

## CALENDAR 2022-2023

Closed Friday, 17th March 2022- Public Holiday. St Patrick's Day

Easter 2023: School closing Friday, 31st March 2023 at 12.15 p.m. and reopening Monday, 17th April, 2023

Closed Monday, May 1st 2023: Bank Holiday

### **Closed Friday, May 12th 2023: Curriculum Planning Day**

Closed Monday and Tuesday, 5th & 6th June 2023. Bank Holiday

Closing for Summer Holidays on June 30th 2023 at 12.15 pm.

*\* Where contingency arrangements are required a school authority may reduce the length of the February mid-term break by remaining open up to and including Wednesday 15th February 2023. and/ or may reduce the length of the Easter break by remaining open up to and including Wednesday 5th April 2023. Scoil Íde is used as a Polling Station so we may be closed for any Elections/Referendums that may be called.*

## 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 responses to the Parent/ Guardian Survey which represented over 516 pupils which is nearly 70% of the school population. 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.

The Council are liaising with the Safer Routes to School Team and a plan should be ready soon.



# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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January & February 2023

## WELL DONE

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

Well done to our ACEs. For January and February.

VI: Nolan: Faye Morgan Greer & Eibhlin Butler

VI: Heaney: Caitlyn Anderson & Sam McLoughlin

VI: Boland: Kate O' Sullivan & Dylan Kelly

VI: Frost: Ruby Sheahan & Jack Long

We choose a Writer of the

Month from each 6th Class. Well done to...

VI: Nolan: Emma McNamara Allen & Grace Rainsford

VI: Heaney: Adam Quigley & Martin English

VI: Boland: Cathal English & Morgan M Delaney

VI: Frost: Andy Mullen & Anna Prysiazniuk

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

Comhghairgeadas do na páisti seo a leanas

VI: Nolan: Robbie Culhane & Cameron Reeves

VI: Heaney: David Davern & Mia Walshe Kelly

VI: Boland: Ciara Hickey & Kate O' Sullivan

## Dates for the Diary.

**May 12th, 2023**

**Scoil Íde will close for the day as staff are receiving curriculum training .**



**Calling**

**All Parents, Guardians, Friends & Supporters of Scoil Íde**

The Scoil Íde Table Quiz in association with the Parents Association will be taking place on

**March 10th in O'Driscolls Bar Corbally at 8pm.**

Funds raised will support the efforts of Scoil Íde for 2023. Great Prizes to be won. There will also be an amazing raffle on the night, with all prizes sponsored by local businesses.

**€10 per person Teams of 4.**

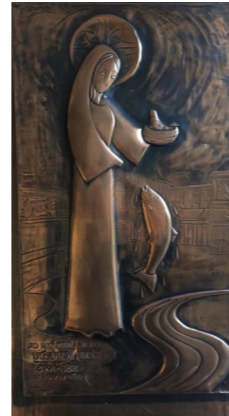


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### Change to Scoil Íde's Uniform Policy

After consultation with parents & guardians, staff and the children themselves, the Board of Management has ratified a change to Scoil Íde's Uniform Policy. From September 2023, children in Junior and Senior Infants will only wear the tracksuit uniform to school. The Brown Uniform will continue to be worn by children from 1st to 6th classes. Children from 1st to 6th classes will also have a tracksuit uniform.

### Curriculum Evaluation in English

The Inspectorate visited Scoil Íde on February 8th and 9th. Anne Fitzpatrick, Sinead Ginnane and Niamh Quinn visited a variety of school settings and observed teaching in classroom and support settings. They also spoke with children in various classes and to a focus group of 12 children from 4th to 6th classes. The focus of the Inspection was Child Protection, Bullying Procedures and a Curriculum Evaluation In English. They spoke highly of the practice in all three areas and their written report will be published in due course. Parents and guardians will be notified once the report has been published.

### Sensory Room Update

Production delays mean that our Sensory Room will not be operational until after the Easter holidays but we are very much looking forward to getting to use this facility in the near future and not before time. The pictures below give a sense of what children can expect from this room. Located outside the halla on the Mill Road side, this room will be centrally located and will further provide for the needs of the children in our care. All funds raised from the Voluntary Contribution will go towards the purchase of this much needed facility.

