

CALENDAR 2021-2022

Half Day on March 9th at 12:15 to facilitate staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum

Closed Thursday & Friday, 17th and 18th of 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.

ROAD AND CHILD SAFETY

We again appeal to all parents who drive to school to be especially careful about where they park.

Entrances are often obstructed and cars are parked on footpaths forcing parents, children and buggies with small children onto the main road.

Residents in neighbouring estates have commented on the speed of through traffic putting children walking to school at risk.

Injury or worse to a child is a horrific thought so we ask all, to exercise caution and civility while driving/parking in the locality.

Safer Routes to School Survey

We had a superb 346 responses to the Parent/ Guardian Survey. This responses represented over 516 pupils which is nearly 70% of the school population. The full survey will be emailed to all parents/ guardians in the school. Some of the main findings are outlined below.

- 48% of children are driven to school, 37% walk while less than 1% cycle.
- 82% of respondents think that road safety is a problem around Scoil Íde.
- 96% of respondents would support works at the front of the school that would improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first.
- When asked what improvements would support you to walk or cycle to school, 66% said new or improved footpaths and 63% said fewer cars at the school gates
- When asked for other comments, 58% of respondents mentioned the problem of dangerous parking while 22% referenced cycle lanes and routes.

Internet Safety Seminar

We hosted an Internet Safety Seminar for parents & guardians of children in 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes on February 8th. I have attached a recording of this seminar below. The seminar is an hour long and is well worth watching. This is an area that Scoil Íde is continuously working on and we need the support of parents & guardians and children to ensure that we make progress in this area.



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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February 2022

WELL DONE

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

Well done to our February ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Daniel Coughlan

VI: Heaney: Madison McGuane

VI: Boland: Dylan Barrett

School Opening time:

We are standardising the school opening time across the school to **08:45** from Monday, March 7th to allow for a 09:00am start. This is in line with best practice and to ensure the safety of all children attending Scoil Íde.

Any late Infant arrivals should come to Gate B and drop the child/ren to reception.

Updated Guidance Regarding COVID-19

Schools received guidance during the mid term break in relation to the unwinding of COVID-19 mitigation measures. Please take note of the following

This guidance outlines the following...

Mask wearing

Children from 3rd to 6th class are no longer required to wear a mask in school. Children are free to wear a mask if they so wish.

Case of COVID-19 in a child in a Household

- Child 0-12 years of age has a confirmed COVID-19 infection (antigen or PCR confirmed). The Child Isolates for 7 days. The child wears a well fitted mask for ten days if the child is aged 9-12 years of age.

A child has symptoms of COVID-19

- Child does not attend school
- No testing required. Child must self isolate until 48 hours after symptoms resolve.

A child is a household contact

- No test required if the child is not symptomatic.
- Child may attend school if not symptomatic

Writer of the Month

Well done to our Writers of the Month for February.

VI: Nolan: Shauna Murphy

VI: Heaney: Aoife McElligott

VI: Boland: Scott Hartigan

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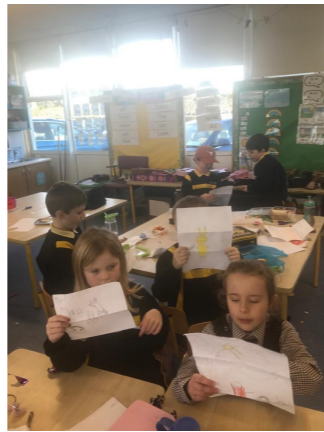
Dates for the diary.

March 9th

Scoil Íde will close for a half Day at 12:15 as staff are receiving training in the Primary Language Curriculum.

March 18th: New Public Holiday

Scoil Íde will be closed on March 18th as it is a Public Holiday.



Removal of COVID-19 Mitigation Measures in Scoil Íde

This week is a good one for Scoil Íde as we removed COVID-19 mitigation measures as advised by the Department of Education during the mid term break. The last two years have been very challenging on a whole host of levels. This week last year we welcomed back Juniors to 2nd Class after a second enforced closure of the school buildings. 3rd to 6th did not return until March 15th. Next week will mark two years since we first closed the school building on March 12th, 2020. Nobody could have foreseen what lay ahead. We have all been affected in different ways- a lot has happened. Amongst a whole host of events there have been weddings, funerals, graduations, school building closures and new arrivals. I want to thank all the parents & guardians, staff members and of course the children for their support and patience. We simply could not have done what we did without people working together and playing their part.

Face masks: Staff members and children are no longer required to wear face masks in any setting in school. Those that wish to continue to wear masks are free to do so.

Staggered Finishes: The staggered end to the school day will conclude on Friday. From Monday March 7th all classes from 1st to 6th class will finish the school day at 14:45. 1st classes will walk their classes to the Mill Road side as per usual. 2nd class can walk their core group of children to their gate (some may head to the Mill Road which is also supervised.)

Break times: We will return to a single break time from Monday March 7th. The split yard was an emergency measure for extraordinary times. This move will take adjusting for children and staff alike so bear with us as we return to this system. Teachers will talk to the children about the expectations we have of children during yard times.

Physical distancing: Pods and bubbles are no longer required.

Singing and use of all musical instruments: Now permitted

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No children will be allowed onto school grounds in advance of this time. We will maintain the morning gate duty. Gates will be reduced to four with Gate B outside reception reserved for parents & guardians dropping off bags/ lunches etc. Infant drop off and collection will remain the same. All other children can use any of the other three gates

Sanitising at the gates Staff will no longer sanitise at the gates. Teachers and SNAs will remind children to sanitise on entry to their room. Parents should remind children of cough etiquette and also keep children at home if they are feeling unwell.

Ventilation remains a key mitigation measure. COVID-19 has not gone away and it will continue to pose problems for the school community. CO2 monitors will remain in use and will be monitored regularly. Windows will be used as required to provide natural ventilation in rooms.

Access to school for parents & guardians

Parental involvement is an incredibly important part of school life and we appreciate the support and patience of parents and guardians over the last two years.

Access to the school grounds and buildings are limited for Child Protection and Safety reasons.

Parents & guardians can make an appointment to see a teacher/ principal/ deputy principal that is mutually workable for teacher and parent / guardian outside of tuition time. Teachers can be contacted by email. Go to scoilide.ie and click on classes tab to access the relevant teacher

Lunch drop offs must go to reception through GATE B ONLY

Early collections are done through the office and children are escorted to the relevant gate