



# May 2025 Newsletter



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## SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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The **Monster Family Raffle** will take place on **Friday 13th June** and funds raised will be used to pay for the expertise of specialist teachers including violin and basketball which all children benefit from during their time with us in Scoil Íde.

We have great prizes this year, many of which were donated by parents & guardians who we'd like to thank. These include but are not limited to:

- Samsung Galaxy Tablet
- Bike, (receipt will be included so the bike can be exchanged in Smyths)
- €100 voucher for Allie Glynn Photography <http://www.allieglynnphotography.com/>
- Arena 5 voucher
- Smyths Toys vouchers
- Lego / Lego Technic
- Art set
- 2x return flights Shannon to Maderia
- 2x return flights Shannon to Paris
- 2x return flights Shannon to Naples
- Book Set
- Swing Ball Set
- 5 x Lego Sets - Shamrock Bricks
- Ashdown Pharmacy Gift Hamper
- €100 One For All Voucher
- Elvery's Voucher
- Crescent Shopping Centre Voucher

If any other parents would like to donate prizes please get in touch with Suzanne at [snoble@scoilide.ie](mailto:snoble@scoilide.ie)

Tickets for the draw will be sold via the [Aladdin Text link](#) and the following prices apply:

- 1 x family ticket - €10 ( includes entry into a bonus draw for €20)
- 2 x family tickets - €15 ( includes entry into a bonus draw for €30)
- 3 x family tickets - €20 ( includes entry into a bonus draw for €40)
- 4 x family tickets - €25 ( includes entry into a bonus draw for €50)

We would like to thank parents & guardians for their continued support of our school. We are also indebted to the parents and businesses who have sponsored prizes.

That said, we are conscious of the financial pressures on households at this time and we understand if people are not in a position to support the raffle.



**Bi Cineálta** is the name for the revised Anti-Bullying Procedures that every school in Ireland will adhere to. Over the coming months we will include a section in our newsletter in which we explore aspects of these procedures. Today, we outline what children should do if they feel that they or indeed someone they know is being bullied. Below this graphic, we have a clear outline of the three

## Bí Cineálta!

We want everyone at our school to feel safe and happy.

If you think that you are being bullied or someone else is being bullied, you need to tell a teacher or another adult that you trust. They will know what to do to help.

Get help!

Tell someone!

If a student tells a staff member that they think they are being bullied, we will:

- > talk with the student
- > ask the student what they want to happen
- > work out a plan together
- > talk to their parents
- > talk to the other student(s) involved
- > talk with the other student's parents

Bullying behaviour is when someone keeps being mean or hurtful to others on purpose over and over again.

When it happens a lot. Not just once.

Please tell someone if you think that you are being bullied or someone else is being bullied.

Our school has a Bi Cineálta policy to try to stop bullying behaviour.

We look at this policy every year to see what is working well or what could work better.

We will ask you what you think.



### IS IT BULLYING?

1

#### TARGETED?

Is the behaviour targeted at a specific student or group of students?

2

#### HARM?

Is the behaviour intended to cause physical, social or emotional harm?

3

#### REPEATED?

Is the behaviour repeated?

If the answer to each of the questions is **Yes**, then the behaviour is bullying behaviour and the behaviour should be addressed using the **Bi Cineálta** Procedures.

If the answer to any of the questions is **No**, then the behaviour is not bullying behaviour. Strategies to deal with inappropriate behaviour are provided for within the school's Code of Behaviour.



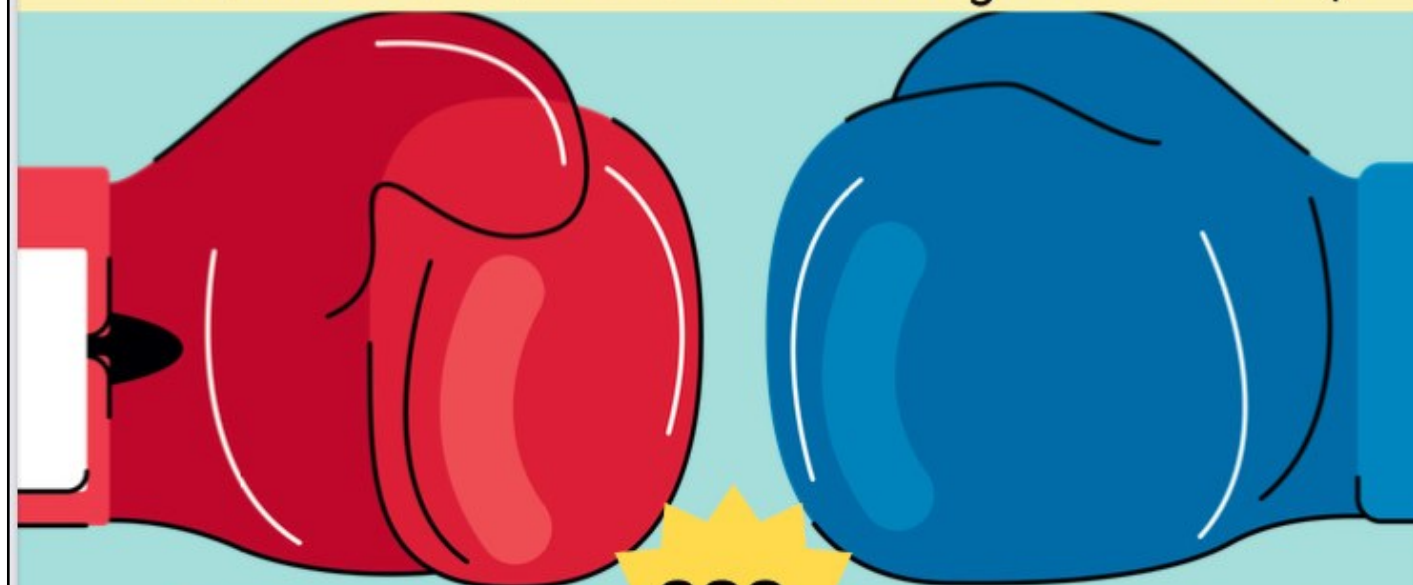
Our **beginner non contact**

boxing camp teaches boxing in a safe, positive, and encouraging environment!



## SUMMER CAMP 2025!

Beat the heat with Cloncastle Boxing Club this July!



**KIDS**

7- 11 year olds.

**€60**

**TEENS**

12 - 17 year olds.

Kids and teens will be training separately.

**Date :** 2<sup>nd</sup> of July - 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Time :** 10am - 1pm

**Venue :** New Community Centre,  
Clonlara, V94 VXD4

### Contact

Whatsapp : 085 161 7146  
Email : shaneobrien432@gmail.com

### Socials

Instagram: cloncastle\_boxing\_club  
Facebook: @cloncastleboxingclub





## Scoil Ide at Limerick City Sports Day in UL



## Junior NBA Basketball Festival

Scoil Ide were delighted to have been selected for this year's Junior NBA Festival which took place on Wednesday the 21st May in the National Basketball Arena in Dublin. Twelve players from our school were selected to attend the event and received Toronto Raptors NBA tops and shorts.

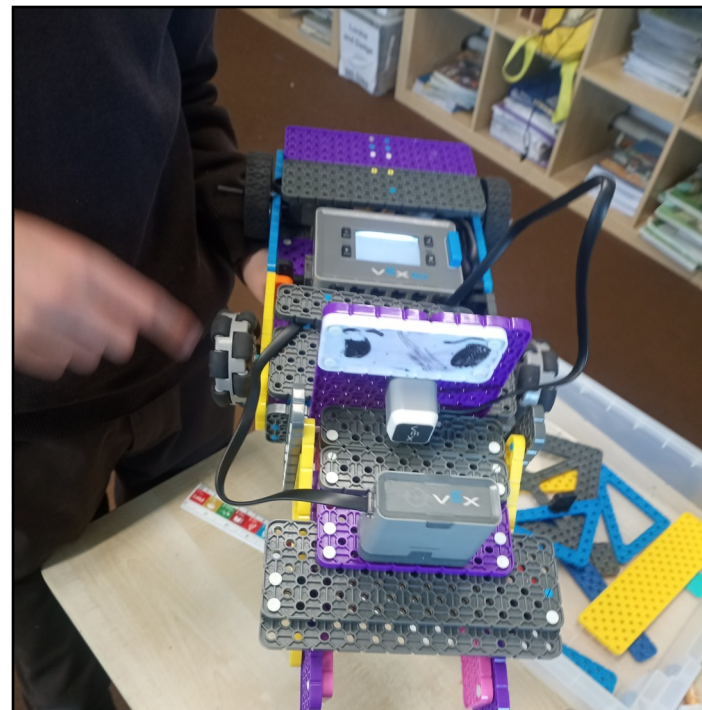
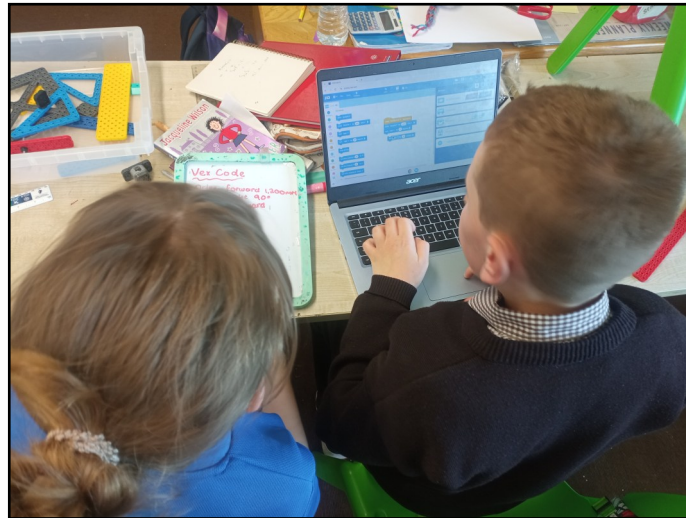
Scoil Ide was joined on the day by JFK National School and St Nessans National School as Limerick's representatives. Sincere thanks to Tony Hehir and Michele Aspell from Limerick Celtics who nominated Scoil Ide to represent Limerick. Thanks to Anne O'Brien and Aisling Kennedy for their work behind the scenes and on the day to ensure it was an occasion to remember for our lucky pupils who were chosen to attend.

Limerick Celtics basketball club delivered the gear to each of the schools in advance of the tournament and they also organised an NBA Junior tournament in Limerick so that the squad got a chance to play in their new NBA gear prior to attending the event in Dublin. The children were superb ambassadors on the day but that was never in doubt.



## Junior NBA at the National Basketball Arena



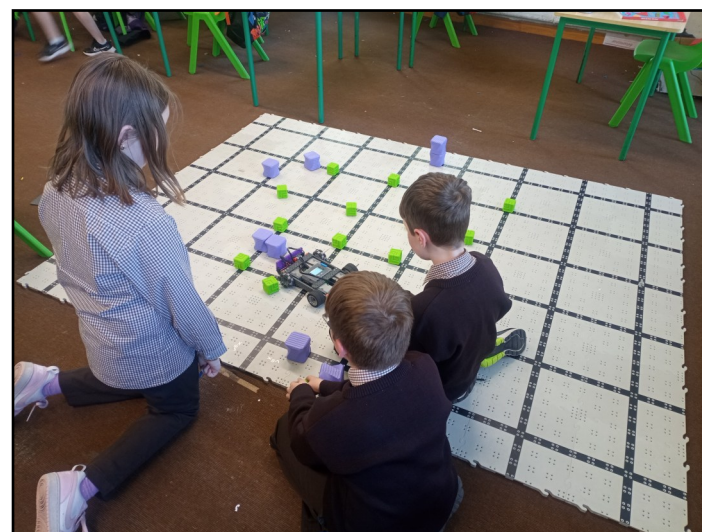


### Standardised Tests

Every class from senior infants to 6th class sit standardised tests in English and /or Mathematics by the end of May. These test results provide useful information that informs and guides 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 school year report.



Some of the Junior NBA players presented Michelle with flowers and chocolates to thank her and Limerick Celtics for putting us forward for the day out last week.



Mr Foley's (5th) and Mr Hennessy's (4th) classes made a trip to Spanish Point beach as part of our Creative Clusters programme. The children explored rock pools and learnt about what you might find at the beach. They even got to have a dip in the ocean!

6th class welcomed artist Carmel Madigan to Frost. Carmel taught the children all about the birds of Ireland; including coastal, river and lake birds. The children had great fun using a huge variety of materials to create their own birds in the style of Henri Matisse.



## CALENDAR 2024-2025

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

### 6th Class Final Assembly

The Final Assembly for our 6th Class pupils will take place on June 23rd 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 children have travelled while pupils in our school. Our 6th classes will then conclude their time with us after their school tour on June 24th.

## CALENDAR 2025-2026

- School reopens on Thursday, August 28th, 2025
  - October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 27th to Friday, 31st of October 2025
  - 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
    - 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.**

## Duathlon 2025

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 18th and we are all looking forward to it with great anticipation. This event is in its 11th year and we invite family to attend one of the highlights of the 6th class groups' year.



## Quiz Championship of the Universe 2025





# Changes to our School Uniform Policy

The school uniform is a core element of the Scoil Íde identity. It creates a sense of belonging with us here in the school and helps foster a strong connection between the child and the school. Three options were presented to the children, parents and guardians and members of staff and following this review of our school uniform policy, the following changes will be effective from the start of school year 2025-2026 as a result of Option 3 emerging as the preferred option.

The formal brown uniform was readily identifiable as "Scoil Íde" for decades. In our June newsletter, we will take a look down Memory Lane at the history of the brown uniform.

## Option 3:

We do not use any formal brown uniform and all children wear a tracksuit uniform to school and we phase out the use of the brown uniform over the course of the new school year.

Children can wear the sports jumper or the rugby top ( whichever fits better).

The rugby top is accompanied by a plain blue t-shirt.

The sports jumper is accompanied by a yellow polo shirt or yellow t shirt

The tracksuit pants will be navy in colour and should NOT be branded / or have a logo. shorts worn to school should be knee length and navy in colour. They should NOT be branded / or have a logo. Google " Knee length navy shorts for Children" and you will see options from a variety of stores both local and online

## Important to note:

- Leggings / bicycle shorts are not part of our school uniform.
- Children may not wear hooped earrings or fake nails into school as they pose a health and safety risk.
- Children should not wear make up into school

## Results:

84% of pupils who responded from 1st to 6th class voted for Option 3.

73% of parents and guardians out of 338 respondents voted for Option 3.

87% of staff out of 54 respondents voted for Option 3.

# Parent Association Uniform Swap and Drop

"The Parents' Association are pleased to announce a sustainable clothing *Drop, Swap or Just Pick Up*. They kindly ask that if you are considering dropping in uniforms that you wash all the track-suits, yellow polo shirts, blue t shirts tracksuit pants and tracksuit jerseys. You may drop them into the boxes outside the office on June 9th and 10th between 8.30 to 9.30 and 1.30 to 3.30. Only drop off items that are in good condition and that you would be glad to receive yourself.

The *swap or pick up* can then take place on June 11th and 12th during the same times".

There will be two big boxes labelled *Uniform Drop* for the Monday and Tuesday. PA members will sort them on Tuesday night and bring them in on Wednesday morning in the right order (the ones in good condition). The swap can take place on a table in the hallway at reception like last year.

Sincere thanks to all the members of the PA Committee for the hard work and support throughout the year.





## Sacrament of the Eucharist: ( Holy Communion)

The Sacrament of the Eucharist was celebrated by the children in 2nd Classes: Rooms 11,12,13 & 19 in St Nicholas' Church over the weekends of May 10th and 17th.

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

Thanks to the parents & guardians, class & support teachers and SNAs and Father Richie and the Parish Team who helped prepare the children in a meaningful way for the sacrament

**Top Left: Children from Room 12**

**Top Right: Children from Room 19**

**Bottom Left: Children from Room 13**

**Bottom Right: Children from Room 11**







## 6th Class Merit Recipients for May 2025.

**Top Left: Frost**

**Top Right: Heaney**

**Bottom left: Boland**

**Bottom Right: Nolan**

**Missing from the picture are Tommy Mulcahy and Anastasia Ramanenka from Heaney**



## Free Book Scheme Update



Thanks to funding granted by the Department of Education and Skills Scoil Ide 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](http://www.scoilide.ie) under the Parent Information tab.

# SPRAOI LE CHÉILE



'Spraoi le Chéile' is a unique summer camp for the Limerick City region run completely as Gaeilge. This exciting Summer camp will give students the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities while using our native language.



**30 Meitheamh/ June - 4 Iúil/ July 2025-**

**Week A**

**7 Iúil/ July - 11 Iúil/ July 2025-**

**Week B**

**9:30- 15:00**

**Spaces now available for students in 4th, 5th and 6th class!**



Foghlaim Gaeilge agus buail le cairde nua tríd an spórt, ealaín agus drámaíocht.

Learn Irish and make new friends through Sport, Art and Drama.

Activities include: Swimming, An Fachtóir X, Céili and much more!

## IMEACHTAÍ / ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide range of activities over the course of the week, which encourages students to participate and learn Irish in a relaxed, encouraging environment.

Cluichi / Games  
Soccer, Orienteering, Ultimate Frisbee, Basketball, Olympic Handball, Badminton, Football, Rounders, Unihoc, Team Challenges and much more!

## BUNTÁISTÍ / ADVANTAGES

Gaeilge - To use and practice Gaeilge in an enjoyable manner.

Development - Personal, social and emotional development.

Confidence - Confidence in the Irish language will be gained.

## CAD ATÁ UAIT ? / WHAT WILL YOU NEED ?

We strongly recommend: Comfortable sports shoes, tracksuits, shorts, t-shirts and sun cream.

Students will require swimming togs, a swimming hat and a towel on the Wednesday of each course.

A copy and a pen will be required for morning Irish classes.

Students are required to bring their own lunch and a small snack which they can have during the course of the day.

All items belonging to each participant should be clearly marked or labelled with the student's name. No responsibility can be taken for personal belongings lost or left behind.

And last but not least, a smile and a willingness to participate in all activities through the medium of Irish!

## IMEACHTAÍ LAETHÚLA / DAILY ACTIVITIES

09:30 - 11:00 - Irish Classes : Students will engage in active learning through role play, debate and drama.

11:00 - 12:00 - Activities

12:00 - 12:45 - Lunch (students to bring packed lunch)

12:45 - 15:00 - Activities

Each group of pupils are timetabled for an hour of, swimming, dance, and art in their weekly programme.

## CÚRSAÍ LEIGHIS/ MEDICAL ATTENTION

A First-aid is on hand at all times. Parents/Guardians are requested to inform the camp of any recurrent illness with the application form (e.g asthma, allergies etc.)

Supervision is provided at all times. All activities are covered by 'Spraoi le Chéile's' insurance.

## HOW TO APPLY ?

Completed application forms and the fee of €150 must be posted to Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh, Clare Street, Limerick V94 23V7

For enquiries email: [spraoi@gcldrive.com](mailto:spraoi@gcldrive.com)

[www.gcluinigh.ie](http://www.gcluinigh.ie)





# ANIMATION SHOWCASE

June 4th at 7.00pm in the Scoil Ide halla  
Scoil Ide, in partnership with Heritales  
presents



## Local Animators:

Mikey Mahon with "Dreamzzz" and "Cinemaniacs"  
Fiadh Browne with "Paparazzi"

## International Animations:

"Lotus" by Sara Pinheiro and Larissa Marcira  
"When it Comes from the Earth" by Katalin Egely  
"Wander of Light" by Agata Zych

Come to watch the movies... stay to meet the animators  
at our Scoil Ide Heritales projection space  
as part of the Scoil Ide Film Festival 2025 launch.



Admission is free... but limited!

To book your seats please email [coconnor@scoilide.ie](mailto:coconnor@scoilide.ie)



## ALL STAR Primary schools Basketball Summer camp 2025 at Crescent College Sportshall

5 day Junior & Senior  
Summer Basketball Camps  
With Michelle Aspell plus guest coaches.

Junior & Senior Camps Week No.1  
Monday to Friday June 30th to July 4th 2025  
Junior & Senior Camps Week No.2  
Monday to Friday August 11th to August 15th 2025

Junior Camp 9.30am to 12.30pm  
for 1st, 2nd & 3rd class boys and girls  
Senior Camp 1.30pm to 4.30pm  
for 4th, 5th & 6th class boys and girls  
Skills, games and fun competitions  
Camp cost is €70 per player.



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All players receive a free  
All Star Basketball Singlet.



Contact Michelle

086 8176937 for more info.

All Star Primary Schools Summer Basketball Camps 2025  
Places for these exciting summer basketball camps on June 30 - July 4 and August 11 - 15 with Michelle Aspell will sell out fast so make sure to book your place early to avoid disappointment.  
Booking links for Week 1 & Week 2 Junior & Senior Camps in Crescent College Sportshall in Dooradoyle are below:

Junior Camp Week 1 ticket link  
<https://limerickceltics.teamapp.com/events/28452112.html>

Junior Camp Week 2 ticket link  
<https://limerickceltics.teamapp.com/events/28452121.html>

Senior Camp Week 1 ticket link  
<https://limerickceltics.teamapp.com/events/28452132.html>

Senior Camp Week 2 ticket link  
<https://limerickceltics.teamapp.com/events/28452177.html>









# Enroll

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**COMPETITIVE PRICING**  
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- Healthy Snacks
- Fun Workshops

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SPOT!**

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