

Christmas 2020: Closing on Tuesday 22nd December at 12.15pm and re-opening on

Wednesday 6th January 2021.

February 2021 mid-term break: Close 15th-19th February inclusive.

Closed Wednesday 17th March-Public Holiday.

Easter 2021: Closing Friday 26th March 2021 at 12.15pm and re-opening on Monday 12th April 2021.

May Break 2021: Close 3rd-7th May inclusive.

Closed Monday 7th June-Public Holiday

Summer Holidays: Closing Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 12.15pm.

Living with Covid-19

In three weeks the children will head off on their Christmas holidays. This will mark the end of the first term of the school year, a term like no other in living memory.

The whole school community has made a huge effort to ensure the safe return of children to school. We are currently living under Level 5 restrictions. It is important that we all continue to observe the measures we have put in place to keep the school open and safe.

- Hand hygiene and cough etiquette are still hugely important.
- Children should not attend school if they are unwell.
- If you are unsure about whether a child should attend school or not, ring your GP for guidance.
- Children should bring suitable outerwear to school as we will try to get outside in the fresh air daily.
- School does not open until 08.40 for 1st to 6th class children and from 08.45 for Infants. Children should enter and exit via their designated gates
- There will be no access to school grounds or classrooms for parents or visitors unless in exceptional circumstances.
- We ask that children do not get dropped off at any gate ahead of the school opening time unless they are supervised by an adult. Children who walk to school should time their walk to ensure arrival post 08.40
- We ask parents and guardians to collect children and depart promptly at home time so that large crowds do not congregate.

We have done very well as a school community. Remember that we all have a part to play in keeping Scoil Íde open and safe. Keep doing the simple things that we know make a difference. Thank you for your continued efforts.



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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November 2020

WELL DONE

ACE awards are given to pupils who excel in school life through Attainment, Community Spirit or Effort.

Well done to our November ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Danny Lysaght

VI: Heaney: Shane Coughlan

VI: Boland: Igor Domanski

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Santa Hat Day

In June, our 6th class children participated in the first ever Virtual Student Council Charity Speeches Competition. Eoin Barrett, Sam Long and Jack Meaney emerged victorious after speaking brilliantly on behalf of the Irish Cancer Society.

We usually donate the money the Student Council raise on Colours' Day to the winning charity. Unfortunately, we could not hold a Colours' Day as the school was closed.

We will be holding a Santa Hat/ Christmas/ Winter Hat Day on December 4th. Children can bring in €1 on the day and we will donate the money we raise to the Irish Cancer Society.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

-2nd Class built spaghetti towers, made cloud dough and used their STEAM boxes.

-The Student Council are creating a Digital Christmas Card as part of TLC Winter Biodiversity campaign and also started preparing for a Covid-19 compliant Nativity

-3rd class explored the human body and made hands with moving tendons.

-5th class went on an " Amazing Cosmos Journey"

-A sensory pathway was laid in the Senior Building

-4th class attended a virtual Antarctic Camp

-3rd class Room 18 are participating in the One World, Our World Project

-Five of our past pupils completed their Final Year Teaching Practice with us. Best of luck to them over the coming months as they complete their studies.

-2nd classes completed CAT-4 testing

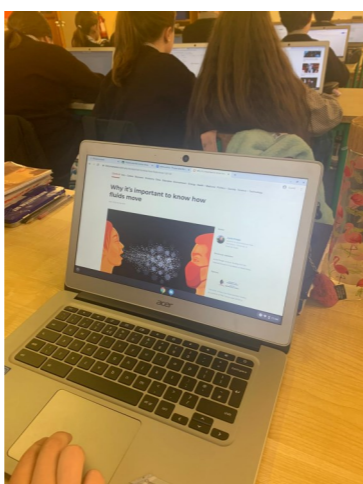
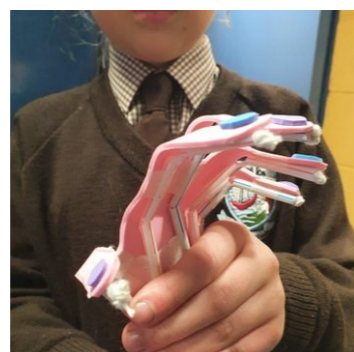
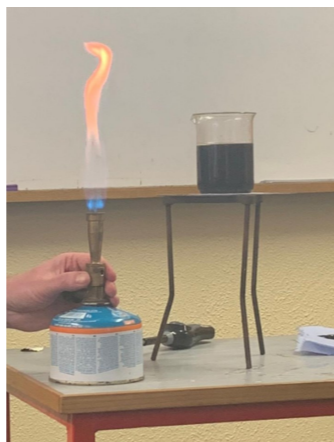
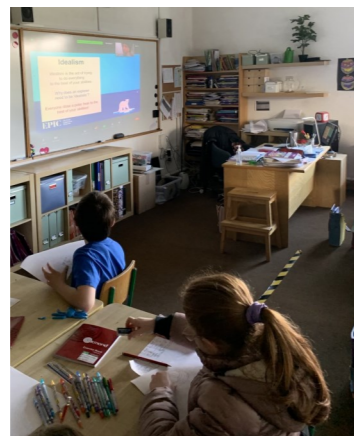
-6th Classes started work on the @SOPHiaPhysics Project and the Learning Creative Learning Coding Project

-Senior infants completed obstacle courses in the hall. Fittest Irish Family watch out!

-classes enjoyed the natural beauty of the Shannon Banks throughout the month.

- Keats enjoyed A "Free Day Friday" where the children designed and lead the teaching & learning for the day.

A Picture is worth a thousand words...



MAINTENANCE FUND

The maintenance fund e-payment link was sent to parents at the start of the month. The suggested amounts are €100 for one child or €150 for more than one child or whatever you can pay. This voluntary contribution (maintenance fund) allows us to purchase specialised equipment and resources for programmes such as Literacy Lift Off and our STEM initiatives. We greatly appreciate your financial support and are dependent on it to continue to provide the children of Scoil Íde with the progressive education that they need and deserve.

JUNIOR INFANT APPLICATIONS 2020

Applications for the Junior Infant Intake for 2021 are steadily coming in .

In September 2021 we will be able to take in 3 classes and these will be kept in line with Dept. of Education guidelines on having as low a number as possible in junior classes.

If you or your neighbours have children due to start school, we advise that you log on to www.scoilide.ie and make the application. Please be sure to read the Enrolment

Secondary School Common Application System

The completed Application Form, accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, should be submitted to the Principal at the Number 1 School of your choice.

Early submission of forms is advisable, but in any event, forms must be submitted no later than 12.30pm, Monday, 11 January 2021.

Please note that the responsibility for making an application rests with the parent/ guardian .

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Last year, 3rd class children helped with Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign where thousands of individuals in Ireland donate shoeboxes filled with gifts to be given to children affected by poverty in Africa or Eastern Europe. It is an opportunity to share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where these can sometimes be in short supply.

This year, due to the effects of Covid-19 restrictions, the Christmas Shoebox Appeal has gone online.

To make a virtual box of your own with your child you can visit www.TeamHope.ie at any time and choose the items you would like to add.

