

CALENDAR 2020-2021

The previously advertised calendar was decided on prior to the school closure and is likely to change due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will inform you when we know more about the return to school and will update the calendar based on guidance from the Department of Education and Skills.

CALENDAR 2019-2020

Closed Friday 29th May and Monday 1st June: Public Holiday

Closing Friday 26th June 2020 at 12.15pm: Summer Holidays

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

The cancellation of the sacraments for the pupils of 2nd and 6th classes was disappointing. Unfortunately, we have no update as to what is going to happen but we will keep you posted.

This Sunday at 10.30am, St. Nicholas Parish will host a special mass online for Confirmation pupils via their Facebook page: St. Nicholas, Limerick. Pupils are asked to have a candle with them for the mass.



FINANCES

Money paid for school tours has been refunded through Aladdin payments. This may take some time to be returned into your account.

We understand that COVID-19 restrictions may have had a financial impact on families therefore the pupil contribution will be reduced next year.

TROCAIRE BOXES

Any Trócaire boxes that you may have at home can be returned to the St. Nicholas' Parish Office on Tuesdays from 2pm-4pm or Thursdays from 9.30am-1.30pm.

The office can be accessed through the Prayer Chapel in the Church.

Follow St. Nicholas, Limerick on Facebook for regular updates from the Church.



SCHOOL POLICIES

The Board of Management (BoM) ratified a Substance Use Policy. This can be viewed on www.scoilide.ie.

As a result of the school closure, a number of addendums to policies had to be developed. The BoM ratified addendums to the following policies: Data Protection Policy, ICT and Social Media Expected Use Policy and Child Protection Policy.

These can also be accessed at www.scoilide.ie.



SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

This is a special edition of the newsletter which is available online only.

We hope you enjoy reading it!

Follow us on Twitter

@ScoilIde



Pink Hawthorn Tree on school grounds

BOOK ASSISTANCE

The school supplies a number of school books to pupils on a rental basis in order to reduce the overall cost of books for parents.

If you have a particular difficulty with the purchasing of school books.

Please send the name of your child(ren), your own name and reason for application e.g. unemployed, in receipt of social welfare benefits to eflannery@scoilide.ie



PARENT SURVEYS

Thanks to those of you who contributed to Parent Surveys on Distance Learning. These surveys are now closed.

Many parents stated that they required more support with Maths and Irish. In order to address your concerns, we have created a Google Site page entitled 'Support Materials' which contains content to assist you and your children. We will send you the link to this.

We are aware that you may be concerned about your child's progress due to the school closure. Any content missed will be taught in the new school year.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING BY SCOIL ÍDE PUPILS AT HOME

We are very proud of all our pupils who are 'distance learning'. Here are some examples of what some of our pupils have been doing.



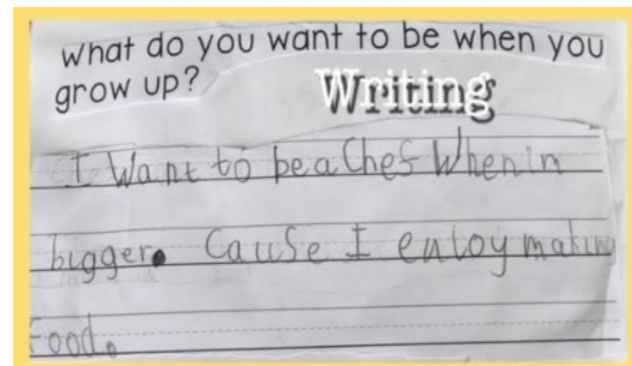
Hurling



Art Project– The Lifecycle of the Apple Tree



Maths



Writing



Art work



STEM Challenge: Build a fort

RECIPE

Queen Cakes

Ingredients:

6oz self raising flour (sieved)

4oz butter

4oz caster sugar,

2 eggs

2 tablespoons of cold water

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees Celsius
2. Put bun cases into bun tins
3. Put all the ingredients in a large bowl and mix with a mixer until smooth
4. Put a heaped tablespoon of the mixture into each bun case
5. Place the trays on the top shelf of the oven and bake for 15 minutes until golden brown
6. Cool on a wire tray
7. When cold, decorate as you like e.g. melted chocolate, icing, jam and desiccated coconut



CHARITY SPEECHES

A highlight of the 6th Class calendar is the annual Charity Speeches. Pupils work together in groups of three or four to write and present a speech about a specific charity. These speeches are judged by a panel of teachers in the school based on a number criteria.

This year, more than ever, the various charities across the country are in need of funding. Therefore, we hope to be able to host the charity speeches this year via video conference.

Money collected from our Colours' Day event is donated annually to the charity represented by the winning team. This year, due to the COVID-19 closure, we were unable to host Colours' Day however we will have an alternative event in order to raise funds.

