Irish, setting an example for all infant classes that followed. They were Hollywood stars gathered on an old stage in an empty Áras hall, as their parents watched on in amazement.

As the years rolled on they experienced Ceol le Chéile, The Self-Project, drumming workshops, Science and sports trips and matches go leor, Food Dudes, Playworks, active weeks, Quizzes, Book fairs, gardening, Streetsmart, Tg4 visits and visits from numerous celebrities and sporting stars, the list goes on. They lived out their days in joint classrooms in the old school, portacabin classrooms in temporary accommodation, library classrooms, multigrade classrooms settings and all the adventures continued like clockwork, delivered each year in style, in our very short, jam packed academic school year.

Scoil Bhríde is all about giving our children ample opportunity to experience and receive a taste of as much as possible during their 8 short years with us. Never knowing what we may tap into and where it may lead a child. The world is their oyster. Many thanks to all the teachers who made these experiences possible for the children year after year. Always willing to put in the extra time, always willing to give it their all. Always appreciated by their Príomhoide. Maith sibh ar fad.

Rang 6 were one of the few lucky classes in the city who had the opportunity to celebrate their confirmation and receive the Holy Spirit before a lockdown took hold of the country in March this year. A ceremony celebrated along with the music and sweet singing of our younger classes, as our sixth class themselves had taken part in in previous years. They are the only class to date to create and design their very own mural in Scoil Bhríde. A mural that has looked amazing this Spring with chives and wild flowers growing near by, the seeds of many gardening adventures.

They are the very first Rang 6 to venture from Scoil Bhríde into distance learning on a digital platform, a platform put in place without haste so their education could continue during Covid-19, as the closure of schools nationwide was announced by the Government. A platform available daily for school work and also for class meets online with their teacher and each other and which was available weekly during lockdown. Again an example of the dedicated work delivered by our teaching staff. The experience gained from their time with distance learning will stand to them all as secondary schools prepare for the probability of blended learning in September.

We hope that whatever corner of the world or career they choose that the importance of happiness and health be at the forefront of their minds. May they apply skills taught to them in our Friends for Life Programme and may they apply the practice of paying attention to oneself and others, tolerance of differences and the capacity of each member and of their communities in order to grow as a human being and learner as taught to them in their MINDUP classes over the years.

May our páistí take with them a grá for their native tongue, music, literature, sport and most of all the value of honesty and respect for all of humanity and the natural world.

May they understand that they are loved and cherished by their guardians, parents, family, friends and teachers. We hope that they remember that it is ok, not to be ok, and to reach out for help in the knowledge that help is always at arms reach and that our doors are always open for a chat and a catch up.

May they understand that it is their responsibility to stay out of harm's way out of respect for those who have brought them to this point in their young lives and may they be protected by the Holy Spirit at all times throughout their life journey.

Le meas  
Máire De Brún.  
Príomhoide.



# Slán le Rang a 6 / Online Graduation

Táimid chun a bheith le chéile, páistí & teaghlach Rang a 6 agus an fhoireann scoile le haghaidh slán a rá le Rang 6 an Aoine seo ag a 14:00 ar Google Meet.

We have planned a very special graduation ceremony on Google Meet for Rang 6 this Friday the 12th at 2pm. Due to the latest Government guidelines it is not possible to invite the school community into the school or school grounds as gatherings of 15 people are prohibited, even when social distance measures are in place. It is incumbent on us to show a good example and abide by our Government's safety guidelines.

***Personal Behaviour is our safety net, Simon Harris, June 2020.***

We look forward to our graduation ceremony. It will consist of a message to our front liners, a trip down memory lane, presentation of the school medals, goodbyes from the school community. An additional once off beautiful illustrated book will be published next week written by Rang 6, filled with memories and writings of their time in Scoil Bhríde. The ceremony will fittingly begin and conclude with a blessing from their beloved Parish Priest Canon Reilly.

## The Man in the Glass

*by Peter Dale Wimbrow Sr.*

When you get what you want in your struggle for self  
and the world makes you king for a day  
Just go to the mirror and look at yourself  
and see what that man has to say

For it isn't your father or mother or wife  
who judgment upon you must pass  
The fellow whose verdict counts the most in your life  
is the one staring back from the glass

Some people may think you a straight-shooting chum  
and call you a wonderful guy  
But the guy in the glass says you're only a bum  
if you can't look him straight in the eye

He's the fellow to please never mind all the rest  
for he's with you clear up to the end  
And you've passed your most dangerous difficult test  
if the man in the glass is your friend

You may fool the whole world down the pathway  
of life and get pats on the back as pass  
But your final reward will be heartaches and  
tears if you've cheated the man in the glass

