

Scoil Bhride Newsletter April/May 2022



Greetings all and hope this newsletter finds you well.

We are mostly returning to normal and we are reviewing options all the time. We are currently operating a similar system to before with earlier opening times. School opens at 08.50 and pupils should enter and proceed directly to their classes. Staff are on duty supervising from this time. Formal teaching begins at 09.10 and we have returned to one little break and one big break during the day. Face coverings are optional and we don't want to pretend *Covid-19* isn't real as some people are still getting quite ill. *Does China know something we don't?* Please ensure your child is not at school too early and we are reminding the children that when the doors open they must come into the building. Being late is still disruptive to all and means the late child is already trying to catch up.

Just sharing that the school will be closing early - 12.00 Midday Friday June 10th for Department of Education Board of Management approved In-service for the Primary Language Curriculum.

Apologies for disruption this may cause to your arrangements.

Junior Infant News

Junior Infants have had a fantastic year so far. We have learned how to read and write! We particularly enjoyed learning about mini-beasts, lifecycles, and recycling. We made lovely dogs out of recycled newspaper. We had great fun looking for chocolate eggs on our Easter Egg Hunt and were lucky enough to meet real-life baby chicks! We



loved attending the school Bake Sale and eating all of the delicious cakes. We are looking forward to the summer weather and our school tour in June. Our teachers think we are



wonderful!

Senior Infant News

We have had a very busy few months in Senior Infants. We welcomed the beginning of the Year of the Tiger with our cool tiger masks. In March we celebrated Pancake Tuesday with some delicious pancakes. Bhí an spraoi againn i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge, go háirithe ag an gcéilí. Dúirt an tUasal Ó Gallachóir go bhfuilimid rincoirí den scoth!

Ms Gallagher/ Ms Behan's class made St Patrick's day lego pictures and had an Easter egg hunt in the PE hall. We were delighted when we all got Easter eggs from the Parent's Association- yum!



We had some very special visitors to the school at the end of March- Ms Dempsey's chicks! They were only two and a half weeks old and very cute.

We have been practising our drawing and we are so proud of our art.

We are so excited for all the fun things to come in the last few weeks of school



First Class News

We have had a very busy term in first class and have been keeping up all our hard work. We learned about spring during February, March and April and we were over the moon when Ms Dempsey surprised us all in first class with some beautiful baby chicks at school. We were very lucky to be asked to name them. It was difficult to pick the names, but we settled on Brownie and Lemon. We really enjoyed learning all about the lifecycle of a chick.

In keeping with our spring theme, we recently learned all about planting seeds. We wrote out our step-by-step procedures first and then by following our procedures, we got to put our learning into action and planted some sunflower and wildflower seeds. We are minding them carefully so that we will see some beautiful flowers in the coming weeks.

We've been doing great maths work too and working especially hard on our regrouping when we are adding bigger numbers. We're also trying our best to learn our addition and subtraction tables.

We have been enjoying Gaelic football with coach Kelly again and are brushing up on all our skills. Watch out for some super Kildare GAA stars in the future!

We are looking forward to our school tour to Lullymore on June 29th.



Ross and Maria's classes

The children from Ross and Maria's class have a very exciting few weeks ahead.

Five children will be making First Holy Communion on Thursday and Saturday. We can't wait to celebrate with them. We are participating in the school hatching programme and are studying the life cycle of a chicken. We have five eggs in an incubator in our class and we are patiently waiting for our new arrivals to make an appearance.

2nd Class News



We are busy preparing for our First Holy Communion this month. We are beginning to attend Mass on Fridays in preparation for this special occasion. We have been learning about space in SESE. The planets are very interesting! Before Easter we created some Spring music using the instruments in the music room. It was great fun!



We really enjoyed the bake sale run by 6th class, we stocked up on lots of yummy treats!





Music

Choir

Our fantastic school choir are very busy preparing for our Summer concert for the school. We are very lucky to have so many wonderful enthusiastic talented singers in our choir. We will miss our 6th class children when they leave us this year but we are looking forward to our concert for the rest of the school and a lovely treat in June for all their hard work and dedication especially during the last 2 school years. We are very proud of you all. Ms Moynihan, Mr Maguire and Ms Collier



Student Council News

The Student Council have been busy organising our school board games this term, which were bought for us by our Parents' Association a few years ago. We are hoping to add to our existing collection before the end of this school year. However, we thought that before buying new games and jigsaws, if anyone had any unused games or jigsaws at home that are in excellent condition with all pieces etc., they might like to donate them to our school. We are looking for games such as Jenga, Snakes and Ladders, Monopoly, Guess Who, decks of cards and jigsaws. Donated games and jigsaws can be left under the stairs at the main entrance by Thursday 2nd June 2022. Thank you 😊

3rd class news

The past couple of months have been quite busy in third class. We took part in Engineers Week 7th – 11th March. During this time we explored and developed our engineering skills. Our first task was to research bridges – different types of bridges, how a bridge is made and famous bridges around the world. Next, we took to designing our own bridges using paper, lollipop sticks, Sellotape and anything else we could find! It was a challenging task with lots of problems but we worked together to solve them and create some fantastic bridges! Take a look!



Next we designed and engineered a playground. For this we used paper, Sellotape and team work! This took a lot of patience, collaboration, discussion and problem solving. All our hard work paid off, if we do say so ourselves!



During art we have been busy creating dioramas. We chose our own theme for our diorama and let our creativity flow!

During English we have been developing our skills in explanation writing. We researched many topics of interest to us including – how deep sea animals survive, how a rocket works, how a submarine works, the life cycle of a hammerhead shark, what causes a tsunami plus many more fascinating topics.

In maths we started a new topic – decimals. Mr. Carty made it a lot easier by giving us 0.1 of a bar of chocolate!

We also have been busy maintaining our school garden as we did lots of weeding. We planted blackcurrant, onions, redcurrant, wild flowers, radish and roses.



We were inspired by the 6th class bake sale held in our hall last week and created some art based on this wonderful event.

During Earth Day we celebrated all that is wonderful about our Earth and how we can protect and admire its natural beauty. Below is an example of some art pieces we created to celebrate Earth Day.

4th Class news

It is the third term now and we are looking forward to our school tour and the summer holidays. Before that we have to do our Drumcondra tests. We will do them in the hall for the first time. We're a bit nervous, but we will do our best.

We did an Easter art workshop webinar with Wexford Education Centre and we made lovely cards.

In PE our class did Teacher Takeover. This is where some children from our class decide which games and activities we do during the class. Aidan C and Aisling did one session and Tommy and Oliver did the second one. It was great fun.

In Maths, we played a Maths Mystery game called "Mirror Madness". The winners were Aisling, Olivia, Aidan C and Aidan R. These mysteries are difficult but we like working in teams to solve them. In English, we did a Grammar Bootcamp. We had to work in squadrons to answer some hard grammar questions. This was interesting and fun, but sometimes we had to do squats, star jumps and push-ups in the middle of it!

We are growing oak trees and a chestnut tree in our classroom. Some of the oaks are struggling but we are trying to save them.



5th class News

We have been very busy in 5th class since Christmas. We have been doing a lot of new Maths learning. We have been enjoying doing project work and we love presenting our work to our comrades. We are enjoying tag rugby sessions on Wednesdays. We had great fun doing GAA with Kelly too earlier in the term. Seachtain na Gaeilge was great craic. We enjoyed the céilí at the end of the week. We loved the Easter treats from our teachers and the Parents Association before the Easter holidays. We are delighted that our yard times are back to normal and we get to play with all our other friends now on the yard. We cannot wait for our school tour in June and all the other fun activities before the end of the school year.





Mr. Breen's Class Egg-cellent Easter Dioramas

Before Easter, Mr. Breen's class completed some sp-egg-tacular proj-egg-ts. We were eggs-tremely eggs-cited when Mr. Breen first cooked up the project, but our brains were fried trying to hatch up our ideas. This was eggs-pecially hard because we had free range about the topic we could choose. When other teachers heard what we were doing, they thought we had to be yolking, but we egg-nored them and decided to whisk it anyway. We scrambled around looking for

materials and cracked on with our work. When we brought in our dioramas, we saw many shell-shocked faces from other students and teachers. Below are some eggs-amples of our work, such as Egg Sheeran, Michael D. H-egg-ins, and Our Egg-cellent Teachers.





Green-Schools

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in receiving our 6th Green-Schools flag: Global Citizenship Litter and Waste. A huge congratulations to our WONDERFUL committee and all involved. We are looking forward to raising our flag in the coming weeks and taking part in the virtual Green Flag Award Ceremony. Follow #GreenFlags22 on the 25th of May to see our school raising.

This year's waste and litter audit (based on 24 classes) showed a 20% reduction in our overall waste compared to last year. This works out as an average reduction per day of 2.5kg and 453.6kg per year. Well done to all involved.

Ms Murray's Senior Infants are taking part in the Picker Pals programme this year and they are having so much fun learning about recycling, litter and keeping our local community clean. Keep up the amazing work!!!

Finally, Shonagh Tully (3rd class member), built a fantastic rainforest theme diorama for 'Archie', our adopted school Orangutan from the WWF. Thank you Shonagh 😊.



Sports News

Sports teams are up and running again. It's great to see Mr. Kelly out with the hurlers in the early mornings before school. Mr. Carty and Mr. Kelly with complete in a hurling blitz with the boys this Friday. Meanwhile, the camogie team have been training hard under the guidance of Ms. Christian and Mrs. Wright. Ms Flatley and Ms Lomax and Mr Maguire have assisted in the training with both the boys and girls football teams who narrowly missed out on qualification from their recent blitzes. Lorraine Pamplin is helping out with our girls' basketball teams on a Thursday after school and the boys train on Friday. I would really like to express a huge thanks to everyone involved for all the effort they put in. It's great for the children to gain that experience of competing for the school in the inter school competitions. Girls' football is on Mondays and boys football training on Tuesdays.

Mr Gallagher.

Sports' camp will be running in the school during the first two weeks of July with camp week 1 running from 4th – 8th July and camp week 2 running from 11th – 15th July. Application forms will be given out shortly. Places are limited so early booking is advisable. Thank you.

Doodles Art and Craft Summer Camp

Doodles Summer Camp will be back for one week July 4th to 8th. It is guaranteed to be a week of fun filled arts and crafts activities. Application forms will go home soon. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

6th class News

Bake Sale

We held a bake sale on Friday May 6th in the school hall. We decided to fundraise towards the development of land at the back of the school into a new school pitch. We baked loads of tasty goodies at home along with the help of other children, parents and teachers throughout the school. We also had a popcorn stand, drinks stand, a raffle area and who can forget the tasty sausage rolls.

All classes got to attend on the day where there was a great atmosphere. We all really enjoyed the day and raised €2,705 in total. Thank you to everyone who supported us in the first Bake Sale in the school since Covid-19 began.



Confirmation

We are preparing to make our Confirmation on Saturday June 4th. There will be 3 sessions:

- Ms Jameson's class @ 10am
- Mr Kelly's class @ 12pm
- Ms Holland's class @ 2pm

We are looking forward to the day and being with our families and friends as well. On Wednesday May 4th we attended the Service of Light altogether. It was a lovely evening of song and prayer.

Hoodies

The Board of Management and the Parents' Association kindly paid for the 6th class hoodies this year which are navy and contain the signatures of each class. We love them and we want to thank you for gifting them to us this year. We will wear them as part of our school uniform until the end of the year.



And finally...

Best of luck to some of the 6th class boys who are shaving their head on Sunday in aid of Aoibheann's Pink Tie. Here's a before picture....looking forward to the after picture.



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 😊 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 !!**

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 Earl's Court or the laneway beside the school as parking area.

Single use plastic: Just a reminder to remember to continue to use reusable drink bottles in school and **no single use plastic bottles!**

It is important to note that when the school is not open for pupils, it is out of bounds to the public. This means no access to the basketball court, All Weather Pitch or grounds in general. This applies to weekends and after school without specific permission of the Board of Management. It is trespassing to be on the premises without permission.

Thanks to Ms. Moynihan, all the contributors and Paula for helping with this newsletter.

Happy May everybody 😊

Brendan Kelleher and Staff

p.s. I was asked to share this also.



NAAS INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION PROGRAMME

previously "Hill House Spanish Programme"

SUMMER 2022
24 JUN → 15/29 JUL

AUTUMN 2022
26 AUG → 7 OCT/18 NOV

We are looking for families in the Naas area with school going children, to host a Spanish Student (11-17 yrs old) As well as a weekly payment (€230 in Summer, €200 in Autumn), your own children are welcome to join with the students for their afternoon activities (workshops, sports, voluntary work, spanish classes)

During the Autumn programme, our students will follow a school term schedule much like your own children

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