

## Michelle Aspell

Congratulations to Limerick Celtics and Scoil Íde coach Michelle Aspell, on her induction into Basketball Ireland's Hall of Fame. Michelle is widely considered as one of Ireland's greatest ever basketball players. In a truly glittering career as a player Michelle won three Player of the Year awards (2004, 2005 and 2008), six Super League titles (three with Wildcats from 1997 to 1999, then another three in a row with UL from 2003 to 2005), five National Cups (1998 and 2000 with Wildcats, 2003, 2004 and 2006 with UL), and four old Top Four National Championships.

Since retiring from the game over twenty years ago Michelle has coached numerous teams with Limerick Celtics and has been instrumental in the clubs rise to prominence on the national scene. Michelle has worked with children in Scoil Íde for over 20 years and we were the first school in which she coached. We are absolutely thrilled that her career in the game is being acknowledged in such a public way.

## The Monster Raffle

The annual Scoil Íde Monster Raffle will take place on Thursday 9th June. After the success of last year's online event, we have maintained the format used in 2021. It will continue to be run as a family draw where families wishing to enter the draw can pay €10 for one family entry, €15 for two family entries and €20 for three family entries. Money will be payable through an Aladdin text link which will be sent out by the school office. The money raised helps to pay for additional specialist teachers such as Michelle Aspell, our basketball coach and Marian Ryan, our violin teacher. We would like to thank all families for their support and we'd particularly like to thank those who donated prizes. This year's prizes include an iPad, a bike, a basketball net, a framed print, €250 euro voucher from 'Frame Cafe,' Denmark Street, Lego donated by 'Lego Shows Ireland,' and mini car valet donated by 'Thomas Street Car Valeting.' Prizes will also include a variety of Lego sets, Smyths vouchers and headphones which have all been donated by parents.

## Sacrament of the Eucharist

The Sacrament of the Eucharist was celebrated by the children in 2nd Classes 12,13 & 14 in St Nicholas' Church over the weekends of May 8th, 15th & 22nd.

We wish all those who received the Sacrament the very best and we hope families had an enjoyable day.

Thanks to Father Derek, Sr Patricia, Maura Ryan and all the teachers who have worked with the children over the past 4 years for preparing the children for the Sacrament.



## CALENDAR 2021-2022

- Closed Friday, 3rd June 2022
- Closed Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022-Public Holiday.
- Closing Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 12.15 p.m.

Calendar 2022-2023 available to view at [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie) under "about" tab.

## School Book Shop / Assistance

Tony Clarks will set up shop in the hall on June 28th from 09:00 –15:00 for those who wish to purchase schoolbooks for year 2022-2023.

Some limited assistance will be available for the purchase of school books for families who are experiencing financial difficulties. If you wish to apply for this assistance, please contact Elaine at [e.flannery@scoilide.ie](mailto:e.flannery@scoilide.ie) with your details.



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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 our April ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Jason Fahy

VI: Heaney: Arek Ozog

VI: Boland: Amarilla Czellar Dudas

### Well done to our May ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Robert O' Hanlon

VI: Heaney: Emma Murphy

VI: Boland: Josh Hanrahan

## Payments

Thanks to all those who have contributed to the Voluntary Contribution. Your support is greatly appreciated. This money goes a long way in helping us provide the best educational opportunities for your children.

This year's fund will be used to renovate our Makerspace Room and to create an outdoor play/ garden space for our Junior Classes outside Rooms 1-3. Work has already begun on our Makerspace and it is operational but the final works will be completed during the summer when children are on holidays.

The garden/play area works should begin at some stage by the time we return in September.

Please use the Aladdin system if you wish to make a payment of any sort.

## Writer of the Month

Well done to our Writers of the Month for April & May.

VI: Nolan: Darren Meaney & Shane Rice

VI: Heaney: Julia Korutchak & Lexi O' Donnell

VI: Boland: Eoghan Ahern and Dylan Barrett

## Final Assembly

The Final Assembly for our 6th Class pupils will take place on June 27th at 15:00 in the school hall.

We are delighted to be in a position to invite the parents and guardians of the 6th class pupils to attend this special occasion.



## Standardised Tests

Every class from 1st class to 6th class will sit standardised tests in English and Mathematics before the middle of June. We use these tests to provide useful information to inform and guide planning for future teaching and learning.

The prolonged school closure may have an impact on how children do in these tests. There is no need for students to revise for these tests and it is important to note that as one of many forms of assessment we use in school they only provide a snapshot in time and do not accurately reflect all aspects of a pupil's learning and development.

Parents can discuss the results with class teachers and they will be recorded in the end of year report.

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## Scoil Íde Pollinator Plan

Bees need flowers and safe places to live right across Ireland, not just in the countryside. We won't cut the grass in certain areas of the school as often so that flowers can grow amongst the long grass. Short grass looks neat and tidy but it doesn't provide anything for bees to eat – we know they need flowers. The front lawn outside the Senior Building on the Corbally Road is a Bee Friendly Zone.

## Extra Curricular Activities

There are a number of extra curricular activities that take place in Scoil Íde. Staff members often give of their time and energy freely and it is really important that children involved in various activities acknowledge the efforts of staff. Children in Scoil Íde can attend athletics, rugby, hockey, basketball, orchestra, German Club, Board Games Club, Lego Club on various days throughout the week.

## Duathlon 2022

Training is well underway for the upcoming Junior Duathlon. The sixth classes have had plenty of cycling and running training sessions over the last few weeks, readying themselves for the big event.

This year's duathlon will be a cross country affair, taking place in the Bishop's Field next to the school. The children will be tasked with the challenge of a 3000m cycle followed by a 1500m run.

The Junior Duathlon date has been set for June 17th and we are all looking forward to it with great anticipation. This event is in its 9th year.

Last year we were unable to invite parents and guardians due to COVID-19 restrictions. This year we are delighted to announce that parents and guardians will be welcome to attend and support the children. Further details will be communicated by the class teachers.



## Reeling in the Years: May 2001

Looking back at one of the headlines in our newsletter this month 21 years ago.

## SCOIL IDE –THE MOVIE

The Student's Council with the aid of Mr. O'Sullivan have begun planning the production of a short video about life in Scoil Ide from their own point of view. The members of the council will draw up a "shooting list" and video short clips of school life. When all of the

clips have been taped they will edit using special software. Narration or background music will be put to the tape. We hope to send a copy to our partner schools throughout Europe as well as to Stranmillis Primary School in Belfast. It will also be a snapshot of life in the

school in 2001 which can be looked back at in years to come.