

The Hot Lunches Scheme.

As the 'novelty' of school meals starts to wear off, all school meal suppliers start to see the same issues:



We all know that children can get bored of lunches very quickly, which is why we have asked The Lunch bag to change their menu seasonally and provide as many options as possible.

Having reviewed the orders thus far, only 60% of families are changing their orders. We suggest that par-

ents and guardians review the week ahead's order and challenge children to try new food.

In September, children will be provided with a lunchbox which will hold and seal the hot meal container. This will allow parents and guardians to see what their children have eaten that day.



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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Merit Winners

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

Boland

- **Keelin Byrne** : Keelin's maturity and kindness are second to none. She is resilient, resourceful and treats others with the utmost respect.
- **Callum Ivory**: For his outstanding effort this month in all aspects of school life, especially duathlon training.
- **Charlie McNamara**: For being a living example of what this assembly is all about: Charlie is fair, kind, just, and always chooses to do the right thing, leading all of us by his positive example.
- **Tiernan Costelloe**: For being an all round legend! In our classroom the phrase "is there nothing he can't do?" can be heard. We are all huge fans of this kind, fair, thoughtful young man.
- **Lily O' Sullivan**: Lily checks in on her classmates and on Ms Breen and is kind and thoughtful. Never lose that Lily!

Frost

- **Tadhg Moore**: For always working hard at whatever he puts his mind to. He has developed superb study habits and skills over the year, making him a very independent learner.
- **Clara McElligott**: For being selected to represent Ireland once again in sailing. We are so proud of your sporting achievements and attitude towards all that you do. You are one determined and successful athlete.
- **James Collopy**: For being such a brilliant helper in the classroom. James always stays back to sweep up or clean. He has a very caring attitude towards all that he does. Well done James!
- **Harry Quinn Haugh**: For his positive attitude and friendly smile. Harry spreads joy wherever he goes. Thank you Harry!.
- **Julia Stoma**: For always looking out for others and being kind. Julia does this without making a fuss and without being asked.

Heaney

- **Nicole O' Flynn**: For extensive work on the preparation of the JEP submission.
- **Isaac Coughlan**: For excellent acting in the JEP advertisement and Film Festival project.
- **Glen Asadon**: For his care for the cleanliness of the classroom and commitment to leading on its daily upkeep.
- **Jay O' Dwyer**: For working hard on his maths and taking pride in his work.
- **Lauryn O' Sullivan**: For taking a lead role in the promotion and sales of the JEP product to second classes.

Sacrament of Eucharist

(Holy Communion)

The Sacrament of the Eucharist was celebrated by the children in 2nd Classes Rooms 12,13 & 15 in St Nicholas' Church over the weekends of May 18th and 25th.

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

Thanks to the parents & guardians and Father Richie agus Ger and the Parish Team who helped prepare the children in a meaningful way for the sacrament



Solar for Schools

On May 9th we installed 14 PV Solar panels on the roof of the Senior Building as part of the "Solar for Schools" scheme. It is a 6kw system which covers almost all of our electricity needs when the sun is shining. If there is surplus electricity, the school sells this clean electricity to the grid.

The scheme was fully funded by the Government so it is sure to have a big impact on the school's day to day running costs. It will also have long term benefits for the environment. We all know that we need to move to 100% renewable energy as soon as we can. The panels on our roof are guaranteed to silently produce clean energy for at least the next 25 years.

On our information display, our pupils can see lots of data about our electricity production, usage and export. We are already amazed at how much electricity we are generating.



ONLINE WEBINAR

HSE Mid West Community Healthcare

TRANSITIONING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL: HELPING YOUR CHILD TO PREPARE

An online parenting workshop delivered by the Primary Care Child and Family Psychology Service, Limerick.



When?

6th June 2024 10-11.30am

For Who?

Parents, caregivers, and guardians or professionals working with children who are preparing to transition to secondary school



To attend, please contact our psychology assistant on 087-3451489 who will record some of your basic information for registration. In the event that your call is not answered, please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned before registration closes.

Check out our recently renovated website at www.scoilide.ie.



CALENDAR 2023-2024

European Elections/Local Elections & Directly Elected Mayor Vote: June 7th,2024

Closing for Summer Holidays on Friday, 28th June at 12.15pm

CALENDAR 2024-2025

School Re-opens for all pupils on Thursday, 29th August 2024

October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 28th October to Friday, 1st November 2024 incl.
Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday 20th December at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 6th January 2025.

Public Holiday: Monday, 3rd February 2025.

February Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 17th to Friday, 21st February 2025 incl..

Public Holiday: Monday, 17th March 2025- St. Patrick's Day.

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

Public Holiday: Monday, May 5th,2025

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

Standardised testing takes place during the month of May

Scoil Íde will close for a day should an election be called during the school year as it is a designated polling centre.

*There will be a school closure in Term 2 to facilitate training in the Primary maths Curriculum
The date has not been provided to us yet.*

Duathlon 2024

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 10th year and invite family to attend one of the highlights of the 6th class groups' year.

Final Assembly

The Final Assembly for our 6th Class pupils will take place on June 24th 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 travelled while pupils in our school. Our 6th classes will then conclude their time with us after their school tour on June 25th



**6th Class Merit
Recipients for May 2024.**

Missing from the picture are Nicole O' Flynn,(Heaney) and Charlie McNamara and Lily O' Sullivan (Boland)

It is just over a year since we decided to adjust our Award system on a trial basis. Instead of the usual ACE, Writer of the Month and Gaeilgoir na Míosa we now present Merits Moment per class. The Merit Moment looks at a wider range of skills and competencies. In Scoil Ide we are interested in the development of the whole child and we do not value one skill or subject area above another. The Merits 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 and understanding.

Free Book Scheme Update

Thanks to funding granted by the Department of Education and Skills Scoil Íde is once again 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. It will also be available on www.scoilide.ie under the Parent Information tab.

Scoil Íde Film Festival 2024

There was a touch of Hollywood around the Halla this month as we hosted the annual Scoil Íde Film Festival. We are continually blown away by the standard of the productions and the creativity of the children. Special thanks to all who submitted films for the competition and to Mr O' Connor for all his work in organising such a worthwhile project. The winners in the various categories are pictured below.

