SCOIL BHRÍDE NEWSLETTER

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Pastoral themes

During the month of March, our pastoral themes are resilience and lent.
Resilience means being able to cope when things don't go as planned and to keep trying even when something feels difficult.
Our students have been learning about doing their best and staying strong on the inside. Ms Gannon's 4th Class created a lovely display for our resilience board, making colourful "resilience flowers."

Mrs Durnin`s 1st class, created a beautiful display with their Lenten promises.

Principal's Easter Term Address

Dear Parents and Guardians and Members of our School Community,
As we reach the end of a long and busy term, I would like to take a moment to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter. This term has been filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a great sense of togetherness across our school.

I would like to sincerely commend our pupils for their continued hard work and positive attitude. They have shown not only dedication in their learning but also consistently lovely manners, kindness, and respect towards one another and our staff. These qualities make our school such a special place.

Throughout the term, our pupils have taken part in a wide variety of activities, many of which are showcased in this newsletter. It has been wonderful to see such active participation and enjoyment.

Our monthly assemblies have also been a highlight, where we celebrate pupils who have earned certificates in recognition of their efforts, achievements, and contributions to school life. These moments of recognition are always a source of great pride for our entire community.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent school fundraising efforts. The non-uniform days were enjoyable, and today's Mad Hatters' Walk was a fantastic occasion, full of creativity and fun. Your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

A special word of thanks must go to our Parents' Association for their ongoing help and commitment. Their support plays a vital role in enhancing school life for all our pupils.
As we look ahead, we are excited and optimistic about Term 3 and all the opportunities it will bring. We look forward to another wonderful term of learning, growth, and shared experiences. We are conscious that this term will be the last, in Scoil Bhríde, for our 6th class pupils and we expect they will use the time to make wonderful memories which they will cherish in years to come.
Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter break.
Kind regards,
Sheila Dempsey

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Dáltaí ó Rang a 6 were busy during Seanhtain na Gaeilge. They put a huge effort into running a Tráth na gCeist which was thoroughly enjoyed by our senior classes. We continue to emphasise Gaeilge as a dual language in our scoil, and are making big progress using píosa beag Gaeilge and Béarla together.

FAI Primary Soccer

FAI Primary 5 a side: 6th class girls and boys were involved in two fantastic days out in the MDL grounds in Navan. They played a series of games during a 5 a side league. They showed great determination and skill, but were unlucky to progress out of the group stages. It was great to meet so many different schools. They really enjoyed the day out and we were most proud of their excellent sportsmanship. One of our boys teams progressed as far as the final play offs.

Cycle Safety

Rang a sé completed a six week cycle safety programme this term. The students learned the rules of the road and how to prepare for and carry out cycle safety practices.

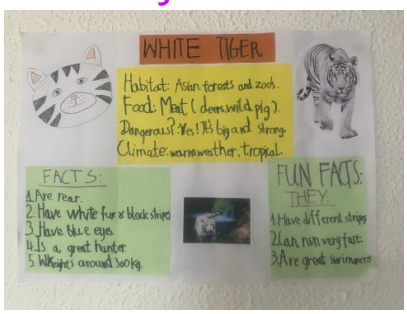
Ted Talks

6th Class were busy writing "Ted Talk" style interest talks. They enjoyed a range of different speeches and put a lot of work into our public speaking, devices of speech and speech styles. Here are a few of the titles; The Call of the Kitchen, The Iconic Rise of the Spice Bag, The Evolution of Film and The Four Stages of Sleep.

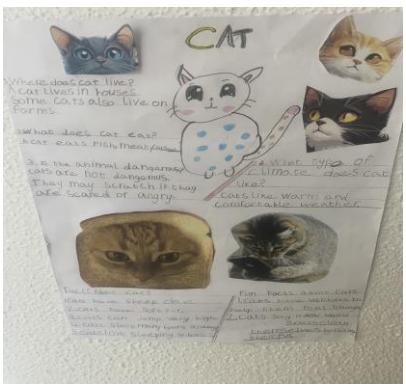
Badminton

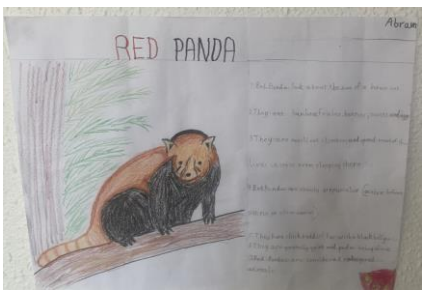
We are delighted to welcome back badminton coach Teresa to Scoil Bhríde. All classes will enjoy fun badminton sessions with Teresa every Wednesday next term.

Projects in First Class



Mrs Durnin's First Class have been working very hard on their animal projects. The boys and girls learned lots of interesting facts and showed great enthusiasm for their work. Everyone took excellent care with the presentation of their projects, and their handwriting was fantastic. Well done to all in First Class for creating such wonderful work!





The Wellbeing Team

Confirmation

6th class students received the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 14th February. They were confirmed by Bishop Tom Deenihan. The 5th class Confirmation choir really added to the occasion with fantastic singing.

The Wellbeing Team have been very busy this term promoting our monthly Pastoral themes around the school and our Boomerang Kindness Book. We were very grateful to them for introducing an active lunchtime movement break in the school during the particularly wet weather at the beginning of the term, when we spent a lot of time indoors. Children across the school took part in the 'Croke Park Active Breaks' while learning about the history of Croke Park. The Wellbeing Team also helped encourage children around the school to make a special effort in looking after our PE Equipment. Children have also been given new equipment that the Wellbeing Team have been a part of distributing and are keeping an eye to make sure the new equipment is being looked after. They should be proud of all they have achieved so far this year and help keep our school happy and fun!

Music in the Classroom

On March 10th, our boys and girls from 3rd to 6th class enjoyed a wonderful outing to the National Concert Hall in Dublin for the 'Music in the Classroom' programme. They listened to beautiful music by famous composers such as Beethoven, Britten, Stravinsky and Florence Price. The children were especially excited to hear pieces from *Star Wars* and *Jurassic Park*, and they loved joining in for a fun singalong to "You've Got a Friend in Me" from *Toy Story*.
It was a real treat for everyone to hear the National Symphony Orchestra perform live.

Díolachán Leabhair

The Díolachán Leabhair on the 11th of March was a wonderful success, with a fantastic atmosphere in the school hall throughout the day. It was especially lovely to see so many books getting a second chance in new homes. It was a great way to celebrate reading in our school while also serving as a fantastic fundraiser. A sincere thank you to our pupils and parents for their support, and to the Parents' Association and our 5th class students for organising and running such an enjoyable and worthwhile event.

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Many classes enjoyed extra time reading. Some classes designed a new cover for their favourite book.
In 2nd class, the boys and girls brought in their favourite book to show their friends. They had a lovely time talking about books.

Ashbourne Fire Officers Visit to Scoil Bhríde

Fire Officers from Ashbourne Fire Station visited all of our 3rd Class students on Wednesday, March 25th. The boys and girls had great fun learning about the role of a fire officer, taking part in fire safety games, and spotting possible fire hazards.
A big thank you to the fire officers for their visit and for teaching us how to stay safe from fire.

Mad Hatters' Day

Today we had a fantastic day celebrating Mad Hatters' Day! Junior and Senior Infants paraded around the school proudly showing off the amazing hats they had created. Children from 1st to 6th class also enjoyed a walk to Kilbride GAA pitch, where they showcased their wonderful upcycled hat designs.
A big thank you to John O'Neill for kindly driving our 6th class parade Grand Marshals, along with Ms Dempsey, to the GAA pitch in his wonderful Model T Ford car.
There was incredible creativity on display throughout the day. We would like to thank everyone for the effort and hard work that went into making the hats and making the day such a success.
Take a look at some of the fantastic creations from Ms McPeake's Junior Infants and Ms Martyn's/Ms McTernan's 2nd class.

The O`Reilly Gallery

In February, we said a fond farewell to Mr O'Reilly as he began his retirement. Each class created special artwork for him based on the theme "New Beginnings".

We are very proud to display this beautiful and creative work in our school corridor, where it forms a special gallery in his honour. Mr O'Reilly has been a wonderful supporter of the arts in our school for many years, and his love of creativity will always be remembered.

Spring Art

The corridors of our school are always bright and colourful, especially in springtime. Take a look at some of the beautiful spring artwork on display in Scoil Bhríde. Well done to all our creative boys and girls!