

March 2025 Newsletter



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Merit Winners: 6th Class Assembly

These children have made Scoil Íde a better place through their words, thoughts and deeds and have been awarded a Merit to acknowledge this.



Nolan (top left) Chloe O' Dwyer, Nora Bueno, Omar al Hourani and Jamie Irwin. Missing from picture is Emma Creagh.

Frost (top right) Ruaidhri Antonio, Robbie Dowling, Padraig Lynch, Elena Bucke and Jodie Merritt.

Heaney (bottom left) Mason Lawlor Daithi Bullman, Kristen Carroll, Marie O' Connell and Siona Siby.

Boland (bottom right) Ava Butler, Lucy Kennedy, Gearóid O' Brien, JJ Sheahan.

Colours' Day 2025

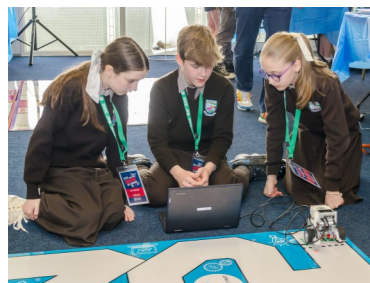
The Annual Student Council Colours' Day will take place on Friday, April 11th. Children are asked to donate €2 for the privilege of wearing clothes of their own choice to school. All money raised goes into a prize fund for the Student Council Charity Speeches Competition which will take place in June. The charity associated with the winning speech will benefit from this fund.



Analog Devices Primary Schools Robotics

On March 21st, Lelia McInerney, Lucy Kennedy and JJ Sheahan (Boland) represented the school at the Analog Devices Primary Schools Robotics competition held at the Limerick Racecourse. En route to qualifying for the finals on April 5th, the students displayed tremendous teamwork, creativity and their behaviour was exemplary. During the event the trio worked together to build and programme a machine that could work its way around the challenging course. As well as this, the students created and brought along an informative and colourful poster board based on this year's theme which was 'Submerged'. They scored very high across all categories on the day and they are looking forward to competing in the finals this coming

weekend. We wish them the best of luck!



EID MUBARAK

We would like to acknowledge all our families of the Islamic Faith, many of whom offered Eid al-Fitr prayers like many others of the faith across the world on the last Sunday in March.

Eid marks the culmination of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan. Thousands of Muslims throughout Ireland attended the celebrations with families coming together to enjoy traditional foods and meals as part of the festivities.

Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families.



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BOOKING DETAILS

Bookings are only accepted over the phone/text and as places are strictly limited it is recommended you book as early as possible to ensure a place for your child.

To Book:

CONTACT : LORRAINE @ 086-8485229

Term Start date: Wednesday 9th April '25

Venue: Scoil Ide

Class Times:

1st – 6th Class: 2.45pm – 3.45pm

Term Fees: €80 (8 week term)

Children attending the senior group can wait with the teacher prior to their class starting doing homework/reading.

There are three terms and children will have the opportunity to participate in Speech & Drama exams.



Parents' Association Table Quiz

The Parents' Association will hold their annual Table Quiz on April 4th in O' Driscoll's Bar. Money raised on the night will be directed towards improving the outdoor learning environments for the children.

Thanks to the Parents' Association and Sarah Barton for all their efforts in the lead up to 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 is guaranteed and events like this are a great way of developing the connection between the school and the community.



Above: 1st Place and Champions 2024
Left to Right
Mark Gleeson, Tom Hartney, John Waters & Neil Foley



Above: 2nd Place 2024
Left to Right
Trevor McInerney, Shane O' Donoghue, Sophie Power & Sharon McInerney

FREE SOCIAL BASKETBALL FOR GIRLS IN LIMERICK!

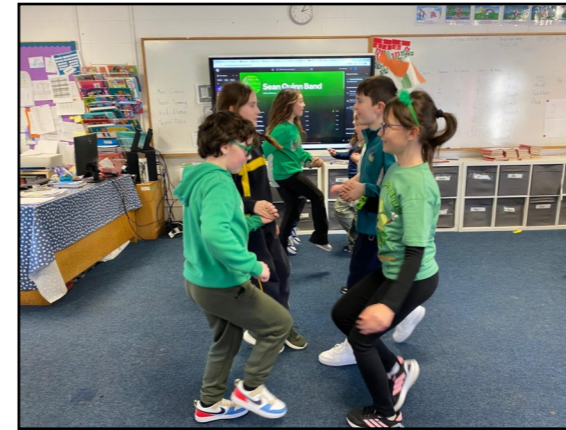
FUN - SOCIAL - NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED:

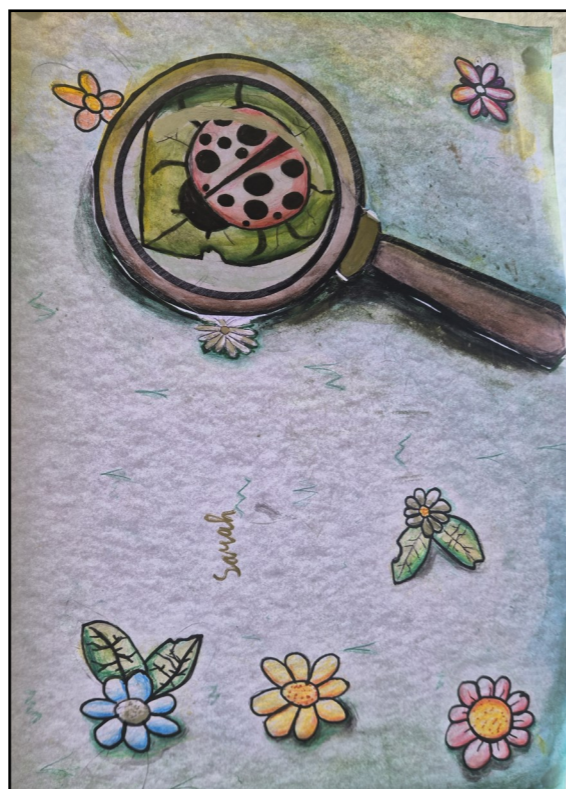
- Sundays, May 4th - June 8th
- 11:00 AM
- St. Munchin's College, Corbally

- Girls aged 12-17
- (non-club players)

- FREE Basketball & Hoodie for Every Participant

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CALENDAR 2024-2025

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

Public Holiday: Monday, May 5th, 2025

Half Day: May 16th to facilitate staff training in Bí Cineálta: Anti Bullying Procedures. School closes at 12:00 midday.

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 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

6th Class Final Assembly: June 22nd at 15:00 sa Halla

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****

Peace Proms: A Harmonious Experience for Our Pupils

This year, our school choir had the wonderful opportunity to participate in Peace Proms, a truly special event that brings together thousands of young voices and musicians from across the island of Ireland. Throughout the months of rehearsals, our choir worked hard to perfect a variety of songs and dance moves with the help of Hilary Phayer. They showed great dedication and commitment in their preparation for the event. The performance took place in the U.L. arena on Sunday 3rd March and it was an unforgettable experience for our pupils. The children's behaviour on the evening was commendable; they were a credit to their parents as well as the school. A huge thank you goes to Hilary Phayer, Eileen Foley, Deirdre O'Loughlin and Laura Foley for supporting them at the concert. They enjoyed every minute of singing under the baton of the incomparable Greg Bearsell. It was an inspiring experience for everyone involved, as the event highlighted the power of music to bring people together and promote positive messages of peace and harmony.



Animation Workshops

Animation Club began in Scoil Ide this month. A small group of fourth, fifth and sixth class children were selected to form the first ever Scoil Ide Animation Club. Our own Mikey Mahon, past pupil and multi award winning animator, returned to lead the animation workshops alongside 6th class teacher, Colm O'Connor. Over the coming weeks he will share his expertise as the next crop of animators develop their skills under his guidance. We look forward to sitting back and enjoying their homemade animation masterpieces in this year's Scoil Ide Film Festival at the end of May.





St. Nicholas/St. Mary's
Trocaire Project 2025.

Location: La Paz community, northeast of the departmental capital of Cobán, Alta Verapaz.

Context: The community of La Paz is made up of 83 people distributed among 25 families, predominantly of the Q'eqchi' ethnic group, with an economic profile based on the agriculture of basic grains such as maize, beans and some species of leguminous plants. This community also commercialises cardamom, which has sustained the local economy for many years and provides an indispensable resource for community and family development.

Number of Beneficiaries:

Direct: 17 children (6 male, 11 female)

Indirect: 66 people (the remaining members of the community of La Paz)

Work which needs doing and cost:

Cement grouting on the floor, as well as the improvement of the physical structure and services of the school : €2,944

Construction of the hand wash basin : €520

Renewal of furniture and equipment : €1,445

Total cost: €4907

