



Nuacht Scoil Bhríde

Uimhir 1 Lúnasa/August 2021

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Nóta ón bhFoireann

A thuismitheoirí,

Táimid go léir socraithe go han-mhaith sa scoilbhliain nua agus tá go leor foghlam agus spraoi ar siúl. Táimid ag tnúth le Oíche Shamhna a cheiliúradh le chéile an tseachtain seo chugainn roimh an mbriseadh meántearma. Beidh ár gcomórtas pumpkin bliantúil againn chomh maith le siúlóid bhreá timpeall an tsráidbhaile Dé hAoine 22 Deireadh Fómhair.

We have all settled into the new school year very well and there is a lot of fabulous learning and fun all around. We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween together next week before the mid-term. We will have our annual pumpkin competition as well as a spooky walk around the village on Friday October 22nd. 

We are excited to give families the opportunity to try out TheLunch-Bag.ie with a launch day this Wednesday, where each child will receive a sample lunch bag going home, together with information about the service. There will be no obligation on any family to use the service and we have heard great feedback from families in other schools that are using the service. Please check it out at www.thelunchbag.ie.



For the time being we are awaiting guidance from the Department of Education on when we can return to our normal school timetable, we will make this change as soon as it is possible as we understand the staggered times are inconvenient, especially for family that have two different start/finish times.



We are looking forward to welcoming Helen from Stretch 'N Grow back after the mid-term, and also Krishna who will be offering keyboard lessons. Further information will follow. 

Please continue to take a cautious approach and do not send children to school if they are in any way unwell, but especially if they have a cough, sore throat, high temperature, headache, diarrhoea or an upset tummy.

Le meas,
Múinteoir Siobhán agus Foireann Scoil Bhríde

Dataí le teacht/ Upcoming Dates

Saoire na Samhna / Midterm Break

25/10/2021 -
29/10/2021

Leathlá trae-náil / Half-Day Teacher Training *

24/11/2021

Briseadh Lár Tearma / Mid-Term Break

21/2/2022—
25/2/2022

Saoire na Cáisce / Easter Holidays

8/4/2022—
25/4/2022

Scoil dúnta / Summer Holiday

28/6/2022

***Please note, half day 24/11/21 for teacher training, infants home at 12, other classes at 12.30**

Notáí Ginearalta / General Notes

Cumarsáid leis an scoil / Communication with the School

Visitors to the school are strictly by appointment only. Please remain outside the school gate and call the office on 091 762323 if you need to reach us. All of the school children have a Google Workspace account and you can send a private message to your child's class teacher via that account. If you'd like to arrange to speak to your class teacher please send them a message on Google Classroom or call Susan on the above number and she'll either ask the teacher to give you a call or set up an online face-to-face meeting. Please let her know if it's urgent or not and a rough idea what it is you'd like to discuss.

Cruinnithe Tuistí / Parent Teacher Meetings

We will hold parent-teacher meetings online next week on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st. Meetings will be in your child's google classroom, as last year. Please do not enter the meeting if you see another parent is already in there, instead wait until you see that it's just the teacher. The timeslots will each be ten minutes. As the end of your slot approaches if you feel there is more you would like to discuss, please mention this to the teacher and they will arrange to meet you again after mid-term or to give you a call. You will receive an email this Wednesday with assigned timeslots. We understand that the time assigned may not suit. If the time assigned does not suit, we ask you to email Susan at runai@scoilbhride1862.ie. She will notify the teachers that you can't attend and Susan will be in touch with you after the mid-term to schedule another time. Please don't ask to swap times for next week. Teachers will have posted some general class information on the classroom stream before the meetings, please have a look through this as it may help answer some general questions.

Before and Afterschool Service

Before and Afterschool Services are available in school, covering from 7.50am up until 5.30pm. There is a charge of €5 per child per morning, or €20 for the full week. The afternoon charges are as follows:

- 1.30-2.30pm €5
- 2.30-4.30pm €8
- 2.30-5.30pm €10
- 1.30-5.30pm €12

If the times you need to use the service are not listed here you can send us a message and we'll work it out with you. Currently, the school teachers are supervising the morning hour on a rotation basis and we have Caitlín Ní Fhlaherta, our Irish language assistant, looking after the afternoon session. Please call Susan if you'd like your child to begin using these services.

Bosca na mBróg / Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Tá na boscaí seo á bhailiú againn aríst i mbliana. Toisc go bhfuil turas fada ag na mboscaí, beidh siad bailithe againn roimh an bhriseadh lár téarma. Due to logistics, we ask that the shoeboxes be dropped into school before the Halloween mid-term break. Many thanks for all your support.

Please visit <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/how-to-fill-a-shoebox/> for more info/ideas.



Nótáí Ginearálta / General Notes

Go raibh maith agaibh / Thank you

Thank you very much to Laura, Inese and Angela for covering lots of the lovely new books the school bought this summer!



Coiste na dTuistí Cairde Scoil Bhríde / Parent's Association

We will be holding a Parent's Association AGM after the mid-term break. All parents of Scoil Bhríde pupils are considered members of the Parents Association and at the AGM some parents are nominated/appointed to hold positions on the PA Committee. Scoil Bhríde is fortunate to have strengthened relationships with many parents due to the online learning situation that you and your children were all thrown into, it was a very difficult time for everyone and we look forward now to resuming an active parents association to help build an even more effective partnership. Quentin Gargan, the current chairperson of Cairde Scoil Bhríde will notify you through the school of a date/time for the online AGM after the Halloween Break.

Comhghairdeas Mór Libh Go Léir / Congratulations All Around



The warmest of congratulations to our past pupils who finally got to celebrate their **Confirmation** last Saturday October 9th in Castlegar Church, it was so lovely to see you all and we wish you continued success in your new schools. Congratulations also to this year's R3 who very patiently waited until Sunday October 10th this year to celebrate their **First Holy Communion**. Congratulations also to **Emily Maloney**, R4, who finished the School's Cross Country County Final in **First Place**, what a great achievement! Well done also to all of the boys and girls who raced both last week and some again this week in Renmore. Thanks to your parents for bringing you and to M.Sarah for being with you also.



