



April 2025 Newsletter



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

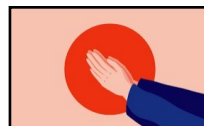
Scoil Íde Parent Association Quiz

The Parent Association held the Annual Scoil Íde Table Quiz on April 4th in O' Driscoll's bar. Sincere thanks to the Parent Association Committee (Hellena Mcloughlin, Melissa Flannery, Damien Meere, Sylwia Borodziuk, Gillian Healy, Giuseppe Torre, Valerie O' Connor & Sarah Danagher) and teacher Sarah Barton for all their work in the lead up to what was a great night. Thanks to MC Mike McInerney who kept the questions coming thick and fast. The PA raised €2,155 on the night while the Online Raffle raised a further €2,000. This is a phenomenal amount of money which we are sincerely grateful for. The cold fact is that without the financial support of our parents & guardians we would struggle to develop the school in ways that provide the best opportunities for our children.

Well done to Jason Gibson, Sean Meagher and Darren Hartigan who emerged victorious on the night.

We would also like to acknowledge the support of the many local businesses who provide spot prizes on the night and our main sponsor The Lunchbag who also contributed further to the money raised





The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) was held in St. Mary's Church during the month of April. Father Richie spoke to the children about God being the 'Good Shepherd' who looks for us throughout our lives when we might be 'lost'. He emphasised that no matter where the children find themselves in their lives that God will be looking for them to care for them as a shepherd looks after their sheep. Individual confessions were heard and afterwards Father Richie invited the children to partake of the sacrament as often as they may wish so during their lives, that God's mercy and forgiveness was always available to them.

CALENDAR 2024-2025

School closes at 12:00 on May 16th 2025 to facilitate training in the new Anti-bullying Procedures

School closed : Friday, May 30th, 2025

Public Holiday: Monday, June 2nd , 2025

School closes on Friday, June 27th at 12:15 for the Summer holidays

4th Class Final Assembly: Friday, June 13th at 09:00

5th Class Final Assembly: Friday, June 20th at 09:00

6th Class May & Final Assembly: Friday, May 23rd & Monday, June 23rd at 15:00

CALENDAR 2025-2026

- **School reopens on Thursday, August 28th, 2025**
- **October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 27th to Friday, 31st of October 2025**
- **Christmas 2025: Closing Friday, 19th December at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 5th of January 2026.**
- **February Bank Holiday: Monday, February 2nd, 2026**
- **February Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 16th to Friday, 20th February 2026**
- **Public Holiday: Tuesday, 17th March 2025- St. Patrick's Day.**
- **Easter 2026: Closing Friday, 27th March at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 13th April 2026.**
- **Public Holiday: Monday, May 4th, 2026**
- **School closed : Friday, May 29th, 2026**
- **Public Holiday: Monday, June 1st , 2026**
- **6th Class Final Assembly: June 22nd at 15:00 sa Halla**
- **School closes on Friday, June 26th at 12:15 for the Summer holidays**

**** The school is used as a polling station and may close for elections. The school may also be directed to close to facilitate staff training in curricular areas. Parents & Guardians will be informed of these closures as soon as we are made aware of them.**

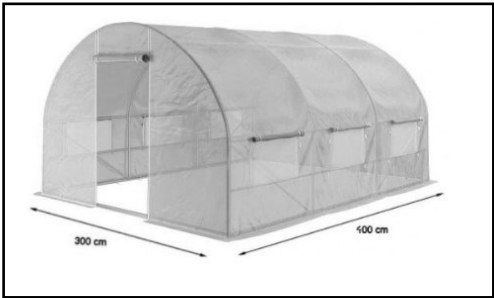
Hearing and Vision Testing for Junior Infants and for new intake during 2024-2025








The Public Health Team were on site in Scoil Íde in the MakerSpace at the end of April to conduct hearing and vision testing.

80 children (predominantly Junior Infants) were tested over three days and we sincerely thank Connie Blackwell from the HSE's Rox-town Clinic for her great work.



Our Outdoor Class- room: A hive of activity...

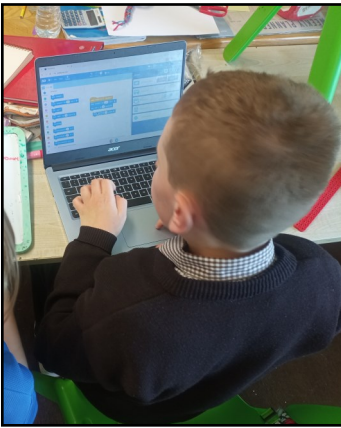
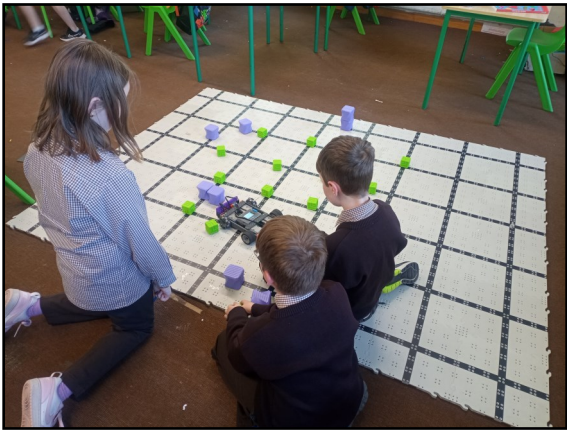
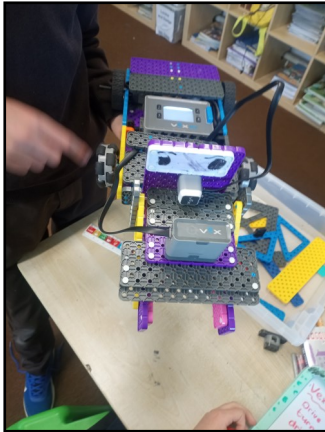


Juniors /senior	1st/2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Special ed/SNA	Special ed/SNA
Suggested - potatoes	Suggested - potatoes	Suggested Onions White	Suggested - Cabbage	Peas	Suggested Lettuce / spinach	Garlic
						
		Onions red		Broad Beans		Peas
						Potatoes



Robotics Club

Our 5th class Vex IQ robotics club is now up and running on Tuesday after-
noons. A number of children from the three 5th classes will get the opportunity
to further explore the world of STEM through hands-on robotics.
Using the Vex IQ kits and online platforms, children design, build and program
robots to complete fun and challenging tasks.
Each of the 5th classes have had an opportunity to engage on a whole class level
with robotics through our Robot Wars in Hopkins, Kavanagh and Yeats.
The club promotes creativity, problem solving and most importantly, teamwork,
in a supportive environment. Students learn how gears, motors, sensors and
controllers work together to make their creations come to life.
Previous experience isn't necessary, just curious and enthusiastic minds.
We're thrilled to see the future engineers and innovators in action each week!!



Animation Club

Animation Club began in Scoil Ide this month. A small group of fourth, fifth and
sixth class children were selected to form the first ever Scoil Ide Animation Club.
Our own Mikey Mahon, past pupil and multi award winning animator, returned to
lead the animation workshops. Over the coming weeks he will share his expertise
as the next crop of animators develop their skills under his guidance. We look for-
ward to sitting back and enjoying their homemade animation masterpieces in this
year's Scoil Ide Film Festival at the end of May.



FILMWIDE GREEN SCREEN WORKSHOP

SCOIL IDE | MONDAY, 7TH APRIL

Join Filmwide's hands-on workshop & bring your stories to life! Learn the movie magic & film your own scenes.

Psst... don't wear green! :)



FRESH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2025



6th Class Heaney participated in a Greenscreen Workshop at the start of April



Primary Schoolbook Scheme

For the 2025/26 school year all students in primary schools in the Free Education Scheme will receive free schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks. These will be in place in time for the start of the new school year.

This scheme is being implemented by Minister for Education Helen McEntee TD. It is in recognition of the cost of preparing children and young people for the return to school. The cost of providing schoolbooks and core classroom resources will now be borne by the State. The scheme will ensure equity of access, where all children and young people enrolled in primary schools in the Free Education Scheme can commence the new school year in 2025/26 with the same schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks, as other children and young people in their class.

Funding for the scheme in 2025/26 is being provided directly to primary schools by the Department of Education. Schools now have responsibility for providing schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks, to all pupils at the start of the 2025/26 school year.

All schoolbooks will remain the property of the school so that they can be reused in future years. Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to children and young people for the duration of the school year and must be returned to school at the end of the school year.

Parents/Guardians are requested to remind their child/children to take care of their schoolbooks and keep them in good condition during the year. It is not permitted to write on schoolbooks.

*For the 2025/26 school year parents/guardians will be required to purchase stationery for use by their child/ren during the school year. This stationery list will be available on our website in mid June, 2025.

The school will request €60 per child towards the cost of classroom supplies as it always has at the start of the school year.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of BoM, Maureen Hobbins.



€60, €20 deposit Includes Kit
Opportunity for 5 players to join us
on trip to Barcelona in Easter 2026

GIRLS FOOTBALL ACADEMY

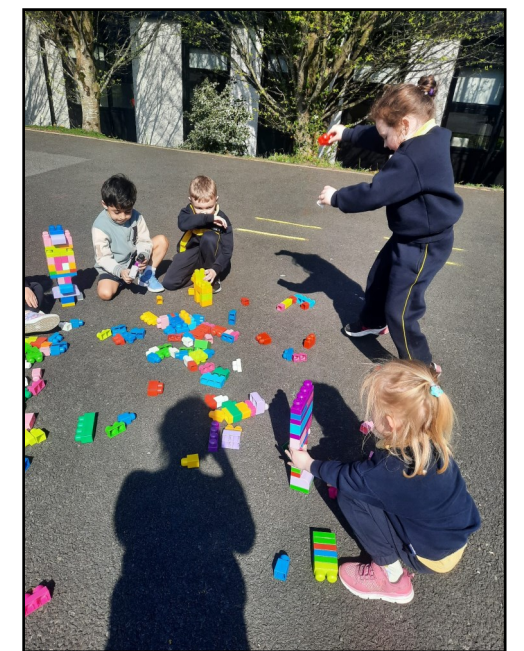
GIRLS 9 TO 14

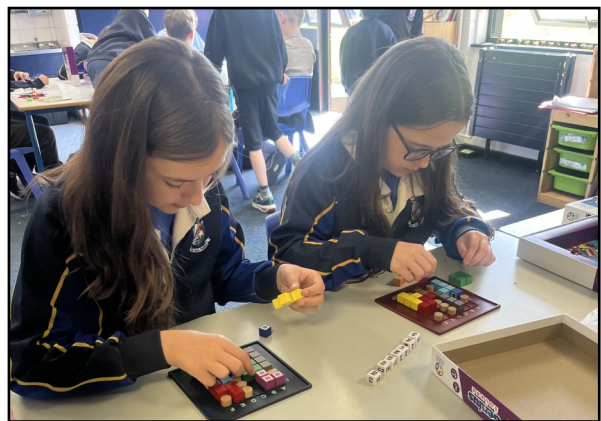
- ✓ Licenced Coach
- ✓ 20 places available
- ✓ No experience required
- ✓ Outside of club training

Register Now
THURS 8TH MAY, 6:30PM 6 WEEKS



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COME GIVE IT A TRY!!!

WHO: Girls 8-14 years
WHERE: Richmond RFC, V94 T67V
STARTING: Wednesday 7th May, for 8 weeks
TIME: 6.30-7.30pm
CONTACT : Sarah on 0830202316 or sarahmurphy1982@gmail.com

[Scan QR code to register](#)

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Importance of skin protection for children

The HSE's National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), in collaboration with Healthy Ireland has asked us to promote the following message in our school community.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Ireland with almost 13,000 new cases diagnosed annually. UV exposure during the first 10–15 years of life makes a disproportionately large contribution to lifetime risk of skin cancer.

Playing and spending time outdoors is good for children. However, it is important to protect children's skin when out in the sun. Too much exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can lead to sun damage, sunburn and skin cancer. Children and young people are particularly vulnerable to the damaging effects of UV radiation from the sun. Severe sunburn during childhood (3 or more instances before the age of 20) is associated with a 2-4 times higher risk of developing melanoma skin cancer in later life.

The easiest way to protect children's skin from UV is to follow the SunSmart 5 S's especially from April to September:

1. Slip on clothing: We need to cover our skin as much as we can, using tops that have long sleeves to cover your arms and collars to cover your neck.
2. • Slop on sunscreen: Children need a stronger sunscreen than adults, with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 50, while adults should wear a sunscreen with a SPF of at least 30. The sunscreen you use should be water resistant with high UVA protection and be reapplied every couple of hours. No sunscreen can provide 100% protection; it should be used with other measures such as clothing and shade.
3. Slap on a wide – brimmed hat: This will shade your face, ears and neck from the sun.
4. Seek shade: Especially if outdoors between 11am and 3pm.
5. Slide on sunglasses with UV protection: Guard your eyes from harm.

Even when it is cloudy, you should protect your skin as the sun's UV rays can travel through cloud. Also important to remember do not deliberately try to get a suntan. Avoid getting a sunburn. Never use a sunbed.

Wearing a wide-brimmed hat that protects the face, neck and ears is one of the simplest and most effective ways to do this as these are common sites of skin damage and skin cancer as they are constantly exposed to the elements and therefore, generally receive more UV radiation exposure than other parts of the body.

Wide-brimmed hats, including bucket and legionnaire style hats, provide protection for all of these areas. Baseball style hats are not recommended, as these styles do not provide adequate cover adequate coverage to protect the ears, cheeks or neck.

