



# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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## WELL DONE

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

Well done to...

VI: Nolan: Lauren Ward

VI: Heaney: Summer Vaughan Higgins

VI: Boland: Isabel Hayes

VI: Frost: Viktoriia Petrova

## Writer of the Month

Well done to...

VI: Nolan: Alex Kenny

VI: Heaney: Matvii Paramud

VI: Boland: Kai Yung

VI: Frost: Scott Gorey

## Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

Comhghairgeadas do na páisti seo a leanas

VI: Nolan: Denis Sandev

VI: Heaney: Adam Llanes

VI: Boland: Maggie Bromell

VI: Frost: Laura Jennings

## Colours' Day

The Annual Student Council Colours' Day took place on Friday, March 31st. Children donated €2 for the privilege of wearing clothes of their own choice to school. All money raised goes into a prize fund for the Student Council Charity Speeches Competition which will take place in June. The charity associated with the winning speech will benefit from this fund.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the children in 6th Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday March 25th last.

Thanks to Fr Richie and Fr Ger and the Parish Team for all their help in preparing the children for such a milestone in their Faith journey.

Thanks to Bishop Brendan for taking the time to attend and celebrate both ceremonies. It was a very meaningful occasion and one that was very well attended in St Mary's Church.

It is our hope that the children who were confirmed will be enabled to see the Spirit working in their own lives.

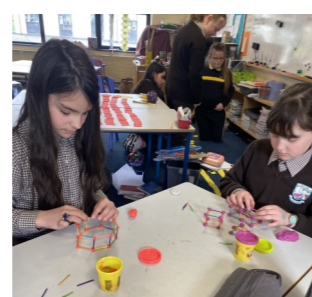
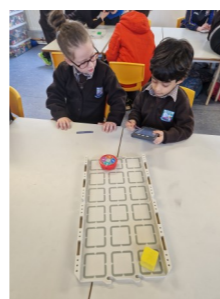
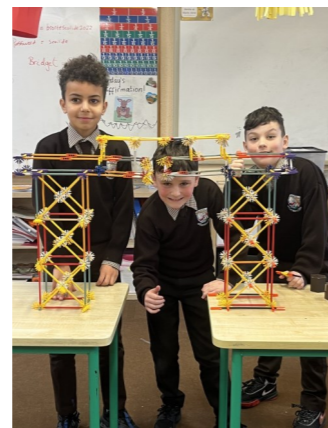


## Parents' Association Table Quiz

The Parents' Association held an incredibly successful Table Quiz on March 10th in O Driscoll's Bar. This was the first such quiz in three years and was superbly supported with 36 tables competing for the coveted prize. Over €2,100 was raised on the night. This amazing amount will go towards the purchase cost of our new Sensory Room which will be up and running after the Easter holidays.

Thanks to the Parents' Association for all their efforts in the lead up to and on the night. Events like this cannot be such a success with planning, preparation and time. It really is appreciated and the children of the school will benefit greatly from their efforts.

Thanks too to all the local businesses who donated prizes so freely. Great craic was had by all in attendance and there was a great sense of community on the night.



## CALENDAR 2022-2023 ( it's getting smaller)

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 Monday, May 12th 2023: Curriculum Planning Day**

**Closed Friday, June 2nd 2023: Curriculum Planning Day**

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

## 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 Film Festival

The Scoil Íde Film Festival will return to celebrate its second year from May 22nd to 26th this year. Over the last few weeks the children of Heaney have been sharing some fine examples of short films with the fourth, fifth and sixth classes. They have shared movies from the world of short film as well as movies from last year's Scoil Ide Film Festival in an effort to show the children what short films are like.



After Easter, Heaney will move onto the process of passing on movie making tips. This will be followed by a month of movie making in May for all of the children in fourth, fifth and sixth. Once all of the movies are made and submitted we will spend the week of the festival sitting back and enjoying them.

We look forward with great excitement to our awards ceremony on May 26th, when we will announce this year's award winning movies.



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## Award Winners in March

( 6th Class on the left, 5th Class on the right)



## ACE Award Winners



## Writers of the Month



## Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

## Free schoolbooks for all primary school pupils



From September 2023, schoolbooks, workbooks, copybooks and novels for children in recognised primary schools, including special schools, will be provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs.

Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be provided by the school. There is no need for parents to buy or rent these. There will be no fee for parents for this.

Scoil Íde will receive funding to buy these items. We will prioritise the use of the funding to cover all costs of textbooks, workbooks, copybooks and novels.

There may be a requirement for parents to buy some additional items for children to use at school. We will make this clear to parents.

All children in the class will have access to the schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks that they need.

The schoolbooks and workbooks will be on loan to the children. They must be returned at the end of the school year, or if the child leaves the school.

It is important that books are kept in good condition so they can be re-used. Please help make sure your child/children keep the school books safe and takes care of them, so they can be used again by another child.

## The Primary Curriculum Framework

The Primary Curriculum Framework was launched by the Minister on the 9th March 2023. This Framework is for all primary and special schools and will guide teachers and school leaders in their work to enhance learning, teaching and assessment for all children.

What are the key elements of the Primary Curriculum Framework?

The Framework:

- is for all primary and special schools
- sets the vision and principles for a redeveloped curriculum
- introduces key competencies for children's learning
- sets out the main features and components for the full redevelopment of the Primary School Curriculum, detailing curriculum areas and subjects; and minimum time allocations
- introduces and expands aspects of learning including STEM Education, Modern Foreign Languages and a broader Arts Education
- places increased emphasis on existing areas such as Physical Education and Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE)
- promotes greater agency and flexibility for teachers and children.

**The curriculum will be split into five areas...**

- Language (updated to include Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) in stages 3 and 4 ( 3rd-6th classes)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education
- Wellbeing
- Arts Education
- Social and Environmental Education (History and Geography)

**Click on this link for more information about the new framework.**

<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/027ad-primary-curriculum-framework/#primary-curriculum-framework>