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# Principal's Summer Term Address

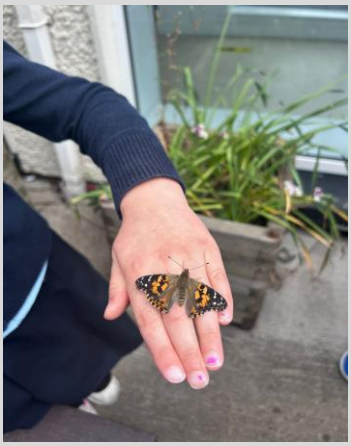
Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils of Scoil Bhríde,
We have officially reached the end of another incredible year in Scoil Bhríde. It is a joy to see how much our school community has grown, learned and achieved together during this year. Our lovely, colourful newsletter celebrates many of the learning activities, achievements and fun we have had over the 2025/2026 school year.
I want to take this opportunity to commend our wonderful pupils who have brought boundless energy, curiosity and kindness to our classrooms. We are very proud of you all.
We extend a very special farewell to our graduating 6th class pupils. You have been great students and positive role models for our younger classes. We hope you will always hold Scoil Bhríde, Kilbride, in a special place in your heart. We wish you the absolute best of luck as you transition to secondary school and begin your new adventure.
We also want to acknowledge and thank Ms. Noelle Jones and Ms. Tara Greally who will be leaving our staff team this summer and Ms. Niamh Garland who will not be returning to Scoil Bhríde this September. Thank you for your unwavering dedication, care and contribution to our children.
Special thanks go to each and every member of our staff for their tireless work, enthusiasm and deep commitment to providing the best education for our pupils, the Parents' Association & Board of Management for giving their time so generously behind the scenes to keep our school thriving and safe and, of course, our Parents and Guardians for your constant support, collaboration, and engagement with school initiatives.
On behalf of all the staff here at Scoil Bhríde, I wish you and your family a safe, restful and wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing our students return on Thursday 27th August refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead!
With warmest regards,
Le gach deá ghuí,
Sheila Dempsey

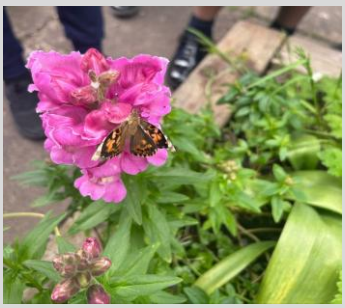
# Sixth Class Legacy Art Project

In June, our 6th class students worked collaboratively to create the traditional 6th class legacy project, inspired by Claude Monet's famous *Water Lilies* paintings. A special thank you to Liam Cousins for his work on this project, which is such a highlight for our 6th class each year. The finished piece is wonderfully vivid and striking and will hang proudly in our school for many years to come as a lasting reminder of the Class of 2026.

## Butterflies in Senior Infants

Over the past few weeks, Ms. Keegan's and Ms. Cooke's Senior Infants have been fascinated by the magical journey of their caterpillars transforming into beautiful butterflies. The highlight came when the children joyfully released their fluttering friends into our school garden — a truly special moment for everyone!





# Coiscéimeanna

Term 3 has been full of fun, learning and memorable experiences for all of our pupils in Coiscéimeanna. Our students thoroughly enjoyed returning to Kilcloon for equine therapy, which was once again a fantastic experience for everyone.

Throughout the term, pupils also took part in a range of exciting activities, including a biodiversity workshop with Claire Hamilton, a STEM LEGO workshop, baking sessions and sensory play activities. We finished the school year on a high with a wonderful school trip to the Phoenix Park, where everyone had a fantastic day together.

This term, we also marked some special milestones within Coiscéimeanna. We proudly celebrated the graduation of two of our 6th class pupils as they prepare to begin an exciting new chapter in secondary school. We also said farewell to two pupils who are transferring to new schools. Although we will miss them all, we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and wish each of them every success, happiness and new adventure in their new schools.

It has been a busy and enjoyable term and we are very proud of all our pupils and the enthusiasm they brought to every activity. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer!

## Music Generation

Our Coiscéimeanna classes and infants to 3rd class have all enjoyed weekly music classes with Music Generation throughout the year. Coiscéimeanna and infants enjoyed song singing, playing percussion instruments and movement to music. First, Second and Third classes have been learning to play the recorder.

4th classes have been learning to play the ukelele with Mr. O`Shea.

## Swimming

3rd and 4th classes have been busy taking part in swimming lessons over a course of six Mondays. Not only is this great fun but swimming is a very important part of the PE and SPHE curriculum. It's a great opportunity to get some exercise, learn a new skill and have fun with friends. Swimming is a highlight of the year for these classes.

# Intercultural Day

On June 12th, we at Scoil Bhríde had a fabulous day celebrating Intercultural Day. We were delighted to welcome parents to help us celebrate and there was a great sense of community about the day. It is a very important celebration to us here and we are proud to highlight and appreciate the many different cultures that come together here to grow and learn together each day.

A special word of thanks to the parents who helped their children prepare dances, costumes and musical performances, the energy and enthusiasm was electric on the day! One of the very special parts of the day that we all look forward to is the 'Festival of Food'. This would not be possible without the huge effort that parents go to, to provide and share all the fabulous flavours, tastes and aromas that we all got to experience on the day. Many thanks for your hard work. It was wonderful to see children of all ages trying new foods, learning about ingredients, traditions of how food is made and where they come from.

We must give a special mention to Ms Ryan and Ms Mc Cabe's 5th classes who did a fantastic job co-ordinating events on the day. Well done to all the children involved on what was a most memorable day for adults and children alike.

## Active Week

*Last week the children were busy "getting moving" during Active Week. The Wellbeing Team did a fantastic job arranging many events such as;*

*- 'Dino Disco' for the Infant Yard, where children enjoyed strutting their dance moves at their outdoor disco!*

*-Whole School Movement breaks, led in class by our team and over the intercom.*

*-Talks on Water Safety as we head into summer.*

*-While we had to catch up on our soccer lessons this week, due to poor weather last Friday, it has worked out even better to do this week with the sun shining!*

## 'The Zoo in My Backyard'

Over the past few weeks, all our classes have been taking part in exciting Biodiversity Workshops. We were delighted to welcome Claire Hamilton to Scoil Bhríde for her wonderful *'The Zoo in My Backyard'* sessions. Our boys and girls had great fun exploring our lovely forest area, discovering fascinating little creatures that call our school grounds home.

# Wellbeing Team

This year marked the first year of our school 'Wellbeing Team'. We highly commend the team on their hard work throughout the year. Each month they share with their assigned classes important information and activities based on our pastoral themes, safety, keeping healthy and organising outdoor equipment for children to enjoy. The list goes on, but the team are always enthusiastic and happy to get involved!

# The Lunchtime League

6th class have been busy over the last few weeks co-ordinating their Lunchtime League Finals. Congratulations to the Meath team on winning the Tailteann Cup Final and to Donegal on winning the Sam Maguire Cup Final! The Lunchtime League has been a great opportunity for children who haven't tried GAA before to try it out. We were delighted to have coach Louise from Kilbride GAA at our finals to talk about Kilbride GFC. Please see contact details attached for any players interested in starting football. We are so fortunate to have such fantastic facilities and community on our doorstep for children to become involved.

# Fun Day

All classes enjoyed a fantastic Fun Day on Thursday, May 7th. Pupils took part in a wide variety of exciting activities, including Soak the Joker, fun challenges, a disco, sports activities and a pamper parlour, to name just a few. Everyone had a wonderful day and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our exceptional 6th Class students and their teachers, Ms Stack and Ms Ryan, for organising such an enjoyable event for the whole school.

**Principal for the Day**

As part of Fun Day, Ms Dempsey had the opportunity to sit back and relax while Ms Corcoran took over the role of Principal for the day, with Ms Veerabathini stepping into the role of Deputy Principal.

# Fantastic Fun in 2nd Class

Ms. Martyn and Ms. McTernan's Second Class had a truly exciting year from start to finish. Our final term was especially memorable and full of fun and excitement. A highlight of the year was the children's First Holy Communion in May, where they did themselves, their families and their school proud. We also enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day and a fantastic school tour to Navan Adventure Centre. Throughout the year, the children worked hard, had lots of fun, strengthened existing friendships and formed many new ones. Ms. Martyn and Ms. McTernan are extremely proud of all they have achieved. It has been a wonderful year for everyone.

# Sports Day 2026

Sports Day 2026 was packed full of fun activities. Well Done to all our boys and girls for giving it there all on Sports Day. Thank you to our wonderful 6th class students and their teachers Ms Stack and Ms Ryan for organising the day. A big thank you to the Parents` Association for organising an ice-cream van for all our boys and girls to enjoy.

# School Tours

All classes have had great days out this term on their school tours. Junior and senior infants had a brilliant day at Newgrange Farm. First and second classes enjoyed Navan Adventure Centre .
Third and Fourth classes had a super time at Crystal Maze. Fifth classes had a great time at Redhills Adventure. Clara Lara was a big hit with sixth classes.

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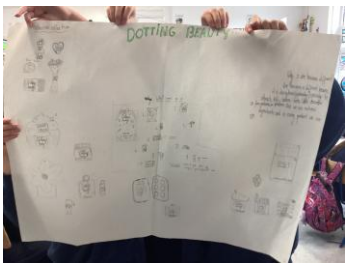
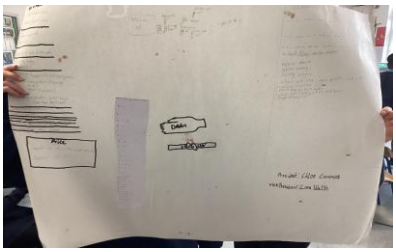
# Junior Achievement Ireland

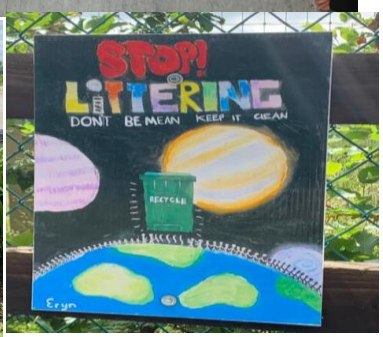
**4th Class Shine in 'It's My Business' Programme**

Ms. Gannon's 4th Class had a fantastic time taking part in the *Junior Achievement Ireland* programme, **It's My Business**. We were thrilled to welcome Noeleen from Junior Achievement Ireland, who delivered five exciting and inspiring sessions.
For the grand finale, our classroom transformed into a lively *Dragons' Den*! Each group confidently pitched their business idea to the Dragons, impressing them with their creativity, solid business plans and excellent teamwork. Remarkably, every group secured investment for their idea!
A heartfelt thank you to Noeleen for generously sharing her time, expertise and enthusiasm — you made this experience truly memorable for us all.





# Kilbride Tidy Towns




The Kilbride Tidy Towns Group recently collaborated with the school's Eco Team and the wider student community, asking children to participate in a Design a Poster Competition. The children were asked to create artwork to promote keeping Kilbride village clean and/or foster an awareness of biodiversity and sustainability.
Many students participated and it was clear from the standard of entries that there are lots of talented artists in our classrooms. The Tidy Towns members were delighted with the response and appreciated all the time and effort that went into each entry. The Eco Team had a very difficult and unenviable task of selecting 18 winning posters to be professionally printed and displayed on the approach roads into Kilbride and throughout the village. Huge congratulations to the children whose posters were chosen and are now proudly on public display and deliver a very important message.

# Art work from 3rd and 4th class

Ice-Cream art by Mr.O`Shea/ Ms.Greally`s 3rd class.

Astronaut art inspired by the Artemis II mission by Ms.Gannon`s 4th Class.

## 6th Class Graduation

We bid a fond farewell to our 6th class students finishing up with us this year. Their graduation took place on Wednesday 24th June and they enjoyed their final school tour to Clara Lara the next day. We wish them the very best as they move on to secondary school and we look forward to hearing about all their future successes. Don't be strangers!

## Incoming Infants

We look forward to welcoming our boys and girls who will be joining our school when they start Junior Infants on Thursday the 27th of August.

Wishing you a very happy and safe summer holidays.