CALENDAR 2019-2020

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 closure for Language Curriculum In-Service also to be confirmed for Term 3.

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

STEM AND STEAM EDUCATION

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The inclusion of the Arts creates STEAM. The key component of STEM and STEAM is the integration of these subject areas. Lessons have an inquiry and project-based element. Through STEAM, we are teaching skills in a real life manner. It is estimated that 85% of jobs in 2030 have not yet been invented and we are trying to prepare our students for this ever evolving world in which we live.

We are extremely fortunate to have built up a stock of STEAM resources over the past number of years: a set of laptops, two sets of Chromebooks, a set of iPads, Lego Mindstorms, K'NEX and Izak 9 to name but a few. These resources continually have to be updated and replenished. Money raised in our Monster Raffle will be used to develop STEAM education in the school.

Scoil Íde prides itself in providing a broad range of STEAM lessons throughout all classes and your support in our Monster Raffle will help us to achieve this.

CONGRATULATIONS

The school community wishes to congratulate our basketball coach, Michelle Aspell, on being inducted into the Basketball Ireland Hall of Fame. It is a fantastic achievement and is well-deserved.

Our pupils are very fortunate to learn from such a talented coach. We are very proud to have the opportunity to work with her.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health and safety of your children is a primary concern. We would ask that you would take the following into consideration:

Abide by the rules of the road when parking and note the signage at car parks.

Pupils should not be dropped to school too early as there is no supervision in place.

At collection time, please stand back from classrooms.

To increase pupil independence and for child protection reasons, we ask that parents refrain from entering the senior building without appointment. To do so, please write a note in your child's journal or you can contact the office.

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 December ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Ella Murphy

VI: Heaney: Amy O' Connell

VI: Boland: Sophie O' Sullivan

VI: Frost: Alexandria Lugod

Pupils from Kavanagh at the VEX Finals in CIT, Cork.

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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.

MONSTER RAFFLE

Our annual fundraising Monster Raffle will be held on Wednesday 1st April. Pupils will be given books of raffle tickets to be sold at a cost of €2 per ticket or a book of six for €10. This year, our raffle is sponsored by Mughal's Service Station, Larkin's Cross. The first prize is an iPad which has been generously donated by an anonymous donor. A print of Batman has also been kindly donated by artist, Dave Cassidy.

Prizes are as follows:

1st	iPad
2nd	Bicycle
3rd	Batman Print
4th	Basketball Net
5th	Lego Technic Set
6th	Art Set

There will also be a sellers prize where one lucky ticket seller will win a €50 Smyths Voucher.

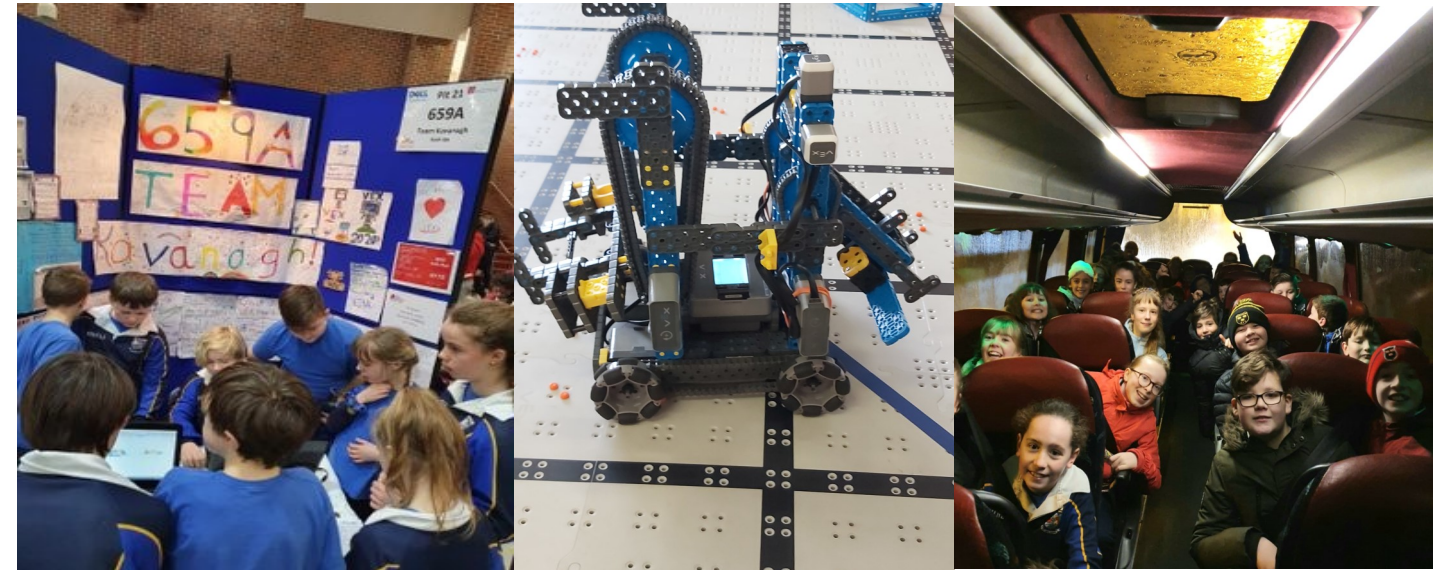Funds raised will go to purchase STEM/STEAM equipment and resources for the school.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

- 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 received the Sacrament of Penance on 24th and 25th February.

- 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 schedule is available to view on our website.

- Ms. Cummins' 2nd class have entered the RSA 'Get Up and Glow' Competition.

- A number of boys and girls from 5th and 6th class attended Game Changers: Trócaire for Global Goals in the Diocesan Office at St. Munchin's College.

- We experienced our first snow of 2020 on 10th February.

- Mr. Burn's 4th class visited the Limerick Museum as part of the Three Muses programme.

- Some students from Ardscoil Mhuire visited the 6th classes to speak to them about spotting fake news online and how to do safe research when using the internet.

- Our rugby team played a series of games against our neighbours, J.F.K. Primary School.

VEX ROBOTICS

5th Ccass, Kavanagh, had a successful trip to Dell at the Regional Finals of the VEX Robotics competition, winning the Design Champion award. They progressed to the National finals in C.I.T which was held on 12th Feb. and placed 3rd in the Driver's Challenge. Thanks to Ms. O' Connor 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 Kavanagh! They showed great determination, hard-work, perseverance and collaboration throughout their involvement in the project.

PROJECT WORK

Project work takes place regularly in Scoil Íde. It provides pupils with the opportunity to engage in research and to develop skills such as critical thinking and problem-solving. This work can be done either in school, at home or a combination of both. It is important that when using ICT to do these projects that the school ICT and Social Media Expected Use Policy is followed.

Examples of some projects which have taken place so far this year are: the solar system, the states of America, the family tree, planning a European holiday on a budget and creating an animal using the concepts of music.