



Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

Uimhir 20 Aibreán 2021/ April 2021

www.scoilbhríde1862.ie FB: Scoil Bhríde Mionloch Menlo
Twitter: @ScoilbhrídeMen1

Nóta ón bPríomhoide

A thuistí,

We are all delighted to be back home in our school in Menlo. We owe a huge thanks to the Department of Education throughout this period who were supportive every step of the way. As we bid a fond farewell to The Weigh Room and The Killanin Stand we are grateful to the team at The Galway Races who welcomed us and looked after us so well during our time there. We have such wonderful memories of the amazing views, the frequent walks around the track, playing by the parade ring, having so much space to spread out in our 'classrooms' and feeling very lucky to have a very COVID safe space to learn in during the pandemic.

Our school looks absolutely amazing now with some new colour schemes in the classes, beautiful new floors, cupboards and noticeboards, and we are eagerly awaiting delivery of brand new, state of the art, classroom smart boards. Windows were cleaned, the yard was power washed and our páistí, together with Múinteoir Deirdre and Múinteoir Máirtín have already put their green fingers to work doing some early planting and re-invigorating our raised beds which are now ready for a productive season. There is a wonderful atmosphere around the school and this lovely weather is definitely helping.

COVID is still a threat to our health and our children's access to in-person education, with many classes throughout the country having returned to online learning due to cases in their class. Due to not having a different entrance for each class we have reverted to our staggered timetable and we appreciate your understanding and patience with the system. Please continue to adhere to public health guidelines at all times, and in particular, avoid lingering to chat at drop-off/pick-up time. If a case of COVID finds its way into Scoil Bhríde, we are doing everything possible within the school to ensure the least opportunity for transmission - we need you, the parents, to take similar precautions outside the school gate.

Please note important information below about parent teacher meetings next week as well as a note about the first four days of the summer holidays and our 'Bolgán Spraoi/Play Bubble'.



Le meas
Máire

Dataí le teacht/ Upcoming Dates

Lá Saoire Banc/May Bank Holiday

School closed Mon &
Tues 3/5 & 4/5/2021

Seachtain Ghniomhach/Active school week

3rd - 7th May

Grianstad an tsamhraidh/Summer Solstice

21/06/2021

Laethanta Saoire/Summer Holi- days

29/06/2021 Leath lá/Half
Day

Bolgán Spraoi/Play Bubble

30/06-3/07/21 9am-2pm



Cruinnithe Tuistí/Parent Teacher Meetings

We will hold Parent Teacher Meetings next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will take place on Google Meet in your child's Google Classroom/Meet link. We will email a class list with times to each family over the coming days. Each face to face meeting will last 10 minutes. It might be helpful for you to prepare any questions that you have in advance to ensure the best use of time. If, as the ten minute slot is almost finished, you have more that you would like to discuss, please mention this to the teacher and another Meet will be scheduled. If for any reason you are unable to attend your allocated time, please get in touch with Susan (091 762323 or runai@scoilbhride1862.ie) to let her know and an alternative time will be issued to you for the following week. When you click to enter your child's google classroom you will see who is already in the meeting. If there is another person there with the teacher please wait until you see that it is just your child's teacher in the meeting and then join. Any technical issues can be emailed to gsuite@scoilbhride1862.ie which will be monitored on those days.

Afterschool/ 1.30-2.30pm

We are continuing to provide an afterschool service to cater for infant children who finish at 1.30/1.40 until 2.30/2.40. There is a €5 fee per day, or €20 for a full week. If you would like to avail of this for your Nai.Bheaga or Nai.Mhóra child please call Susan to let her know.

We expect to resume a full afterschool service up until 5.30pm at the beginning of the next school year. We continue to monitor the situation and if we can resume it sooner than that, we will send out an expression of interest form to you.

Bolgán Spraioi/Play Bubble June 30th to July 3rd

As mentioned previously, Scoil Bhride will offer an onsite, fun filled four days of activities at the start of the summer holidays. We are looking forward to providing extra time for the children to be with their friends in a fun and relaxed environment, and we are hoping that this will go a small way towards giving them back some fun time lost during recent lockdowns. From June 30th to July 3rd, the children can come to school from 9am until 2pm for a day with their friends. Múinteoirí Cian, Máirtín and Áine are busy planning a full schedule of activities, to include sports, games, picnics and walks. There will be a fee of €50 for the four days and it will be payable on booking. If there is any reason that this week should need to be cancelled, your fee will be refunded promptly in full. We will ask that the children bring two lunches, adequate water, sunscreen etc - and at least one change of clothes. We fully expect them to get wet and dirty and have the most fun doing so. Helen, from Stretch-n-Grow has offered to give classes to attending children in the school that week so that they can see if it's something they would like to participate in when we will hopefully return to a much more normal school life in September.

Places are available to all ages, from Naí.Bheaga all the way up to our graduating Rang a 6. However, in order to offer such a diverse programme, and make it amazing for them, we need to take the bookings early, and possibly limit the places available. We will be adhering to COVID protocols, and, as much as possible activities will be outdoors, if the weather is not in our favour we will operate indoor bubbles and very strict protocols in respect of hand hygiene, ventilation and record keeping. Above all else, we want the children to have an amazing and memorable time with their friends, they deserve it at the end of another strange school year, and as one of the few organisations allowed/equipped to have them together indoors/outdoors Scoil Bhride is lucky to be able to offer it to them. We will monitor the COVID/Public Health situation very carefully and adjust our planning accordingly. See the flyer and booking form below. You can print and return it to your child's teacher together with €50 in an envelope with their name clearly marked. If you don't have printing facilities, please ask your child to collect a form from their teacher on Monday.

Standardised Tests

We are required to administer standardised tests once again this year. They will be taking place during the month of May. The results will be reported to you on the end of year report and you will have an opportunity to discuss this with your child's teacher before the holidays if you wish.

Communion/Confirmation Ceremonies

Decisions have not been made in respect of these ceremonies. We will inform you as soon as we hear anything.

School Tours/Sports Day - Lá Spraoi

We are awaiting guidelines on the question of school tours. We will make every effort to ensure the children have a day out with their class, as well as a fun day of sports and games at school, as we do most years. When we have further guidelines we will make plans and let you know.

Ceisteanna/Questions

[Click here](#)



Bolgán Spraoi Scoil Bhride Menlo

Play Bubble/Social Meet Up

**Spraoi
agus
Spórt**



**Social catch
up with
friends**

Dátaí/Dates: 30ú Meitheamh – 3ú Iúil 2021

Wednesday 30th June to Saturday 3rd July 2021

Am/Time: 9.00am - 2.00pm

Fáilte roimh leanaí idir bhuachaillí agus cailíní

We welcome boys and girls

Co-Ordinator: Múinteoir Cian, Máirtín agus Áine

Plus daily activity classes with Helen from Sketch and Grow

Costas/Price: €50

**Walks and
connecting
with nature**



**Picnics go
leor**



Bolgán Spraoi Scoil Bhríde Menlo
Play Bubbles at Scoil Bhríde
Foirm Iarratais/ Registration Form

Ainm/Name: _____ **Rang/Class:** _____

Ainm/Name: _____ **Rang/Class:** _____

Ainm/Name: _____ **Rang/Class:** _____

Ainm/Name: _____ **Rang/Class:** _____

Fón póca tuismitheora/parents phone number: _____

Fón póca tuismitheora/parents phone number: _____

An bhfuil aon ailléirge, ceist sláinte ag do pháiste ar chóir a chur in iúl roimhré?

Does your child have any allergies or health issues that we should be aware of? _____

Beir leat na nithe seo a leanas go dtí an Bolgán Spraoi/ Bring the following to the Play Bubble

- 1. Lón agus deochfaoi dhó/two lunches and drinks**
- 2. Éadaí in oiriúint don gcluichi agus don aimsir/Weather appropriate clothes/runners/sun hat/ rain coat**

Please return this form to your child's class teacher together with €50 to secure their place

Síniú an Tuismitheora/Parents Signature: _____

