

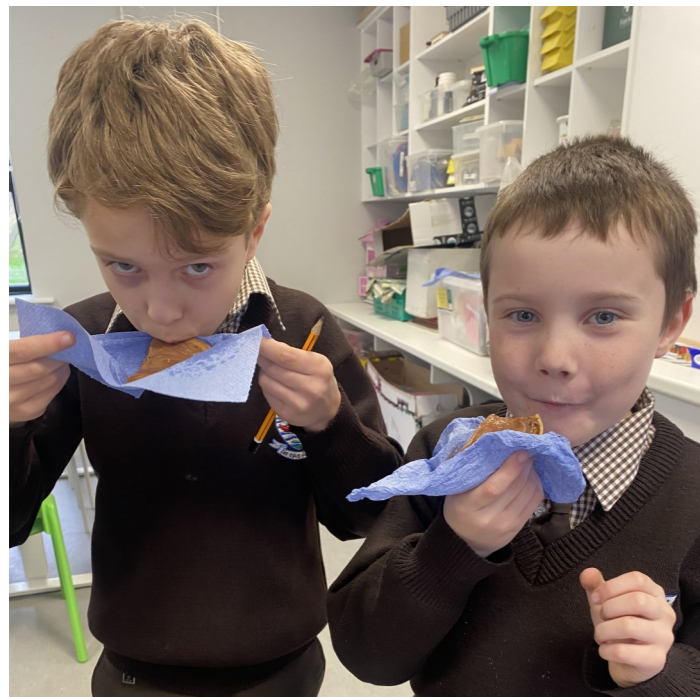


The Otter Project

Our participation in the "OTTER" Project for Education Outside the Classroom came to an end with Ciara Breen and Sarah Kelly representing the school, and indeed, Ireland, at a European Conference in Brussels. They presented their final results during the event in the EU capital to an audience including representatives from the European Commission, representatives of Open Schooling Network, policy makers, education lovers and students, and discussed the future of Education Outside the Classroom methodology and approaches.



After months of preparation, on the morning of 15 February 2024, the Beyond the classroom: rethinking STEAM education conference kicked off. The event was aiming to reunite Education Outside the Classroom advocates, practitioners, and enthusiasts, and start a conversation around the benefits of this methodology for students' and teachers' development alike, the obstacles encountered in practice, and more importantly - the steps we need to take to make it become a reality around Europe. It was extremely rewarding to be surrounded by such dedicated professionals and we are sure that the future of STEAM education is in good hands.



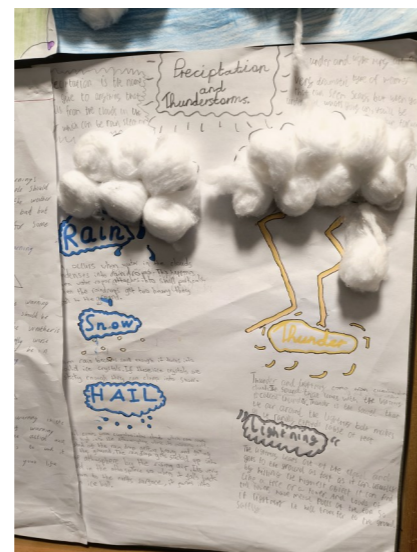
Hot Meals Scheme for Schools

The LunchBag.ie has been selected by the Board of Management as the provider of the Hot Meals Scheme in Scoil Íde.

Scoil Íde will receive the first delivery of hot lunches for children on April 12th 2024. We will email details about how to register your child in advance of these dates but it basically works as follows.

- Download thelunchbag.ie app
- Select any allergens, dietary or cultural requirements.
- Place your order up to 36 hours in advance.
- Lunch will be delivered to the school each day for 12:45.

Parents and guardians can now concentrate on providing a light and healthy snack for children to eat at their eleven o'clock break.



6th Class Merit Recipients for February:

Missing from picture:
Abi Hannafin (Boland)
& Daithí Bullman (Heaney)



Measles

Symptoms:

- fever (temperature of 38°C or above)
- cough
- runny nose
- rash (usually appears on head and neck first and spreads to rest of body)

If you think you or your child has measles:

1. Phone your GP
2. Keep your child out of childcare or school
3. Get information by searching 'HSE measles'

Keep up to date with free vaccines

Vaccine 1: 12 months at GP

Vaccine 2: Junior infants (at school) or from GP (Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal)

If your child missed their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine, contact your GP and see immunisation.ie

mychild.ie



STAY SAFE Programme

The Board of Management has organised a **Stay Safe Parent Information Meetings on March 12th at 20:00 via Zoom**. I will forward the link in advance of this date

Parental involvement is an essential component of the Stay Safe programme. These sessions give information on: Aims and Content of the Stay safe programme, Information on child abuse and bullying (including cyberbullying) and Child Protection requirements of the school.

The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. It deals initially with common situations which most children will experience at some stage or other, e.g. getting lost or being bullied.

The programme also teaches children the safety skills necessary to protect themselves from physical or sexual abuse and emphasises the importance of telling a trusted adult about any problems they have.

The Stay Safe programme is part of the Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum which all primary schools are required to implement. Co-operation between parents and teachers is essential to the success of this programme.

It is important that parents are aware of the content of the Stay Safe lessons and are able to discuss the lessons with their children. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the messages at home.



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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February 2024

Merit Winners

These children have made Scoil Íde a better place through their words, thoughts and deeds and have been awarded a Merit to acknowledge this.

Boland

- Anna Kuzava: For being so mature and hardworking.
- Josh O' Leary: For his enthusiastic engagement in all classwork and school activities.
- Abi Hannafin: For her kind and caring nature toward her class mates and teachers.
- Dylan Hannon: For his positive reaction to correction and learning from his mistakes.
- Sophia Kelly: For her improvement in Maths due to her excellent work ethic.

Frost

- Tadhg Moore: For always working hard and displaying exceptional behaviour at all times in school.
- Julia Stoma: For always taking pride in the presentation of the work that she does in class.
- Neal Katkovs: For making huge strides and improvements in all areas of the curriculum this month.
- Aishling Joyce: For always having a smile on her face and lighting up the room wherever she goes.
- Aidan Cronin: For always having excellent manners in school and for making a big effort in displaying a mature attitude to his schoolwork.
- Quin Sheedy: For helping out her teacher and classmates in PE with her incredible gymnastics knowledge and talents.

Heaney

- Daithí Bulman: For high quality research on "Moonquakes" along with well presented and detailed explanation writing on the same subject.
- Taylor Fitzgerald: For excellent effort and engagement in class and for always getting down to work quickly and getting involved in lessons.
- Zach Grant: For his positive attitude, kindness towards others and for his polite and mannerly interactions.
- Ali O'Shea: For excellent script writing skills, good character development in drama challenge and for great effort during drama sessions
- Isaac Coughlan: For volunteering to carry out research on his locality and retelling local folktales in a concise and accomplished manner.



SCOIL ÍDE PARENTS ASSOCIATION
INVITE YOU TO OUR
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Table Quiz
FRIDAY

15 MARCH 8:00 PM

O'Driscolls O'Driscolls, Corbally Bar

€40 PER TEAM OF 4

Great Prizes to be won.
There will also be an amazing raffle on the night, with all prizes sponsored by local businesses & supporters.

Sacrament of Confirmation



The majority of our 6th class children celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in the beautiful surrounds of St Mary's Church on Saturday the 24th of February.

It was a lovely family occasion and the ceremony itself was very meaningful. Thanks to the families, the teachers, the Parish Team and the children for working so well together and preparing so diligently for the ceremony. Thanks to Bishop Brendan and Fr Richie for leading the ceremony.

We sincerely hope that the children see the value in the commitments they made on Saturday and use the gifts referenced in the ceremony to make the community a kind, respectful and tolerant place for everyone.



Bord Oideachais & Oiliúna
LUIMNIGH & AN CHLÁIR
LIMERICK & CLARE
Education & Training Board

Limerick Community Special School Information Night

Monday, 11 March
7.30pm

Greenhills Hotel, Limerick

www.limerickcss.ie

CALENDAR 2023-2024

Referendums on 'women in the home' reference and wider definition of family: March 8th, 2024

Closed March 11th: Primary Maths Curriculum Staff In-Service

Public Holiday: Monday, 18th March 2024 - St. Patrick's Day.

Easter 2024: Closing Friday, 22nd March at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 8th April 2024.

May Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th May inclusive.

Public Holiday: Monday, 3rd June 2024

European Elections/ Directly Elected Mayor Vote: Provisional June 7th, 2023

Closing for Summer Holidays on Friday, 28th June at 12.15pm

CALENDAR 2024-2025

School Re-opens for all pupils on Thursday, 29th August 2024

October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 28th October to Friday, 1st November 2024 incl.

Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday 20th December at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 6th January 2025.

Public Holiday: Monday, 3rd February 2025.

February Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 17th to Friday, 21st February 2025 incl.

Public Holiday: Monday, 17th March 2025- St. Patrick's Day.

Easter 2025: Closing Friday, 11th April at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 28th April 2025.

Public Holiday: Monday, May 5th, 2025

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

Check out our recently renovated website at www.scoilide.ie.

