



SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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Thank You

The Board of Management wish to thank staff, parents & guardians and pupils for their cooperation throughout the school year. We are eternally grateful to the parents and guardians in Scoil Íde for the support and patience they have shown throughout the year. See you all in late August for the start of the new school year.

A Message for 6th Class

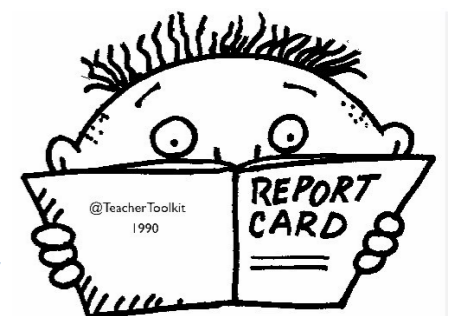
We were delighted that our 6th class students were able to finish out their final year fully on site in Scoil Íde. Over the course of Term 3 you have worked incredibly hard on your Charity Speeches, Duathlon and your Aeronautical Engineering Challenge amongst other projects. We were delighted to bring you on a school tour as a year group once again as you headed to Derg Isle Activity Centre.



Your Final Assembly was a fitting conclusion to your time with us. Thanks to your teachers Ciara Breen, Marese Murphy, Laura O Shea and Colm O' Connor, support teachers Laura Foley and Sarah Tedford, SNA Sheila Conran, Deputy Principal Tom Hartney and all the teachers and SNAs 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 / Free book scheme

- End of year reports were published on Aladdin on the 19th June and are available to read through the Parents Portal.
- This year, reports once again include standardised test results. These tests were administered in late May and early June.
- Parents and guardians **do not** have to buy any school books, workbooks or copies this year as the government has provided funding to the school to centrally purchase these items. Stationery will still be purchased by parents/ guardians.



Safer Routes to School

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme launched in March 2021. It is designed to support students to walk and cycle to school by:

- Providing front of school treatments which will enhance access to school grounds
- Accelerating the delivery of walking, scooting and cycling infrastructure on key access routes to schools
- Expanding the amount of cycle parking available at schools

More than 900 schools applied and were accepted on to the programme. We are one of the schools that were selected to be in Round 1. We received a 30-space cycle shelter last year and are now moving to the next stage.

Limerick City & County Council has launched a public consultation on proposed works to be undertaken at Scoil Íde on the Corbally Road (R463).

The proposals include

- new raised pedestrian crossings
- new pedestrian and cycle paths
- traffic calming measures and junction tightening
- landscaping and low-level planting to enhance the front of school area

The objective is to improve safety at the school gate by providing 'front of school' treatments and improve access for students walking and cycling to school.

You can read more about the plans and make a submission through the link below before 16:00 on July 19th, 2023

<https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/consultation/part-8-corbally-road-r463>

In 2021, the school shared the SRTS survey with parents for families to provide feedback on road safety issues around the school.

346 parent responses were received, representing 516 students.

- 96.2% of parents would support works at the front of school that improve student safety, putting pedestrians and cyclists first
- 96.2% of parents would support works that improve the walking and cycling routes to our school
- 65.6% wanted new or improved footpaths
- 62.7% wanted fewer cars at the school gate
- 53.8% want new or improved cycle paths
- 53.5% support safer crossing points



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 finalists who spoke on behalf of their chosen charities in an effort to win the €1,200 prize fund. This money was collected on our Colours' Day just before Easter. The winner was chosen by popular vote. All the 5th and 6th classes attended the Finals in the hall and voted accordingly. Aimee Bresnan, Maggie Bromell, Kate O' Sullivan & Jude Allelaghi from Boland spoke on behalf of Jig-saw and emerged victorious on the day. The prize fund of €1,200 was transferred online. It is important to acknowledge too the fact that every child in 6th spoke on behalf of their chosen charity and we hope that the experience of speaking in front of a large crowd of peers and judges stands them in good stead in the coming years.

5th Class Public Speaking

A very important element of our approach to education is the way we develop the children's skills and knowledge base incrementally over the years. 5th Class children prepare for the Charity Speeches Competition by participating in their own Public Speaking Competition. Well done to Ali O' Shea (Kavanagh), Mayson Phayer (Hopkins) and Paul Kane (Yeats). All three children spoke brilliantly on the following topics...

'The negative effects of social media',

'What is good about where I live'

& 'By the time I'm thirty'.

It is important to note that we are very proud of all the children in 5th class who spoke initially in their classrooms and then again at the Final in the Halla.

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*.

Formal Uniform (1st –6th classes)

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

Tracksuit Uniform (Juniors-3rd)

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

Tracksuit Uniform (4th-6th)

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

Plain navy tracksuit bottoms

Leggings and bicycle shorts are not suitable. We sincerely ask for parental cooperation in this regard. Please consider this when purchasing uniforms/tracksuits for the coming school year.

Uniform Swap: There are uniforms available in the school hall for those who wish to take them. Trevor will be on site throughout the summer. Leave a note with contact details in the letter box and Trevor will arrange a time to collect a uniform.

CALENDAR 2023-2024

- School Re-opens for all pupils on Thursday, 31st August 2023.
- October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 30th October to Friday 3rd November incl.
- Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday 22nd December at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 8th January 2024.
- Public Holiday: Monday, 5th February 2024.
- February Mid-term Break: Thursday 15th and Friday, 16th February 2024.
- 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
- Closing for Summer Holidays on Friday, 28h June at 12.15pm

Scoil Íde is used as a Polling Station so we may be closed for any Elections/ Referendums that may be called.

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The Monster Raffle

Thanks to Suzanne Noble and the Student Council for organising a highly successful event which raised over **€5,000** for the school. This is a fantastic sum of money which will go towards the provision of specialised teaching in various curricular areas. Well done to all the lucky ticket holders too.

Special Thanks

As we head off on our summer holidays we are conscious that some families time as a members of the Scoil Íde community concluded on Friday, June 30th .

We would like to thank these families, some of whom have been dropping children to Scoil Íde for over twenty years all the very best as their families move onto different stages in life. We hope that your child/ren enjoyed their time with us and we wish them all the very best over the coming months and years.





Happy Retirement Marian

As we close the school for the summer holidays we want to wish a happy retirement to Marian O'Donoghue. Marian has been crossing children on their way to Scoil Íde on the Corbally road in the morning and evening for 25 years. It would be impossible to count the number of children and parents Marian has safely helped to cross the road. Many of our Scoil Íde parents remember being crossed by Marian themselves when they attended the school.



We all know Marian as a skilled lollipop lady but did you know about her skills as a soccer player? Marian was in fact part of the winning team that was the first officially recognised international match involving an Irish women's soccer team. She started out as a goalscoring centre-forward before a coach recommended a switch to centre-back where she played at international level. The kind, friendly and smiling lollipop lady has won 10 caps playing for her country which is especially impressive when you consider there were only 2 to 3 Ireland matches a year in the 1970's.

On behalf of the school we want to thank Marian for all her kind words and safe crossings for the last 25 years and wish her a long, happy and well deserved retirement.

Scoil Íde returns
on
Thursday,
August 31st,
2023.



Enjoy the summer.