

CALENDAR 2020-2021

- **May Break 2021: Closed 3rd -7th May inclusive.**
- **Closed Monday 7th June-Public Holiday**
- **Closing Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 12.15pm. Summer Holidays**

CALENDAR 2021-2022

- **Croke Park Planning Day for teachers, Tuesday, 31st August 2021**
- **School Re-opens for pupils, Wednesday, 1st September 2021.**
- **October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021 inclusive.**
- **Christmas Holidays: Closing Wednesday, 22nd December 2021 at 12.15 p.m. and re-opening Thursday, 6th January 2022.**
- **February 2022 Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022**
 - **Closed Wednesday, 17th March 2022- Public Holiday.**
- **Easter 2022: School closing Friday, 8th April 2022 at 12.15 p.m. and reopening Monday, 25th April 2022.**
 - **Closed Monday, 2nd May 2022-Public Holiday.**
 - **Closed Friday, 3rd June 2022**
 - **Closed Monday, 6th June 2022-Public Holiday.**
 - **Closing Thursday, 30th June 2022 at 12.15 p.m.**

Maintenance Fund

Each year we depend on the maintenance which is a voluntary parental contributions to pay for the many additional educational programmes which enhance the education of all children in Scoil Íde.

The voluntary contributions have enabled us to have working computer technology and science teaching facilities which enhance your child's education. Parental contributions also help fund the huge investment in books for our Literacy Lift-Off Programme in the Junior School.

Please use the Aladdin system if you wish to make a payment.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

St Nicholas' Parish revised the dates for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for this year's 2nd classes.

Room 12: Saturday 18th September 2021

Room 13: Saturday 18th September 2021

Room 14: Saturday 25th September 2021

Room 16: Saturday 25th September 2021

Sacrament of Confirmation

St Nicholas' Parish revised the dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation for this year's 6th classes.

Boland: Saturday August 21st 2021

Heaney: Saturday August 21st 2021

Nolan: Saturday August 28th 2021

Contact the Parish office at 061-341300 or saintnicholasparishoffice@gamil.com if you have any queries.



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WELL DONE

ACE awards are given to pupils who excel in school life through Attainment, Community Spirit or Effort.

Well done to our April ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Grace Hannon

VI: Heaney: Jake Fox

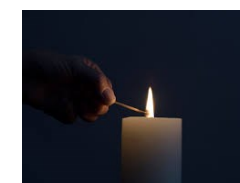
VI: Boland: Alesha Gouda

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The school community would like to express condolences to the Bennis family on the passing of Donna during the Easter break. We think of and pray for her family during this most difficult time.



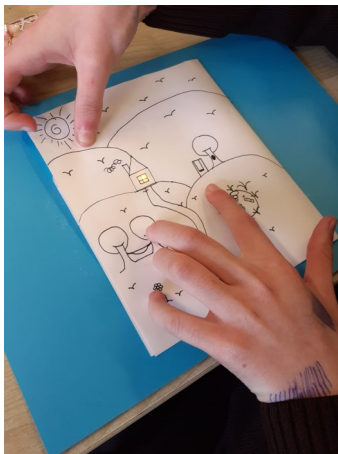
School will close on Friday, April 30th at the usual times ahead of our mid term break. The school will re-open on Monday May 10th. We hope you all have a lovely break.

Successful start to Term 3

Sincere thanks to everyone in the school community for the responsible approach to our return to school since March. Thankfully, we had no confirmed case of COVID-19 in school. It is very important that we remain highly vigilant in the months ahead.

Please take note of the following

- If anyone in the household is waiting on a result of a COVID test then no child in the household should return to school until a not detected / negative result is received.
- **no-one should be attending school if they have any household member who has signs or symptoms of Covid-19;** they should be restricting their movements until it is clear whether the household member has Covid-19 infection or not. Call your GP for advice.
- Do not send children to school if they are not feeling well or displaying one or any of the symptoms of COVID-19. Call your GP for advice.
- Any child who has been tested for COVID-19 and receives a "Not Detected" result should remain out of school for two days from the date of that result.
- Children should not attend school if they are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19
- Drop children off at school and collect children promptly. There should be absolutely no congregating at the school gates.
- **We ask all parents and guardians to wear face masks when dropping children off in the morning and collecting children in the evenings.**
- Many children are walking to school. Please ensure that you have spoken to them about "Stranger Danger" and how they should react if they are approached by someone they don't know.



Scoil Íde Pollinator Plan

To make a seed, plants have to move pollen from one flower to another flower of the same type. This movement of pollen is called pollination. Without it, there would be no seeds, and without seeds, there would be no plants. This matters to us because plants provide a large part of our diet, as well as other resources we depend upon. It matters not only to humans – wild plants also provide food and shelter to most of our wildlife (birds, mammals, and insects). We also shouldn't forget that it is those wild plants that make our island a colourful and attractive place to live.

In Ireland, some plants are pollinated by the wind, but most are pollinated by insects, including bees, hoverflies, butterflies, moths, beetles, wasps and ants. Most insect pollination is carried out by bees. We have one type (species) of managed honeybee and 98 different wild bees.

If we want to protect pollination, we need healthy honeybees, but we also need to have lots of wild bees as well as other insects.

Just like us, pollinators need food and a safe place to live. The main reason they are in trouble is hunger – our landscape, from farms to parks, schools and gardens - no longer provides enough food. Often this is because we cut, mow and spray so that the landscape looks neat and tidy to us. We've been doing this for so long that we think this is how the landscape should look, but unfortunately it means we are squeezing nature out. This means we will lose the important services nature provides, such as pollination. We have identified core areas on the school grounds that we will let grow naturally over the coming weeks and months.



COLOUR DAY 2021

We held our annual Student Council Colour Day on Friday March 26th. Children left their uniforms at home that day to dress in clothes of their own choice. We asked that they bring in €2 for this privilege. We raised a superb €1400. This money will then go towards the prize fund for the Student Council Charity Speeches Competition 2021. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Reeling in the Years: April 2001

Looking back at one of the headlines in our newsletter this month 20 years ago.

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FOOT AND MOUTH PRECAUTIONS

All schools and educational institutions have been asked to take precautions against the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease. We have disinfectant mats in place at all entrances to the school and disinfectant is replenished daily.

All schools games have been postponed and all gatherings that were not absolutely unnecessary have been postponed. We have

also postponed the visit by pupils and teachers from Gellideg School in Wales. They were due to spend most of next week in Scoil Ide.

We pray that the country stays free from the scourge of foot and mouth and that our neighbours in the United Kingdom bring the situation under control very soon so that normal school and community life

can resume.

All Scouting and guiding activities have also been postponed.

We are very grateful to the parents who volunteered to act as hosts and hope that the visit will be able to go ahead before the end of the school year.