

Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde



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A Thuismitheoirí,

Briseadh Lár Téarma / Mid-term break

Beidh Scoil Bhríde dúnta Déardaoin 15^ú agus Aoine 16^ú seo chugainn i gcóir saoire lár-téarma. Beidh muid ar oscailt arís Dé Luain 19^ú. Scoil Bhríde will be closed on **Thursday 15th - Friday 16th** for mid-term break, and will reopen on Monday the 19th February.

Athnuachan Ghrinnfhiosrúcháin / Renewal of Garda Vetting

In order to take part in school activities parents need to be Garda Vetted. If you are already Garda Vetted it is important to check when your vetting needs to be renewed. Garda Vetting needs to be renewed every three years. www.vetting.garda.ie

Cóineartú / Confirmation

Déardaoin 1ú Márta i Séipéal An Chaisleáin Ghearr. On Thursday 1st of March 11.00am Castlegar Church.

An Chéad Chomnoineach / First Holy Communion

Dé Sathairn 21ú Aibreáin i Séipéal An Chaisleáin Ghearr / On Saturday 21st April 11.00am Castlegar Church.

A standard checklist is normally sent home by the class teacher as we approach the big day. This is prepared along with some other extra information. This will be available in school bags next week.

Clárú do Mheán Fómhair 2018 / Registering for September 2018

Tá Scoil Bhríde ag glacadh le clárúcháin daltaí do Mheán Fómhair 2018 anois. Ní mór duit eolas faoi dhaltá nua i do chlann a thabhairt dúinn roimh an mbriseadh lár téarma.

Scoil Bhríde is now taking enrolments for September 2018. We would be very grateful if you inform the school by this Wednesday (tomorrow) if you are enrolling you child for September 2018. We also ask parents who have children in the school already who do not intend to enrol a younger sibling for Naíonáin Bheaga in September to let us know of this by Wednesday. Before the end of this month we will present our numbers for September 2018 to the Department Of Education. As such, we want these to be as accurate as possible. We will requesting the allocation of another teacher to add to our growing staff and the information regarding enrollment numbers for the coming academic year is needed before the mid-term break.

Airgead le n-íoc / Money Owed

Tabhair isteach, le bhur dtoil, táillí atá le n-íoc do Shnámh, Ealaín, Mhandairínis, *Cairde Go Deo* nó do thaisteal ar an mbus scoile san oifig; nó i mbosca poist na scoile. Monies owed for swimming

lessons, art and craft, Mandarin (Chinese), *Friends For Life* books and recent bus journeys can be left into the front office or the school post box (on the left hand side of the main school door). Míle buíochas daoibh ar fad.

Glanadh na Scoile / Cleaning of school

The biggest challenge with having a new school is keeping it looking like a new school. Over the weekend Scoil Bhríde received a 'Deep Clean', our school looks amazing and we plan to keep it looking like this. Over last few weeks we have avoided mopping floors as we prepared for the next step. We plan to treat the floors over the mid-term break, i.e. seal them. This is a big job but will make an enormous difference to their appearance. Wednesday afternoon we plan to remove all furniture from the classrooms and the work will start that evening. On Sunday evening the furniture will be returned to the classrooms.

Scéal Iontach ag Múinteoir Deirdre

Comhghairdeachas mór le Múinteoir Deirdre agus Alan ar an leanbh nua, Iarfhlaithe. Congratulation to them ón their new baby, Iarfhaith. Fáilte Iarfhaith beag!

Liathróid Láimhe/ Handball

Comhairdeas mór do pháistí Scoil Bhríde a ghlac páirt sa chomórtas liathróid láimhe Oilimpeach faoi 12. Foirne measctha a bhí ann, agus d'éirigh leis an dá fhoireann dul chomh fada leis an gluiche ceannais, in aghaidh a chéile! Bhí an fhoireann 'B' 3-0 thíos ag pointe amháin ach tháinig siad ar ais le trí chúl agus chríochnaigh an cluiche ar chomhscór. Chuaigh an cluiche ar aghaidh go 'Cúl Órga' ach bhí an bua ag an bhfoireann 'A' sa deireadh. Mar sin, beidh an fhoireann 'A' ag imirt i gcraobh na gcondae i gCnoc Na Cathrach ar an 21ú Feabhra. A big congratulations to the boys and girls of Scoil Bhríde who competed in the Mixed under 12 Olympic handball competition. Scoil Bhríde had an 'A' and a 'B' team competing in the tournament and both teams made it to the final, to compete against each other! The 'B' team found themselves 3-0 down but rallied late and with the last play of the game they managed to equalise leaving the score 3-3! The game went to 'Golden Goal' but the 'A' team managed to find their composure and win. The 'A' team will now go on to compete in the County Finals in Knocknacarra on the 21st of February.

Baboró

Ar an 2ú de mhí Feabhra d'fhreastal na Naíonáin Mhóra ar sheó darb ainm *Under the Rainbow*. Bhí sé thar barr. Ba mhaith le Múinteoir Orla agus na Naíonáin Mhóra buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le Fabienne Hardy and Laurent Clarion as ucht íoc as an seó. On Friday 2nd of February Naíonáin Mhóra attended a show called *Under the Rainbow* in Nun's Island Theatre as part of the Wide Eyes festival. Múinteoir Orla and Naíonáin Mhóra really enjoyed the show and we would like to say a big thank you to Fabienne Hardy and Laurent Clarion who covered the cost.

Campa na Cásca / Easter Camp

An Easter Camp will take place in the Áras the first week of Laethanta Saoire na Cásca. Múinteoir Donncha will be managing the camp. As Scoil Bhríde is the main user of the Áras facility all registration fees will go towards the running of the building. We ask if you are considering sending your child to a camp over those holidays that you think of supporting your own. More details to follow after the mid-term break.

Trácht / Traffic

A number of unpleasant incidents have taken place during pick-up times and drop off times. It is important that parents/child minders/relations and friends follow the guidelines received during the school year. We ask that the above refrain from parking in the 'pull-in zone'; this

needs to be free at all times. Also, it is in the best interest of everyone's safety that the staff car park be avoided at all times. Our disabled car space needs to be treated with the same respect as it would be in any other location; display of an official permit is required for use. All spaces are needed by school staff, and reversing and double parking is causing much upset. The management of Scoil Bhríde ask that parents park below near the 'T' junction.

Muicín Taisce / Piggybank

Tá muicíní taisce tosaithe ag na múinteoirí agus páistí i Scoil Bhríde, an cuspóir atá le seo ná má bhíonn sóinseáil bheag ag na páistí sa mbaile é a chur sa mhucín taisce agus rachaidh an t-airgead sin chuig an turas scoile a bhíonn acu, nó aon ócáid eile a bhíonn eagraithe acu/againn ar scoil dóibh. Various classrooms have begun a Piggy bank, any loose change that the children have at home can be saved in the school's Piggy Bank if they wish. The objective of the Piggy Bank is to encourage the children to save towards their school tour and or any other events/ trips that may take place from now until June. If you wish to help out on a school tour it is important that you ask in the office for the Garda Vetting form. Only parents who have been Garda vetted can travel/take part.

Leithris na Scoile / School Toilets

It has come to the attention of school management that parents making use of the children's toilets inside the main door has become a regular occurrence. Children using their toilets should not bump into a parent while in this space. These toilets were planned/ located opposite the main school door in order to be convenient for our pupils. They are not public toilets to be used by adults. If you need to be avail of the use of a toilet when picking-up your child please inform the front desk and this can be arranged. The safety of your child is our priority.

Míoltaí Gruaige/ Head Lice

Iarrann muid ar 'chuile theaghlach aire a thabhairt do ghruaig a bpáistí ó thaobh míolta gruaige de. Change in season is common for head lice in schools. Even when there is not a problem with head lice it is good practice to check your child's hair every day/every second day. When you are aware your child has head lice please let the class teacher know. In the meantime we would be grateful if every parent would examine their child's hair during the week. **Tea tree oil** is said to be a method to discourage head lice. Take 10-15 drops of tea tree oil and pour into two cups of water to create a liquid for use as a spray. Use tea tree shampoo when washing hair. Spray onto hair as often as is needed.

Éadaí don Aimsir Seo / Clothing for Cold Weather

Since we returned after Christmas we can all agree that our seasons have been a little mixed up to say the least. We ask that children avail of their hats and scarves each day until our spring really stands i.e. - without snow!

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday and all is well.

Is mise le meas,

Máire De Brún, Príomhoide