

ALL STAR BASKETBALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS MID TERM FEBRUARY CAMPS 2025

Two Day Junior & Senior
Basketball Camps

Thursday & Friday February 20th/21st
In CRESCENT COLLEGE SPORTSHALL

Junior Camp 9.30am to 12.30pm
for 1st, 2nd & 3rd class boys and girls

Senior Camp 1.30pm to 4.30pm
for 4th, 5th & 6th class boys and girls


Skills, games and fun competitions

Cost is € 25 per player

Contact Michelle @ 086 8176937 for more info.

Don't miss your chance to attend
Limericks #1 Primary Schools
Basketball Camp

The QR code and booking links will be
available this week.



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Past Pupil Watch....

Well done to Madison McGuane who continues to excel on the soccer field and has signed up to Treaty United's Women Under 17 team for the upcoming season.



Well done to Kieran Ryan who moves up to a Munster Rugby development contract next year and will progress to a senior contract for 2026/27. He becomes the fourth Academy player moving up to the senior squad next year with two-year deals .



Well done Marion
Both Jack and Summer in 1st class were very proud of their Nana (and our Lollipop lady for years) who met President Michael d Higgins in the Aras on January 28th. Marion played on the first ever Irish Women's soccer team in 1973.

How cool is it to see Marion and Madison feature in the newsletter side by side.



SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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The Passing of time...

Peter Long (RIP) wrote this piece for the January newsletter in 2016.

"Although we regret the loss of our beautiful Lime Tree in front of the Senior Infant Rooms we couldn't have envisaged the transformation of the stump to the beautiful piece of art it has become. Following Storm Barney it became necessary to remove the tree for safety reasons. Having seen some 'chainsaw art' in the People's Park from previous storm remains we contacted chainsaw artist Will Fogarty to see what he could do with the stump. Will, working on the theme of creatures local to the area, has carved an owl, heron, salmon, kestrel, badger and a squirrel from the stump at the time of writing. The project has garnered huge interest both locally and through social media where our Facebook page had a reach' of over 10,000 people."

Exactly nine years later we regret the significant damage caused to the sculpture by Storm Éowyn. The sculpture had a lifespan of around ten years so we have decided to let nature take its course with the remains of the sculpture. It will serve out its time as a Bug Hotel. We think Peter would have been happy with this course of action.



Date for the Diary: March 18th, 2024

Scoil Íde will close for staff training in the Primary Maths Curriculum.





Merit Winners

Every month, the teachers in 6th Class nominate children in their classes for Merits. These merits reflect how these children have made Scoil Íde a better place through their words, thoughts and deeds. Well done to all of the recipients.



Boland Merits: From the left

Jake Raleigh, Lelia McInerney, Lauren Raleigh & Cassie Bromell.

Missing from picture: Brooke Smalle McMahon.



Nolan: From the left

Jamie Irwin, Charlie Heffernan, Omar al Hourani, Oisín Lyons & Aisha Bari.



Heaney: From the left...

Mason Lawlor, Josh McNulty, Nika Bokane, Kitty Burns & Ava Foley.



Frost Merits: From the left...

Jodie Merritt, Cathal Griffin, Aaron Broe & Liam Barrett.

Missing from picture: Olive Carter.



New After School Activity Alert



Scoil Íde and St Patrick's GAA have joined forces with the Limerick County Board Coaching & Games Team to provide hurling training sessions for the girls and boys in 1st & 2nd classes and for 3rd & 4th classes after school on Mondays from 14:45 - 15:45.



Each session will focus on fundamental movement skills and identified hurling skills in a fun and inclusive environment.

Block One: March 3rd, March 10th, March 24th, March 31st. Blitz Day on April 7th in the Bishop's Field. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend the Blitz Day

Block Two: April 28th, May 12th, May 19th, May 26th, June 9th, Blitz Day: June 16th

Parents and Guardians of children in these classes will receive a short survey during the February Mid Term break to get a sense of the number of children interested so we can plan accordingly. We will have finer details after the mid term break in February

Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary and we will provide helmets and hurleys if you require them.

GET INVOLVED WITH GAA

If you are of the Limerick persuasion and you would like your child to join a GAA club then St Patrick's GAA Club would be only delighted to welcome your son and daughter to play with them. Contact Niall at 087-9332833 or the club's social media pages for further details.



Our Clare based children can contact Parteen Meelick GAA. Details at www.partenmeelick.com/contact

BATTERY RECYCLING

Reminder: Battery recycling is available in Scoil Íde. Children can bring batteries in and their teacher will ensure they go into the Blue Box

Did you know that the average household has 12 used batteries hiding in their homes that could be recycled? They could be in old toys, shavers, power tools or at the back of the kitchen drawer!

And every battery recycled by WEEE Ireland goes towards a donation fund to [LauraLynn](http://LauraLynn.org), Ireland's Children's Hospice.

#DYK: The materials in 297 waste batteries could be used to make a new saucepan!*



Food for thought and time to act!

Children as young as eight are at an increased risk of being exposed to harmful online content, with research highlighting a “significant” lack of parental engagement in monitoring their activities.

While calls continue for Government to introduce a mandatory online safety programme, new research shows many children have unrestricted and unsupervised access to smart devices in their bedrooms. Many young children are not telling their parents when they have seen content online that has upset them, according to a survey of more than 2,000 primary school children carried out by Cybersafe Kids.

The report found more than 80% of eight to 12-year-olds are allowed to use phones and other smart devices unsupervised in their bedrooms.

The survey also found:

- Almost 30% of the children surveyed reported they could go online whenever they wanted;
- Half (50%) acknowledged they spent too much time online;
- Just 35% said their parents could see what they were doing online.

Of those children who had been bothered or upset by something they had experienced online in the last year, just half spoke to a parent or trusted adult. A further 16% said they saw something online that they would not want their parents to know about in the past year. Over a third (36%) of children surveyed said they had not talked to their parents at all in the past year about how to stay safe online, and a further 18% reported never having such conversations.

According to the campaign group, children having unsupervised access to smart devices in their bedrooms increases their risk of being exposed to inappropriate sexual or violent content or contact from strangers. It also decreases the possibility of them telling a trusted adult if something goes wrong.

Parents need to be more involved in children’s online lives, according to clinical psychologist Dr David Coleman.

“The fact that primary school-aged children affected by distressing content or interactions online are choosing not to discuss these experiences with a parent or trusted adult is concerning. “If we allow children online, at this age, then they need to be supervised and should never have unrestricted access. Keeping children safe online is as important as keeping them safe offline.”

Derek Chambers, policy lead on national mental health with the HSE said the research highlighted a disconnect between parents and children. *“We know that overexposure to the digital world can have a negative impact on sleep, mood and overall mental health, and this research also reminds us that children’s unsupervised access to smart devices in their bedrooms increases their risk of being exposed to harmful content or contact from strangers.”*

As part of our overall Child Protection Procedures we will be consulting with parents in Term 3 about how both school and home can support children to ensure that they enjoy a childhood free from the unnecessary pressures associated with online activity.





CALENDAR 2023-2024

Public Holiday: Monday, 5th February 2024.

February Mid-term Break: Thursday 15th and Friday, 16th February 2024.

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

Closed March 11th: Primary Math's 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

Olympics Watch



Harry and Max (both in 5th Class, Hopkins) did the school proud on January 26th in the Munster Schools Swim Gala in U.L..

They competed in the 50 meter free style and meter back stroke and both took seconds off their PBs.

Max had a qualifying time for The National Schools Championship with his time in free style.

We are all delighted for them both. They are both so dedicated to swimming with Limerick Swimming Club and they were delighted to participate on Sunday on behalf of Scoil Ide.

Well done boys!

**CALLING ALL GIRLS FROM
JUNIOR/ SENIOR INFANTS!!!**

Try a new sport & make new friends!

Try a taster session with Limerick Hockey Club!!

WHEN: THIS SATURDAY 10.30-11.30

WHERE: UL HOCKEY PITCH

WHAT TO BRING: WATER, GUM SHIELD, SHIN

GUARDS (NO STICK NEEDED)

Phone Rose 0857126707



School Policy Reviews

It is the intention of the Board of Management that a minimum of three policies will be reviewed each school year—one per term where and when possible.

During School Year 2024-2025 we will be reviewing and or developing the following policies...

- School Uniform Policy: Term 2 2024-2025
- Healthy Eating Policy: Term 3 of 2024-2025
- Bí Cinealta: Anti Bullying Policy: Term 2 & 3 2024-2025.

Each policy review will involve consultation with children, school staff and our parent and guardian body.

Reminder

Smart Device Policy: Reminder that children are not allowed to bring smart devices into school. We ask for parental and guardian support in this regard, particularly in relation to smart phones.

Uniform: We remind parents and guardians that children are not allowed wear leggings into school. We appreciate your support in this regard.



Solar for schools

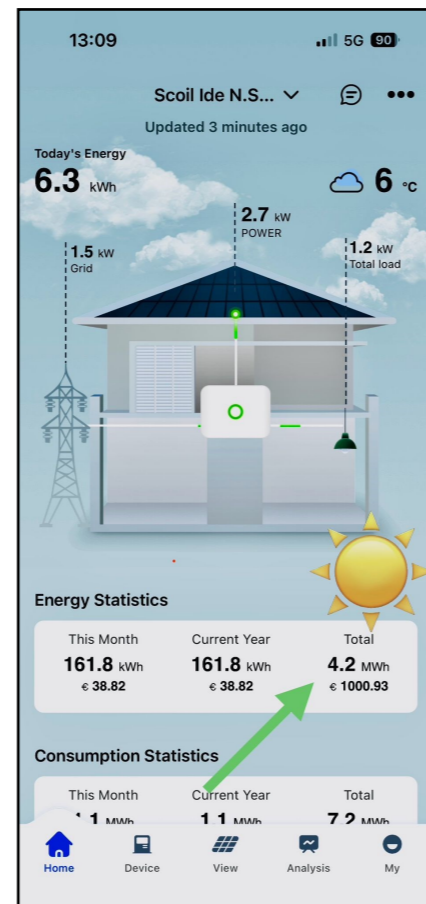
Scoil Íde was delighted to be included in the first phase of the Solar for Schools Programme last year.

Our panels provide Scoil Íde with 6 kilowatts of roof-mounted solar PV, which equates to approximately 16 solar panels.

The solar PV panels in the school are connected to the electricity grid, so that the school can generate income by powering other homes and businesses with clean energy when the school is closed at weekends and during school holidays.

The typical amount a school can save will depend on a number of factors. However, by way of example, we have saved €1,000 since the panels were installed in May of 2024.

Monitoring software allows us to review and discuss the energy generated each day for staff and students.



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Calendar for School Year 2024-2025

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

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

March 18th, 2025: Closed to children for staff training in the Primary Math's Curriculum

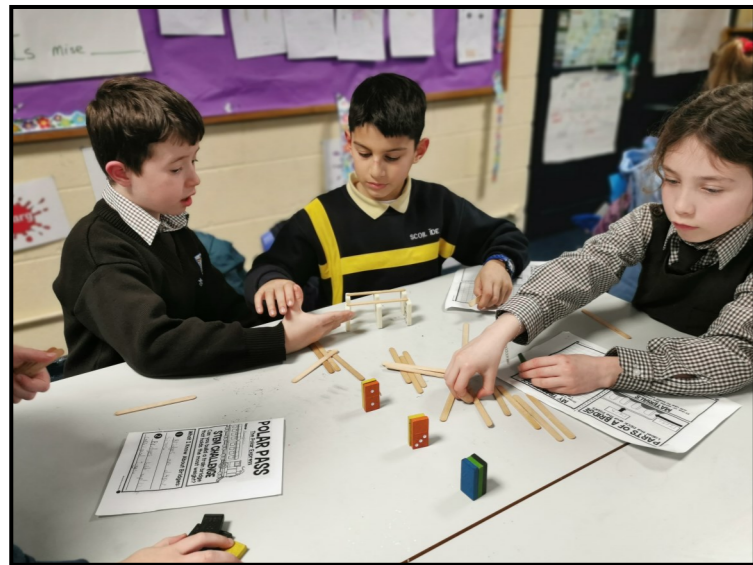
Easter 2025: Closing Friday, 11th April at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 28th April 2025.

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



Calendar for School Year 2025-2026

School reopens on Thursday, August 28th, 2025

October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 27th to Friday, 31st of October 2025 incl..

Christmas 2025: Closing Friday, 19th December at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 5th of January 2026.

February Bank Holiday: Monday, February 2nd, 2026

February Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 16th to Friday, 20th February 2026 incl..

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

Easter 2026: Closing Friday, 27th March at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 13th April 2026.

Public Holiday: Monday, May 4th, 2026

School closed : Friday, May 29th, 2026

Public Holiday: Monday, June 1st , 2026

School closes on Friday, June 26th at 12:15 for the Summer holidays

*** The school is used as a polling station and may close for elections. The school may also be directed to close to facilitate staff training in curricular areas. Parents & Guardians will be informed of these closures as soon as we are made aware of them***