



## ALL STAR

### SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS 2023

@ LETSS SPORTSHALL, LIMERICK.

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INDOOR AND OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS

PRIMARY SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CAMP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

JUNIOR CAMP: 9.30AM TO 12.30PM FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS

SENIOR CAMP: 1.30PM TO 4.30PM FOR 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS

CAMP No.1: MONDAY TO FRIDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup>

CAMP No.2: MONDAY TO FRIDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> TO 18<sup>TH</sup>

CAMPS COST: €60 PER PLAYER

EACH PLAYER WILL RECEIVE A FREE TRAINING TOP AT EACH CAMP



TO BOOK ANY OF THE CAMPS SIMPLY JUST SCAN THE QR CAMP CODE BELOW.

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Junior camp No 1



Junior camp No 2



Senior camp No 1



Senior camp No 2



# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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## Final Assembly

The Final Assembly for our 6th Class pupils will take place on June 26th at 15:00 in the school hall.

We are delighted to formally invite the parents and guardians and families of the 6th class pupils to attend this special occasion when we will celebrate the journey these pupils have gone on while pupils in our school



## Hockey Blitz

The Scoil Íde hockey team were back in force this year! 40 girls from 4th-6th class trained hard every Tuesday and competed in many primary school blitzes throughout the year. We welcomed St. Gerard's from Bray to Limerick in March for a series of matches and finished the season off in style with an end of year tour to Dublin. St. Anne's and Rathdown schools hosted us in Loreto Foxrock followed by a picnic where the girls from all three schools got to mingle and create long lasting memories. Well done to all the players who proudly represented Scoil Íde on the hockey pitch this year, where the skills of fair play, inclusion and friendship were at the heart of every training session and match. We look forward to welcoming new players in September for the 2023/'24 season and hope to see our 6th class girls continue the sport in secondary school and beyond.



## 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.

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.



### CALENDAR 2022-2023

Closing for Summer Holidays on June 30th 2023.

Our Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 12:00 & Our 1st to 6th Classes will finish at 12:15

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- 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

### Duathlon 2023

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 16th 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.

### Creative Schools

**This project is** funded by The Arts Council and aims to promote creativity and the arts in schools. In 2021, Scoil Ide was lucky enough to be chosen as a Creative School. A team of teachers was established and supported by our Creative Associate, Helen, to discuss and decide how best to use the funding in Scoil Ide. We also surveyed children and parents as part of our re-research and saw that there was a desire for more exposure to drama and theatre. We sourced a fantastic local drama facilitator, James Corr, who worked with pupils and teachers of three classes (Room 17, Keats & Kavanagh) to integrate drama across the curriculum. The children really enjoyed the experience of writing and developing their scripts. The project culminated in a wonderful performance for Junior Infant classes on Friday 26th May. The Junior Infants were thrilled to be in the audience and enjoyed the retelling of three classic fairy tales; The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella. We are using the remainder of our funding to purchase stage risers for use in the hall and we hope to see many performances on that stage in the future!

### Coffee morning for Parents and Guardian of children with autistic children



On May 10th we held our first coffee morning for the parents of autistic children in our school. It was a lovely chance for parents and staff to meet each other, share information and chat over a cuppa. Thanks to all the parents who attended. It was a very successful morning which led to four parents joining our Autism Focus group for 2023/24. We hope to run this coffee morning again next year. So watch this space!

This morning event was just one in a series of initiatives whereby the school community reflects on practice, identifies challenges and solutions, creates an inclusive culture and builds knowledge and understanding of autism amongst staff and students. It is our hope that as an Autism Friendly School, we will reaffirm good practice and support those wishing to foster a school culture that is inclusive of autistic students and celebrates all children in our community.

### The Monster Raffle

The annual Scoil Íde Monster Raffle will take place on Friday 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. Thanks to Suzanne Noble for organising the Raffle again this year.

### 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 4 weekends of May.

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

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



### Free Book Scheme Update

Thanks to funding granted by the Department of Education and Skills Scoil Íde is in a position to provide all children in the school with their books, copies, workbooks and some related classroom resources for the school year ahead.

The schoolbooks and workbooks will be on loan to the children. It is important that books are kept in good condition so that they can be re-used by another child the following year.

Parents and guardians will still be expected to provide certain stationery for use at school and you will get the list of these items by email before the end of this school year.

### Merit Moments

This month we have decided to adjust our reward system on a trial basis. Instead of our usual ACE, Writer of the Month and Gaelgoir na Míosa we are presented five Merit Moment awards per class. The Merit Moment looks at a wider range of skills and competencies. In Scoil Íde we are interested in the development of the whole child and we do not value one skill or subject area above another. The Merit Moment allows the teachers to recognise achievement in all subject areas from PE, music and art to English, Irish and Maths.... and beyond. It also allows teachers to recognise effort and achievement beyond the curriculum as they may be awarded for kindness, respect



Absent from Nolan's picture: Callum Power Lysaght and Noyan Roshan

### Thank you for your support of our Voluntary Contribution

It is very important that we acknowledge the financial support provided to the school by our parents and guardians. When all the bills are paid and the school is maintained to ensure safety and comfort there is often little left over to go towards improvements around the school. All money raised through the Voluntary Fund Contribution goes towards the development of facilities that the children will benefit from directly and immediately.



2020-2021: Outdoor Classroom

2021-2022: MakerSpace Room

2022-2023: Sensory Room

Next year, we hope to develop a play area for our Junior Classes.

Thank you for continued and generous support of Scoil Íde. It is very much appreciated