

Scoil Shride Christmas 2019

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We remember those whom we lost this year and extend our sincere condolences to the families. May they rest in peace.
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Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Christmas and see you 6th Jan. (don't forget School closed 7th Jan 2020 for Inservice Day)

Compliments again to the vast majority of parents who drive safely and with awareness and care. Please see our website for traffic management in the school. Please be vigilant as some drivers are parking precariously and driving selfishly.

Our New Board of Management is as follows:-

Fiona Pakenham, **Patron Nominee and Chairperson**

Brendan Kelleher, **Principal and Secretary to the Board of Management**, Ronan Lafferty, **Parent Nominee**, Fr. Willie O' Byrne, **Patron Nominee**, Mary Morrell, **Parent Nominee**, Lena Moynihan **Teacher Nominee**, James Cocoman, **Community Representative**, Noelle Lalor, **Community Representative**.

Wishing them all the best for the years ahead and big thanks to the outgoing board ably chaired by John Donohoe for all their tireless work and commitment.

Remember the receptionist aspect is only a small part of our school secretary's job. She is often on school business out of the office. Please leave a message and we will endeavour to deal with it.

We remind parents not to occupy spaces at the top of the lines. It is already congested when staff come to collect the pupils. Please leave the top of the line area free. Please also be aware that several children are not comfortable with adults lining beside them.

Junior Infant News

We have been busy perfecting our G.A.A. skills with our coach Leon over the past few weeks. We are also beginning to read independently and loved our guided reading sessions with the first and second classes. We are so excited about Christmas and have been working industriously to create beautiful art to decorate our classrooms and classroom doors.

We can't wait to show case our musical talents at our Christmas nativity concert. There was great excitement about 'Christmas Jumper Day', as we are working towards earning the Amber Flag.

Senior Infant News

This term has been very busy in Senior Infants!

We have had lots of fun during Aistear, especially while working in Santa's Workshop in December. We designed new toys, made clothes for Santa's elves and wrapped up Christmas presents for lots of lucky boys and girls.

We have really enjoyed learning about Winter. The weather is much colder and many animals go into hibernation. We must wear extra clothes to keep us warm.

We worked very hard preparing for our Christmas Play, 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' and loved performing it for everyone.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

1st class News

We have had a busy time in first class this term. We learned some great dances with Jenny Brady. We are getting good at project work- we did projects on reindeers and on Christmas around the world. Each of the first classes have won the best line competition! We are excited to take part in our first Christmas Carol Service in the church.

2nd Class News

We have had a very busy term in 2nd class. We have been learning new football skills from Leon on Tuesdays. Jenny Brady also taught us some new dance moves! We went to Castletown house on a trip for Maths week where we completed a fun trail around the house and grounds using our maths skills. We did an experiment to find out more about meteorites and craters during science week. We are ready for some Christmas fun with our friends and families and look forward to learning lots of new things in the new year. Nollaig Shona Daoibh ó rang a dó.

3rd Class News

We are having a great time in 3rd class. We enjoyed our cyber bullying talk from John Murray. He showed us many interesting videos and helpful apps to help keep us safe on the internet. We had a great visit from Paddy Madden for Science week. We had a lovely relaxing time with a yoga instructor called Kelly. She taught us how to do a tree pose, how to control our breathing and relax when we are stressed. We really enjoyed our trip to Dublin to two different museums. We are looking forward to our carol service for Christmas.

4th Class News

We are having great fun in 4th class. We learned all about The Vikings and long multiplication! We enjoyed our trip to Birr Castle for Maths Week. We had fun watching the Bubbly Maths Show there. We did really cool Science experiments for Science week. We bought lovely books at the Book Fair. We just had great fun making art for our classroom doors for Christmas. We loved dressing up for Halloween and for our Christmas themed day in school. We are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

5th Class News

Fifth class went on a school trip to The National Art Gallery and The National History Museum. We saw Strongbow and Aoife, a painting done by Daniel Maclise and the Zurich 2019 Art competition paintings. We also learned about different artistic styles such as Cubism. We learned about the bog bodies that had been discovered in Meath and Offaly too.

We researched about Movember and we painted moustaches on our faces with black paint. Ms Finnegan's class are acting out the Nativity play for our Christmas concert and the other classes will be singing 'While shepherds watch their flocks by night'. Finally, we are all taking part in the Christmas Door competition and we hope someone in 5th class wins 😊.

6th class News

6th class have been very busy this term. Ms Kealy's class judged the Bookmark competition for the Book Fair. We also had GAA training with our coach Leon which was great fun. During Science Week we made rockets, learning about aerodynamics and different materials. We also helped the junior classes in the Science room to use all the science equipment and learn about various aspects of the curriculum. At the beginning of December 6th class were involved in an enrolment ceremony for those deciding to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We look forward to preparing for this in the next term. We are also looking forward to seeing the play 'Billionaire Boy' in the Olympia Theatre on February 6th.

Helen and Maria's classes

Helen and Maria's classes have been learning about polar animals and the Inuit people. We made lovely penguins and polar bears in our art lessons. We are building an igloo using milk cartons in our shared space. Everyone is very excited for Christmas!

Amber Flag

We are endeavouring to achieve an Amber Flag for our school this year. We have a wonderful committee of hard working pupils on our Amber Flag committee. We all took part in great yoga classes recently. We judged best dressed costumes for our Christmas themed dress up day for Pieta House. We raised **€1474.95** for this very worthy charity. We can't wait to keep working hard to achieve our flag in 2020.

Student Council

The Student Council have been really busy this term. Our main project has been the 'Best Line of the Week' competition which we've been running every week in each yard. Two Student Council representatives choose the best line at both breaks each day and the winning class at the end of the week gets five minutes extra play time. It's been a great incentive for the children in our school and the lines have really improved. We are looking forward to lots of exciting projects next term.

Choir

We are very busy preparing for our Peace Proms concert performance in the RDS in February. We really enjoyed our recent performance for the turning on of the Christmas lights in Kill village. We give up our lunchtimes for practise but we don't mind. We have great fun and love singing!

Green Schools

The Green Schools Committee have been busy over the last few weeks. We have been planting daffodils around the school grounds. We also really enjoyed working with Paddy Madden. We learned lots of new ideas and look forward to coming back in the New Year and working towards our Food and Biodiversity flag.

Basketball

Both the girls' and boys' teams have qualified for their respective semi – finals in January. The girls have won all their matches whilst the boys were narrowly defeated by Ballymany in their first match. A huge thanks must be given to all the boys and girls for the enormous effort they put into their training. Best of luck to both teams in the new year! (thanks to Mr Gallagher for all the breaks he has given up and all the extra time he has devoted to the teams)

U11's Girls Football

Our girls had a very successful season this year so far. The U11 girls got to the final and were unluckily to be beaten by a strong Carragh team. They did the school and their clubs extremely proud. We look forward to training early in the New Year with the addition of Senior Girls!

Hurling 2019

The U-13 hurling team had a great season once again this term. They started with a narrow concession to Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach Maynooth but continued to improve with defeats against Sallins and Gaelscoil Uí Riada. They met Rathmore in the semi-final having a very convincing win leading them to a final where they met their initial opponents of Scoil Uí Fhiach once again. It was 'an edge of the seat' final with compelling displays from all corners of the field. Kill were leading for the majority of the match but Maynooth drew with the score of a point in the final minute. This led to a ten-minute extra time in which Maynooth had the upper hand. Although the boys were disappointed they should be very proud of all their hard work, dedication, skills and sportsmanship. We look forward to the U-12 season beginning in the new year. An Chill Abú.

Huge congratulations to An Chill GAA and Ardclough GAA also on their many recent wins (with many of our own pupils involved) including,

- U-13 Hurling (Division 4) Final Kill GAA v Round Towers GAA
- U-12 Football (Division 2) Final Kill GAA v Balyna GAA
- U-13 Football (Division 6) final Kill GAA v Athgarvan GAA
- U-13 Hurling (Division 2) Ardclough GAA v Leixlip GAA

Rainbows

Information letters were given out but there is still time to avail of this.

It is a free afterschool group support for loss through bereavement or separation/ divorce

1st-6th class eligible

Meet weekly for nine sessions

Box in Paula's office to post expressions of interest

More information from Ms. Glynn or <https://www.rainbowsireland.ie/>

Thank you!

Yoga

All classes in the school had the opportunity to take part in yoga classes recently with our visiting instructor Kelly. We really enjoyed it and learned lots of great stretches and how to relax more when we feel stressed.

Please walk to school. If you are cycling, wear a helmet. If you are driving please do not idle your car's engine and remember we have 82 car parking spaces only. Drop off and leave from the drop-off area in the carpark. Use the Church car park and develop healthy habits with your child. Please respect our neighbours and do not use Earls Court or the laneway beside the school as parking area.

Thanks to Ms. Moynihan and Paula for helping with this newsletter.



Single use plastic:

Just a reminder to remember to continue to use reusable drink bottles in school and **no single use plastic bottles! Let's all have a look and see what we can Do and not just say.**

Research around schools in the U.K. have demonstrated decrease in air quality attributed to car engines running idle while in the school grounds. Our playgrounds are **NO IDLING ZONES !!**