

## CALENDAR 2021-2022

- Croke Park Planning Day for teachers, Tuesday, 31st August 2021
- School Re-opens for pupils, Wednesday, 1st September 2021.
- October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021 inclusive.
- Christmas Holidays: Closing Wednesday, 22nd December 2021 at 12.15 p.m. and re-opening Thursday, 6th January 2022.
- February 2022 Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022
  - Closed Wednesday, 17th 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.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL in September

**I know we are just about to head off on our holidays but the following information will make our return to school in September smoother...**

The Government announced on Friday, June 18th that

*"It is expected that schools will continue to operate with the current infection prevention and control measures in place to support their safe operation during Covid-19 when they reopen in August/September.*

*Schools should therefore plan to reopen in August/September and continue to operate in line with their Covid-19 response plans."*

As a result, we will continue with all our current measures which gives everyone a sense of security ahead of reopening. We can then tailor our measures when back on site. This means we know exactly where we stand and we can all take a well deserved break and come back to a system that we are familiar with. We will be in contact in advance of reopening to remind you of our Return to School Plan

## BEREAVEMENT

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to our colleague Colm O' Connor and to his family on the passing of Colm's father, Paul in early June

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.

## The Monster Raffle

Thanks to Suzanne Noble and the Student Council for organising a highly successful event which raised over €4,500 for the school. This is a fantastic sum of money which will go towards the cost of purchasing 32 new i-Pads which will be up and running for September coming. Well done to all the lucky ticket holders too.



# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

www.scoilide.ie

061 345495

June 2021

## WELL DONE

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

Well done to our June ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Sophie Crowe

VI: Heaney: Conor Coughlan

VI: Boland: Ava Leonard



## THANK YOU

The Board of Management wish to thank staff, parents & guardians and pupils for their cooperation throughout the school year. The last two school years have proved to be an unprecedented and challenging time for all. The Board would like to thank you all for your compliance with our COVID Response Plan and for your engagement with distance learning.

We wish you well for the summer ahead. Enjoy a well-earned rest!

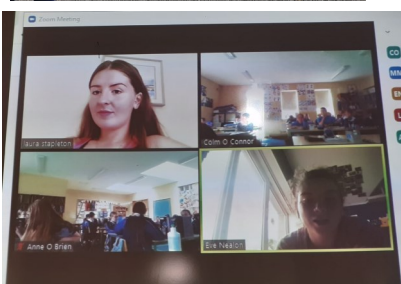
## A MESSAGE TO 6th CLASS

We were delighted that our 6th class students were able to finish out their final year on site in Scoil Íde. We must commend you on engaging with your teachers through Google Classroom and Zoom calls during Remote learning in Term 2. Since then you have worked incredibly hard on your Charity Speeches, Duathlon and your Aeronautical Engineering Challenge amongst other projects. We were delighted to be able to bring you on a local tour as once again Limerick provided us with all we needed on our doorstep. Your Final Assembly was a fitting conclusion to your time with us. Thanks to your teachers Ciara Breen, Marese Murphy and Colm O' Connor, support teacher Hilary Phayer, Deputy Principal Tom Hartney and all the teachers who have worked with you since your first day in Scoil Íde. Enjoy your summer and best of luck in secondary school.

## END OF YEAR REPORTS/ BOOKLISTS

- End of year reports were published on Aladdin on 21st June and are available to read through the Parents Portal.  
Access codes were sent previously and the username and password you created still apply.  
This year, reports once again include standardised test results. These tests were administered throughout the first two weeks in June.
- All book lists are available on our website under the 'Parent Info' tab.





## Student Council 6th Class Charity Speeches Competition

Well done to all the 6th class pupils who participated in the Annual Student Council 6th Class Charity Speech Competition. This competition is an integral part of the 6th Class programme. The standard this year was very high and the judges had a very hard time picking the 9 finalists who spoke on behalf of their chosen charities in an effort to win the €1,400 prize fund. This money was collected on our Colour Day just before Easter. The winner was chosen by popular vote. All the 5th and 6th classes viewed the Speeches online and voted accordingly. Limerick Marine Search and Rescue emerged victorious on the day and will be forwarded a cheque in the coming days.

## UNIFORMS

As per the Code of Behaviour, all pupils should wear their brown uniform on non-PE days and the school tracksuit on PE days *only*.

### Uniform (all classes)

Brown pinafore/skirt/trousers, brown and white check shirt, brown v-neck jumper

### Tracksuit (Juniors-3rd)

Scoil Ide navy tracksuit top and plain navy tracksuit bottoms & yellow polo-shirt

### Tracksuit (4th-6th)

Scoil Ide jersey or dark blue round neck t-shirt and plain navy jumper

Plain navy tracksuit bottoms

## Safer Routes to School

We were delighted to be notified recently that Scoil Íde was successful in its application to the "Safer Route to School" scheme. The SRTS Infrastructure Officer for Limerick will be liaising with us over the coming weeks to ascertain the issues our school is experiencing when it comes to safety at the school gate and any barriers to walking and cycling. In addition they will be working with our Local Authority to schedule the programme as soon as possible, however the rollout of the programme is dependent on the capacity of all parties but it is envisioned that interventions can be progressed in a timely manner.

## CYCLING TO SCOIL ÍDE

Anne Cronin from the Limerick Cycle Bus is taking part as a Positive Energy Champion looking at low carbon transport, which she is documenting over a 20-week period. Her project involves asking families that want to cycle to school but feel the trip is hazardous, to plot their route to school, taking pictures of the particular hazards and uploading them to an app so that the routes and the presenting hazards can be mapped throughout the city.

This data will be later compiled in a submission to the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy which is due for consultation in the coming weeks as well as feeding into the new Active Travel Unit being set-up in Limerick. It is key that children have a voice in the design of this strategy which covers transport in Limerick for the next 20 years

If any Scoil Ide families are interested, please email Anne on [anne.cronin6@gmail.com](mailto:anne.cronin6@gmail.com) or contact her on 0868536925. For those happy to be involved, the mapping tool is available for use in the first 2 weeks in July. Therefore you can map your route to school at anytime during this period.