



# SCOIL BHRÍDE NEWS

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## Santa Visits Scoil Bhríde!



Scoil Bhríde wish to thank Mr. Santa Claus who took time out of his hectic schedule to visit us. Despite being extremely busy nursing Mrs. Clause with her viral cold and preparing for his Christmas deliveries, Santa arrived for a quick stop off at Scoil Bhríde on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December in his fancy vintage car! The boys and girls were thrilled when our special guest visited each of our classrooms to say "Hello-HO! HO! HO!" Huge thanks to the parent's council, this was a welcome treat for everyone and certainly raised our festive spirits!



## Principal's End of Year Address

Dear Parents,

We are now at the end of our first term at Scoil Bhríde. It has been a very special term as we returned to school as normal following all the Covid restrictions that were required over the previous two years. It has been wonderful to see our pupils mix again on yard, in class and at events such as GAA matches and concert/play practice sessions. This term had Music Generation classes, Accelerated Reader, a new student council, Halloweek, Pyjama Day, a welcome return to GAA matches, an in person visit by Santa and the very special class Christmas performances along with so much more. The first term is a significant one for our Junior Infants and new pupils up through the school along with their parents as they join our busy school community.

The weeks before Christmas are very appropriately marked by the advent wreath candles. The candles symbolise hope, love, joy, and peace. At this special time of year, it is important that we take the time to reflect on all our blessings. I myself am thankful to be Principal of this wonderful school community. I really enjoyed watching the ten incredible performances we had over the past week. I am especially grateful to see school life return to normal after what was a very challenging two years. I am always grateful for our smiling and enthusiastic pupils who brighten up every day. The staff at Scoil Bhríde are dedicated, hardworking and supporting of me in my role as Principal. Our wonderful Parent Council organised the fabulous reception at our school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the visit of Santa, the Christmas cards as well as funding Cycle Workshops, Transition to second level talks, Music Generation and the virtual panto. Our Board of Management are tireless in their efforts to manage the school.

I hope you all enjoy the festive season spending time with your loved ones. Thank you to every pupil, parent and staff member for your valued support. It is important to remember those for whom for many reasons Christmas is a challenging and difficult time of year.

I wish you and your families a restful, festive period and a New Year filled with hope, peace and joy. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

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Julie Dowd



# Christmas Performances

With no Christmas performance taking place for several years due to safety concerns Christmas celebrations throughout the school were top priority. Each class and their teachers prepared a Christmas performance which was a wonderful and welcome return to Christmas Celebrations in our school for 2022! Parents/Guardians arrived eagerly to see their loved ones on stage. Each class were so proud of their performances.



# Halloweek 2022

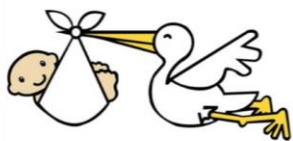
Term 1 has been a very busy time in Scoil Bhríde and especially so in Rang a Sé. The boys and girls in 6th class have been creative and innovative in coming up with ideas to fundraise for our school. To celebrate the lead up to Halloween, the children in 6th class organised a week full of activities for all the children in the school which they called "Halloweek"! On Monday, everyone wore odd clothes to school. Tuesday, 6th class created Kahoot Quizzes and hosted a Halloween history quiz and a halloween safety quiz in their classrooms, inviting each class group throughout the day to participate. On Wednesday, we had a Halloween art competition. Thursday saw a school bake sale where buns and treats were a plenty. On Friday we had a Halloween dress up day to show off our wonderful costumes while raffle prizes were drawn and sweet jars were distributed to winners. All of the children had great fun during the week and Rang a Sé loved organising the activities. The fundraising target was surpassed and rang a Sé are very proud of successfully raising a whopping €1,560!! The Student Council will compile a wish list and get spending the money....!!

# Charity Fundraising

On Friday 25th November, Rang a Sé organised a Pyjama Day in Scoil Bhríde in aid of the Children's Health Foundation at Temple Street. The children wished to organise a fundraiser in preparation for Christmas and they choose the day to coincide with the Late Late Toy Show. The students in 6th class would like to thank all staff, students and the entire school community for their generous donations. We raised €467 which we know is greatly appreciated by the staff and young people in the hospital.



# New Arrivals



The wonderful news of new life always lifts spirits and warms hearts among the community in Scoil Bhríde bringing much hope and happiness for our futures. Huge congratulations to Ms. Naughton and Mr. O'Shea on the safe arrival of their beautiful bouncing babies.

# Achievement Board



We are extremely proud of our Scoil Bhríde children's Achievement Board. Congratulations, and well done to each child who shared their pictures, photos and writing with the school community. They are proudly displayed for all to admire. We look forward to receiving many new achievement additions in 2023.

# Siopa Gaeilge

Tá siopa gaeilge oscailte i Scoil Bhríde dhá maidin sa seachtain. Tá rang a trí agus rang a ceathar á threorú lena mhúinteoirí Ms. Walls agus Ms. Garland. Tá an Siopa Gaeilge ag dul ó neart go neart! Baineann na páistí a lán taitneamh as turas don siopa chun a chuid geailge a labhairt agus chun rudaí beaga a cheannach. Tugann sé deis dóibh a chuid Gaeilge a labhairt go neamhfhoirmiúl lasmuigh den seomra ranga. Bíonn a lán earraí ar díol ann, cosúil le; peann luaidhe, bioróir, scríosán, rialóir, peann scríosán agus cóipleabhair. Tá na phraghsanna ann íontach comh maith! Tá an siopa ar oscailt ó 9.20 go dtí 9.45 ar an gCeadaoin agus an Deardaoin gach seachtain!

## Spreading the Christmas Cheer!

As we end our first term of the 2022-23 school year in Scoil Bhríde, the Christmas festivities are certainly in full swing. The students and staff are most certainly getting ready to spread some Christmas Cheer during our last few days of term. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed welcoming parents and friends to see our festive Christmas performances. Rang a Sé have been organising fun activities for the school, we will also be having a Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday while enjoying Christmas carols and festive art lessons. A big thank you to our Parents Council for organising Santa's visit and for also organising selection boxes as a welcomed gift for each child.

### Kilbride Tidy Towns

A big thank you to Kilbride Tidy Town group who have once again made our community look so very welcoming and festive! The beautiful Christmas Decorations seen around the community are uplifting and heart-warming! We have also tried to help and do our part by decorating our classrooms and school hall. Thank you, Tidy Towns!!



### Our Christmas Art

This Christmas we were delighted to be able to invite parents back into the school to see the children perform in their various concerts and plays. In preparation for the festivities, both teachers and children embarked on a flurry of activity to decorate the main hall, corridors and classrooms around the school. Even Santa was impressed when he visited the school to meet the children. Well done to all the boys and girls who put so much effort into their beautiful artworks to help bring the magic of Christmas to our school. With our walls covered in colourful Santa art, Christmas trees, winter scenes, reindeer and nativity scenes, it's been easy to get into the Christmas spirit.

Mr O'Reilly



### Parents Council Christmas Cards



A cheery festive thank you to the parents council for organising the beautiful bespoke Christmas cards designed by each child for their family. The children were very proud of their Christmas Card creations..





## School Garden

Our school garden is always a beautiful addition to the vibrancy of our school. The children are excellent at rolling up their sleeves, weeding, watering and planting every year. This year is no exception, as the children keep our courtyard garden colourful and healthy while also dedicatedly tending to our planting beds at the back of the school too.



## Accelerated Reader

Some information which you might like to share with grandparents or anyone who might wish to purchase a Christmas gift of a book for your child.....

To choose a book that is at your child's reading level

- Google ARbookfind (Accelerated Reader Bookfinder website)
- Choose "Advanced Search"
- Fill in child's ZPD level which teacher will have shared with you
- Fill in Interest Level: Lower Years or Middle Years
- LY - 5 to 8 years
- MY - 9 to 12 years
- MY+ - 12 to 13 years

You will find a large selection of suitable books to choose from.



## Student Council

Each class held a democratic election to decide their student representative on the school student council. The children in the senior classes prepared election campaign speeches to encourage their peers to vote for them. The children were very mature in the manner in which they approached this process. The boys and girls elected represent each class group and support the school in making decisions to benefit each child in our school community. The future looks bright in Scoil Bhride!



## Music Generation

Each class in the school has been fortunate to benefit from learning music with music generation teachers, Niall and Laura, this term. It was great fun and we had a lovely time working with our instruments. This also helped us to relax. We bought a full set of bodhráns and many of the senior classes incorporated their Bodhrán learning into their Christmas performances for their parents



**Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise Daoibh!**