SCOIL BHRÍDE NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Performances Scoil Bhríde!

Scoil Bhríde has been a hub of festive excitement over the last few weeks. Classes have been busy preparing for Christmas performances.

Some of the wonderful performances include:

Christmas Song performed by Sunshine and Rainbows classes.

'The Twinkly Nativity' and Whoops –A-Daisy Angel' performed by Junior Infant classes.

'The Nativity' and The Bossy King' performed by Senior Infant classes.

'Knock, Knock The Nativity' performed by 1st Class.

'The Late Angel' performed by 1st/2nd Class.

Christmas Carols performed by 3rd and 4th classes.

'Bah Humbug 'performed by 5th Class.

'The Great Scoil Bhríde Nativity' performed by 6th Class.

Principal's Christmas Term Address

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Again, this year, we have just had a great few weeks here in Scoil Bhríde with each of our classes showcasing their talents and putting on their fantastic Christmas Performances. It was a joy to attend each of these shows and to see our pupils blossoming in self esteem and confidence.

Our themes, this term, have been kindness, gratitude and remembrance. We work hard to instil these positive attributes in each of our children and thank you for your continuous support in this regard. We continue to run the theme of kindness/cineáltas right through the school year as we believe that…..in a world where you can be anything, be kind and kind people are the best kind of people. We have celebrated the month of the Holy Rosary in October and "In November We Remember". This month we celebrate the coming of Christmas with our lighted crib in our social space area.

I look back at all the wonderful work that is being done in classrooms throughout the school by our hardworking and very professional staff and our hardworking pupils and all of the extras that link in with our curriculum and make each school week so special……fantastic artwork, GAA skills, Accelerated Reader, field and playground enjoyment, gym classes, a storyteller visit, Cumann na mBunscol teams, Music Generation, Gaelbhratach, assemblies, gardening, Maths Week, Credit Union Art Competition, Confirmation and First Communion preparation masses, class attendance awards, junior infants' photos, vaccinations, a very positive and memorable visit by our diocesan advisors for religious education, a very positive and memorable visit by our school inspector, dress up days, Díolachán Cácaí, Lámh sign language, Christmas jumper swop, learning about biodiversity and sustainability, taking care of our wormery and feeding our school worms, Agree to Agree programme, student Council, Eco Team, a surprise visit from Santa! This term has also seen the launch of our new website www.scoilbhridens.ie and some essential upgrade works on our school wifi… has been a great term!

Our junior infant classes have settled in so well and are now well accustomed to school life. You will have noticed our 6th class pupils wearing their school hoodies with pride. They have earned the right to wear these hoodies throughout the school day by showing commendable qualities, by being great role models, taking on responsibilities and showing leadership skills. We are immensely proud of them and of all our pupils.

Our hardworking Parents' Association have made a great start to the year including helping Santa with his visit and the organisation of the Scoil Bhríde 2026 calendar. Many thanks to them for taking the time to be involved in such a positive way. Please make sure to make contact through the school info@scoilbhridens.ie if you would like to be involved in any way. It can be extremely rewarding to spend time working closely with your child's school.

Thanks again to all who fundraise on our behalf from time to time. We are beginning to spend some of the money which Joe Donnelly kindly raised for us last school year and we thank the band Jakers who ran a night for us in Sweeney's which brought in some very much appreciated funding. Further details on this in the new school year.

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For me, personally, again I say, it is a joy to open the school doors each morning and to see smiling faces and hear pleasant morning greetings (as gaeilge!) at the start of each new day and I feel so lucky!

Before I finish this message I would like to give a special thought to our Agree to Agree programme, in which we prioritise educating our school community on the safe use of all digital devices. The online world can be a scary place for children and we ask you to take note of all correspondence which we send home in relation to this very valuable programme. Thank you to all who attended our initial webinar with Dr. Maureen Griffin, just before our mid-term break, and to those who came to listen to our detective Garda speak on this topic last week. Both have given us a lot to think on and much valuable advice. I draw your attention now to our Agree to Agree Christmas pause idea, details of which have been emailed to you today.

I would like to wish each and every family in Scoil Bhríde a very happy Christmas season and a wonderful new year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back again on Monday 5th of January 2026.
Tá súil agam go mbeidh gach sonas oraibh an Nollaig seo agus athbhliain faoi mhaise dhaoibh go léir.
Keep safe and well over the Christmas break.
Le gach deá ghuí,
Sheila Dempsey

Eco Team

This year, our focus is on **sustainability**. Thanks to generous funding from **Ballymacarney Solar Farms**, we have installed a brand-new **school wormery**. Our Eco Team has been busy helping classes learn how to care for the worms, feed them properly, and understand why they are so important.

Did you know?

Earthworms are among the most important creatures on the planet! We believe they're right up there with bees when it comes to producing our food. Worms eat organic waste and turn it into nutrient-rich compost that helps improve soil and fertilise plants.

As they tunnel through the soil, they naturally aerate it, making it easier for water to reach plant roots.

Our school has loved getting to know our wiggly friends—and feeding them each week!

Christmas Jumper Swop Shop

On **Friday, 5th December**, our Eco Team organised a **Christmas Jumper Swop Shop**, and it was a huge success! Students who brought in a pre-loved jumper from home received a **Golden Ticket**. On Swop Day, they exchanged their Golden Ticket for a pre-loved Christmas jumper.

We had lots of happy shoppers and were delighted to see so many students choosing a sustainable way to celebrate the festive season!

Student Council

Our Student Council members 2025 -2026 are working hard. They have wonderful ideas to share on how best to help our school. You will hear all about their great work in 2026.

Kilbride GOAL Mile

Kilbride GOAL Mile in Kilbride GFC Grounds, Kilbride on St Stephen's Day @12 noon.
Please join the local community on 26th December at 12 noon for a fun meet up run/jog/walk and enjoy a cuppa or hot chocolate with treats all while supporting the GOAL charity.

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Elevate '25

Exciting news for Scoil Bhríde!
On Friday 21st of November we were invited to the Carlton Hotel to celebrate the launch of Elevate'25, a new DAA-funded initiative that supports primary and secondary schools in Dublin Airport's local communities. We are thrilled to share with you that our school has been awarded a grant to fund some very exciting projects for next year.
The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Tom O'Leary, joined other local schools, community leaders and airport representatives as DAA announced the school projects that will benefit from Elevate'25.
We look forward to unveiling our projects in early 2026, so watch our website and Instagram for more updates!

Badminton

Congratulations to our badminton team who excelled in Navan at a qualification event for the Leinster Primary Schools finals in October. Our boys and girls had an outstanding day playing against schools from all parts of County Meath.

In the end, after a grueling series of matches our boys finished in second place, securing a place in the Leinster finals which will take place in January 2026.

Our girls narrowly missed out on a place in the finals but did our school proud on the day. Well done to all our players and we look forward to the finals in January!

Santa at Scoil Bhríde

We had a great surprise on Friday December 5th when Santa came to visit the boys and girls at Scoil Bhríde . Everyone was delighted to tell him how good they have been all year. Santa and his helpful reindeer visited classrooms and presented the boys and girls with a certificate for being so good all year and a special Christmas bookmark.

Santa visiting Ms Keating`s Junior Infants.

Pyjama Day

All classes enjoyed pyjama day on Friday December 5th.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This November, our boys and girls were busy gathering items and carefully filling shoeboxes. 42 shoeboxes departed Scoil Bhríde on Tuesday November 11th and started their journey to be delivered on Christmas Day to children who will be delighted with the generosity of our students!

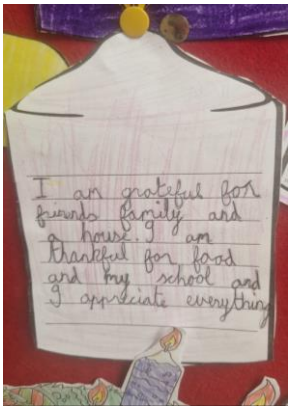
The Crib

Our beautiful crib is on display in our social space. Thanks to Mr O`Reilly and Art for creating such a welcoming space for all classes to come and sit around the crib and learn more about Advent and the nativity.

TEAM HOPE Ireland

Appreciation and Advent

In Scoil Bhríde, during the busy month of December, we take time to remember the importance of being grateful for those who are special in our lives and appreciate the many blessings we have.

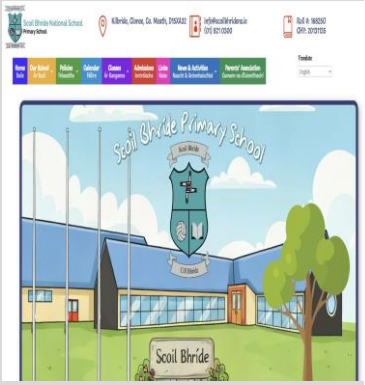


Pastoral Themes

Each month the student council chooses a pastoral theme for everyone to focus on. On the last Thursday of each month, we hold assemblies and awards are given to the children for trying their best, working hard and showing the pastoral theme. The themes so far this year have been kindness, gratitude and in November we remember.

New School Website

We are delighted to share our new school website with you.
Take a look at all the exciting things happening at Scoil Bhride by visiting https://scoilbhridens.ie/ .



Class News

Learning in Ms O`Reilly`s 3rd and 4th Class

Ms O`Reilly`s 3rd and 4th Class have been busy little Celts! After learning all about Celtic life, the children created their own roundhouses.
What a wonderful display of creativity!

A Letter from President Connolly

The students in Ms Gannon`s 4th class were delighted when a letter from President Connolly was delivered by post on Monday December 8th.

After watching the Presidential inauguration last month, 4th Class decided to write a letter to President Connolly to wish her well in her new role as the 10th President of Ireland.

A Special Mass in Kilbride Church

During the week of the Dunboyne and Kilbride Parish mission, our students from 3rd to 6th class were invited to a special mass in Kilbride church.
Fr. Laurence and Fr. Gerry celebrated a mass for our students on Wednesday November 26th. There was a lovely atmosphere in the church and all the countries that our students hold special ties to were celebrated.
Fr. Gerry told a story about how each one of us can make a difference.
Fr. Laurence got everyone involved and singing to end the mass.

Christmas at Scoil Bhríde

The Christmas spirit was well and truly on display in Scoil Bhríde over the last couple of weeks. Our young artists created beautiful displays of robins, lanterns, Santas, baubles and trees.
Children enjoyed visiting our new crib in the social space and voices rang out all over the school, rehearsing for their Christmas concerts. A wonderful time to be in our school.