

CALENDAR 2019-2020

Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday, 20th December at 12.15 p.m. and re-opening Monday, 6th January 2020.

February 2020 Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020.

Closed Tuesday, 17th March 2020- Public Holiday.

Easter 2020: School closing Friday 3rd April 2020 at 12.15 p.m. and reopening Monday 20th April 2020.

Closed Monday, 4th May 2020-Public Holiday.

Closed Friday, 29th May and Monday, 1st June 2020-Public Holiday.

Closing Friday, 26th June 2020 at 12.15 p.m.

Half day closures for Language Curriculum In-Service also to be confirmed.

Scoil Íde is used as a Polling Station so we will be closed for any Elections/Referendums that may be called.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May all the days
Of all the years
That God has still in store
Be filled with every joy and grace
To bless you more and more;
May hope of heart and peace of mind
Beside you ever stay,
And that's the golden wish I have
For you, this Christmas Day!

STUDENTS' COUNCIL NATIVITY

Our Student Council held a performance of the nativity for the junior classes in the run up to the Christmas Holidays. They were accompanied by the school choir for the singing.

Thanks to Ray D'Arcy and Hilary Phayer for their involvement.

BEREAVEMENT

We extend our sympathies to the family of Sr. Brigid Kennedy who was one of the Salesian Sisters based in Westbury. We also extend our condolences to her Salesian Sisters Kathleen and Patricia. May she Rest in Peace.



JESSE TREE

Once again this year, we have a digital version of the Jesse Tree which can be seen in the main corridor of the school. This was created by the 4th classes. It tells the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story.



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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December 2019

WELL DONE

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

Well done to our November ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Callum Broe

VI: Heaney: Jodie O' Donnell

VI: Boland: Dearbhail O' Connor

VI: Frost: Eoin Barrett

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

from all in
Scoil Íde

Beannachtaí na Nollag



JUNIOR INFANT APPLICATIONS 2020

The closing date for applications for Junior Infant Intake for 2020 is 1st February 2019.

If you or your neighbours have children due to start school be sure to log on to www.scoilide.ie and make the application. Please be sure to read the Enrolment Policy also as all offers of places are made in accordance with this.

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Christmas Holidays on
Friday 20th December at
12.15pm.

We will re-open on
Monday 6th January.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

- The 4th classes attended the Ardscoil Mhuire and St. Munchin's Transition Year musical 'High School Musical' in the Millennium Theatre, L.I.T.
- Our hockey team took part in a blitz with An Modhscoil and Parteen N.S in Catholic Institute and our rugby team travelled to Willow Park to play a blitz against their team and also played against CBC, Cork in St. Munchin's College.
- The Student Council was treated to a trip to Hook and Ladder.
- Students from 3rd Class donated gift-filled shoeboxes to the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal.
- Room 6 had a visit from the Ambulance Service as they were learning about the hospital as part of Aistear.
- Thanks to Limerick Fire Service for visiting the 3rd classes to give their annual fire safety talk.
- The 2nd classes undertook the CAT 4 Cognitive Ability Test.
- The winners of our Friendship Week Competitions were:

Junior Infants – Hannah, Sofia, Stan & Isaac

Senior Infants – Jack, Lucy & Chloe

First Class - Cerys, Holly, Brooke & Logan

Second Class - Laoise, Charlie & Ali

Third Class - Daria, Lauren, Adam, Kate & Maggie

Fourth Class— Mia & Leah

Fifth Class - Lexi

Sixth Class— Sarah , Emily & Holly



SCHOOL-BASED PROJECTS

The school is involved in two research-based projects which have received funding awards from the Teaching Council's John Coolahan Research Framework.

Numeracy Across the Curriculum is a maths-based project in conjunction with the University of Limerick (UL) and the Epi*Stem Department and is being undertaken by teachers Niamh O' Connor and Hilary Phayer. This started in September and will run throughout the year.

SUPER-WELL is a follow on from last year's very successful SUPER-SEN project. This time, the School-University Partnership in Educational Research is being led by teacher Bebhinn Joyce and will be commencing in Term Two with a group of teachers from the school, led by Bebhinn Joyce and Dr. Jenny Mc Mahon from UL.

VISITING STUDENTS

We are fortunate to frequently have third-level students come to our school on placement either as part of their teacher training or as part of their co-operative work placement.

In January, we will have a number of UL students working with us until June and in March we will have visiting students from the University of Arkansas on a 4 week placement.

All students are vetted in line with Child Protection guidelines.

POST-PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

Post-primary application forms should be filled in fully and returned to the school of your first choice by 12.30pm on Monday 14th January or as soon as possible.

Failure to do so may result in your child not getting a place.

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RELATIONSHIPS & SEXUALITY EDUCATION (RSE) AND STAY SAFE

Stay Safe and RSE form part of the Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) programme. Our RSE Policy, which was ratified last April and updated in December, has been put in place, as has our Stay Safe Policy. The sensitive lessons of RSE and Stay Safe will be taught in Term Two. Parents may opt their children out of RSE. If you wish to do so, you must write to the school outlining your request.

Stay Safe (The Child Abuse Prevention Programme) is mandatory for all pupils. These lessons are extremely important in educating pupils about personal safety.

Our RSE information night for parents/guardians of 5th & 6th class pupils will be held on Monday 27th January at 7.30pm. The content of the programme will be discussed at this meeting and information booklets will be handed out.

PUPIL DROP OFF

In order to promote independence, we encourage parents and guardians to drop their children at the gates and allow them to walk to their class by themselves where possible.

Reminder that children should not come to school too early as there is no supervision in place.

AGREED REPORT

The new Board of Management held their first meeting on 4th December. They will publish the Agreed Report of each meeting on the website after each meeting. This is to keep the parent body up to date with school matters.