

## CALENDAR 2018-2019

Closed Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019- Public Holiday

Easter 2019: School closing Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 12.15 p.m. and reopening Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Closed Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019-Public Holiday

Closed Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May-Language Curriculum In-Service

Closed Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May & Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019-Public Holiday

Closing Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 12.15 p.m.

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

### FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

Fundamental movement skills are a specific set of skills that involve different body parts such as feet, legs, trunk, head, arms and hands. These skills are the 'building blocks' for more complex and specialised skills that children will need throughout their lives to competently participate in different games, sports and recreational activities.

In P.E lessons, teachers will be focusing on developing these skills in pupils including balance skills, locomotive skills and ball skills. Encourage your children to use these skills at home. Activities to help to develop fundamental movements include running, climbing, skipping, hopping, throwing/catching, kicking balls, side stepping and balancing.

### CONFIRMATION

88 boys and girls from 6th class received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sat. 9th February from Bishop Brendan Leahy in St. Nicholas' Church. It was a lovely ceremony which was added to greatly by the every thoughtful and reverent way in which the children prepared and partook in the ceremony.

Thanks to all involved in the preparation.

### GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We wish Fr. Seán Harmon all the best as he leaves our parish to go and work as the chaplain of Limerick University Hospital.

Fr. Seán was regular visitor to the school and worked with our sacramental classes also.

We wish him well in his new role.

### ALDI COMPETITION

Aldi are holding a competition for primary schools to be in with a chance of winning up to €50,000 for the development of rugby and sports in the school.

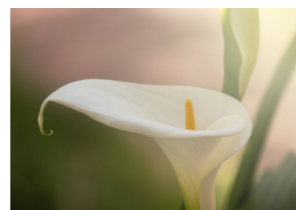
For every €30 spent, you will receive at rugby sticker which is then placed on a poster in the school hall.

If you shop in Aldi, please ask for the sticker at the checkout and return to the school.

Thanking you in advance!

### BEREAVEMENT

We extend our sympathies to the family of Sandra Galvin, mother of past-pupils James, Claudia and Tara, who passed away after a brief illness.



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# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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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 January ACEs.

**VI: Nolan:** Shane O' Donnell & Fraoch Ní Mhaolthnaigh

**VI: Heaney:** Victoria Stepien & Niall O' Hanlon

**VI: Boland:** Holly Sweeney & Christian Cantillon

**VI: Frost:** Sue Lau & Aaron Jennings



Pupils from Room 18 making Eco Bricks

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### MAINTENANCE FUND

Thanks to all those who have already contributed to the school maintenance fund which provides funding which is essential to the running of the school.

This payment can be made online through Aladdin e-payments system.

### ECO BRICKING

Environmental awareness and care forms part of our Science and Geography lessons and is an area that we have been trying to develop in Scoil Íde.

The 3rd classes collected the plastic waste from the Food Dudes Programme from their classes to see the volume of packaging which was being used. They then decided to try to make Eco Bricks which are reusable building blocks created by packing clean and dry used plastic into a plastic bottle. These 'bricks' can then be used to make indoor furniture.

Eco bricks help to remove plastic from the biosphere and from the industrial recycling system. We would encourage you and your family to try Eco bricking.

For more information see [www.ecobricks.org](http://www.ecobricks.org)

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

- Classes from 2nd-6th have been attending mass in St. Munchin's College Chapel each month.
- Some classes have started using our forest trail in the field.
- Signs of Spring have been starting to appear around the school grounds.
- The 2nd classes have commenced their preparation for First Holy Communion, learning responses, songs and prayers. They will receive the Sacrament of Penance on 26th & 27th February.
- Our rugby team played boys from CBC, Cork at home. Thanks to parents for providing refreshments for our visitors.
- Literacy Lift Off is ongoing in Senior Infants.
- Assemblies from 3rd to 6th class continue on Friday mornings. We welcome parents and families to attend.
- The 3rd classes have been engaging in 'playful learning' in Irish as part of our School Self-Evaluation. The theme this month was bia (food). They partook in a role play of the bialann (restaurant), bringing in their own props to set the scene. Bhain siad an-taitneamh as! (They really enjoyed it!)
- Some staff have commenced their engagement with the SUPER-SEN project which links us with researchers from U.L to help to deliver evidence-based practices in the areas of Autism and ADHD.



## NEW HOMEWORK POLICY

After consultation with teachers, pupils, parents and the Board of Management, the updated Homework Policy was ratified this month. The basis of the policy is that homework will be given regularly but that activities given should be meaningful, consolidate the learning that happens in class, promote independent learning and provide a link between school and home and allow parents and teachers to check if pupils have understood the work completed in class.

The policy provides a list of tasks which may be given at the discretion of the teacher. It can be accessed on our website [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie).

Every family will also receive a copy of the updated policy.

## VEX ROBOTICS

Mr. Gavin's Keats had a successful trip to Dell at the Regional Finals of the VEX Robotics competition, winning a Teamwork Challenge Champion award and progressing the National finals in C.I.T. which were held on 14th Feb. Thanks to Mr. Gavin and Mr. Gleeson for their dedication and hard work in preparing the pupils for this project and well done to all of the children in Keats! They showed great determination, hard-work, perseverance and collaboration throughout their involvement in the project.



## APPEAL

We are currently looking for the old Apple 30 pin chargers for our iPads. If you have any at home that are no longer being used then we would appreciate if you would send them in to the school.

