



# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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## Rest In Peace: Sr Pierre O' Connor

It is with great sadness that the school community learned of the passing of Sr Pierre O' Connor on November 4th, 2024. Sr Pierre was Scoil Íde's first principal when it opened its doors back in 1964. Scoil Íde was a Junior School at the time and remained so until 1971 when it expanded to provide for children from 2nd to 6th class.

While Sr Pierre was a proud Kerry woman, Sr Pierre had a profound effect on the social and educational fabric of Limerick City and will be known to many from her time teaching in St Mary's Girl's School in King's Island. We think of her family members and all in the Mercy Community who benefitted from her guidance and enjoyed her support and company down through the years.



Another past principal, Peter Long once said that "those who plant a tree should never expect to sit in its shade". As Scoil Íde celebrates 60 years since it first opened we should remember Sr Pierre and indeed Tom Barry and Peter Long who planted many trees, both real and educational.

Members of the Student Council attended Sr Pierre's funeral mass along with Assistant Principal Anne O' Brien, Chairperson to the Board of Management Maureen Hobbins and Principal Ray D'Arcy.





## Enrolment for 2025-2026

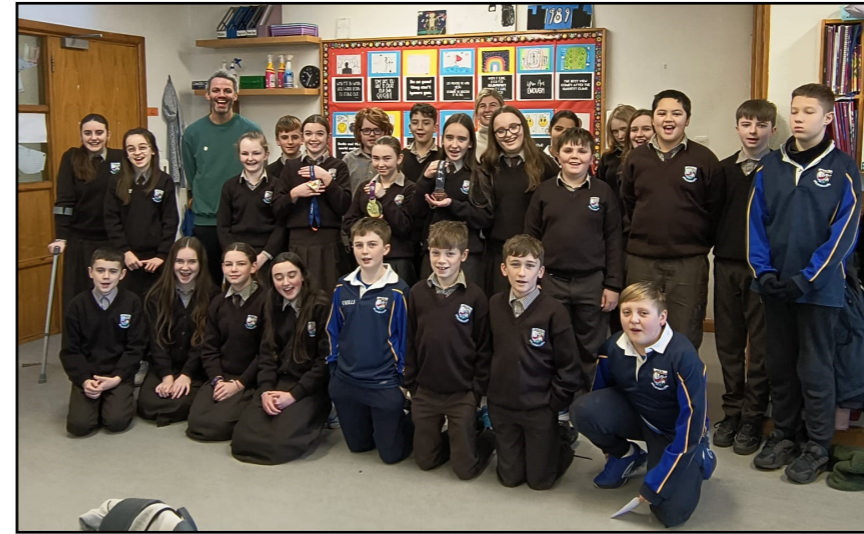


If you are considering sending your child to school in September of 2025 you can apply for a place through our school website and by following these steps...

1. Go to [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie).
2. Click on the *Enrolment tab* on the top of the home page
3. Click on "*Applications for Junior Infants 2025-2026*"
4. Click on the "*Aladdin*" link which is highlighted in orange
5. Fill in the relevant details.
6. Click on the green "*Send details to the school*" button at the bottom left of this page
7. You will receive a reference number on successful submission of your application. If you have input all of the required information above and you do not receive a reference number after submitting this form something may have gone wrong with your application and you should retry using a different browser.
8. The Principal Ray D'Arcy will arrange to meet you in person from February to chat about the school and your hopes for your child.



Junior Infants from Room 6 have settled in very well and have given us a thumbs up! Faith, Ava and Alanna from 6th class help on wet days to ensure that everyone has a nice break.



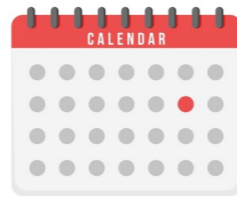
### Tom Barr visits Scoil Íde

With The Dare to Believe Programme sponsored by the Olympic Federation of Ireland.





## Calendar for 2024-2025



- Closed Friday, 29th November for The General Election
- 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.
- Confirmation: March 8th 2024 at 10:00 and 12:00
- Public Holiday: Monday, 17th March 2025- St. Patrick's Day.
- School Closure: Tuesday, March 18th to facilitate staff training in the Primary Maths Curriculum
- Easter 2025: Closing Friday, 11th April at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 28th April 2025.
- Public Holiday: Monday, May 5th, 2025.
- Holy Communion (Sacrament of the Eucharist) May 10th for Rooms 11 and 19.
- Holy Communion ( Sacrament of the Eucharist ) May 17th for Rooms 12 and 13.
- School closed : Friday, May 30th, 2025.
- Public Holiday: Monday, June 2nd , 2025.
- 6th Class Final Assembly: June 23rd at 15:00 sa Halla
- School closes on Friday, June 27th at 12:15 for the Summer holidays.

### Assembly Timetable : (Subject to change)

#### 6th Class

January 31st, February 28th, March 28th, May 23rd,  
June 23rd: Final Assembly @ 15:00 in the Hall

#### 5th Class

February 14th, May 9th, June 20th

#### 4th Class

February 7th, May 2nd, June 13th

**Whole School Online Assembly on December 20th. Available to view online in school and at home**

**\*Only children in the standard hosting assembly should attend the assembly\***

## 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.

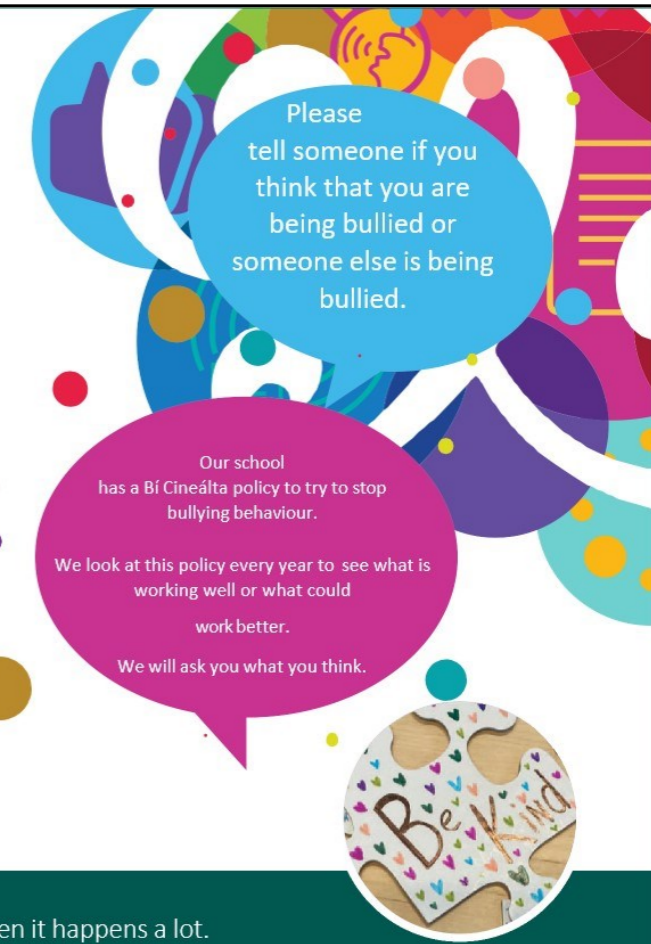


If a student tells a staff member that they think they are being bullied, we will:

- > 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.



Over the course of this school year, we will review the school's Anti Bullying Policy to reflect updated guidance contained within the Bí Cineálta ( Be Kind) Procedures which were released in June of 2024.

These procedures provide direction and guidance to schools, in relation to measures to prevent and address bullying behaviour in schools.

They have been developed with the four key principles of Cineáltas in mind: prevention; support; oversight and community. The implementation of these procedures will build on the work already being done to ensure that all the students who attend our schools are kept safe from harm and that the wellbeing of our students is at the forefront of everything that we do.

The school community has a responsibility to prevent and address bullying behaviour. Schools should work in partnership with their patron, board of management, staff, students and their parents to implement their Bí Cineálta policy. We will be engaging with staff, parents and guardians and the children over the course of this year as we set about having our new policy ready for September of 2025 as per Departmental guidelines.

### Core definition of Bullying Behaviour

*Bullying is targeted behaviour, online or offline that causes harm. The harm caused can be physical, social and/or emotional in nature. Bullying behaviour is repeated over time and involves an imbalance of power in relationships between two people or groups of people in society.*



## Merit Moments

### Boland

- **Hollie May Pope Lyons:** For working diligently each and every single day and setting a great example for others to follow. Excellent work Hollie!"
- **Lauren Raleigh:** For an improved work ethic when completing your tasks within lessons and for various examples of mature and kind behaviour towards your peers. Keep it up Lauren, well done you!
- **Fionn O' Driscoll:** For always displaying and demonstrating a positive mindset and for attacking each challenge head on! Well done Fionn, keep up the great work!
- **Max Smith:** For bringing calmness to the classroom and to those around you and also, for working diligently each day. Keep it up Max!
- **Adam Stokes:** or a great start to 6th class and for working hard each day to overcome any obstacle in your way. You have challenged yourself in many ways and set a great example for others. Well done Adam, you should be very proud!

### Frost

- **Jayden Lowe:** For making huge improvements in all areas of the curriculum especially in Maths. Well done Jayden for working so hard and always trying your best!"
- **Kai Long :** For your creative talents and achievements. Kai always works hard to present his work in unique and wonderful ways. Well done Kai!
- **Saoirse Giltinan:** Is there anything you can't do?! Saoirse will try anything and give everything she does her full 100% effort. Well done Saoirse, we are so proud of all that you do!
- **Elena Bucke:** For always going about her day with a positive attitude. Elena always has a smile on her face and is a pleasure to be around. She lights up the room with her warm and upbeat manner. Well done Elena!
- **Holly Byrnes:** For being a kind and helpful member of our class. Holly is always there to lend a helping hand or to have a positive message to share. She looks out for others and is kind to all those she meets. Well done Holly!

### Heaney

- **Emilia Duffy:** For her display of great writing skills during diary writing, writers workshop tasks and recount writing
- **Ellen O Byrne:** For her commitment to philosophy explorations during the search for the big thinking question
- **Vasilisa Paltseva:** For applying herself fully in maths, and especially for asking good questions to confirm her understanding
- **Valentin Czellar-Dudas:** For a great work ethic and a wonderfully polite manner at all times
- **Tommy Mulcahy:** For showing a great work ethic in English, Irish, Maths and toy making sessions

### Nolan

- **Oliver Thomas:** For working hard to stay focused in class and for the huge effort he has put into participating in maths lessons.
- **Alysha Bennis :**For the huge improvement in her participation in class discussions and for working hard in English writing lessons.
- **Charlie Heffernan:** For the hard work and dedication to his artwork this month and for his positive attitude to everyday tasks and school work.
- **Amy Cullen:** For the effort she has made to contribute in class discussions this month and for being such an enthusiastic member of the class.
- **Finn Treacy:** For huge improvements made in scríbhneoireacht Gaeilge and for excellent efforts made during PE lessons.



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It is important to note that Brookview Childcare is a separate entity to Scoil Ide.

All queries in relation to After School Club should be forwarded to the following contact details. Outlined above.

Please ensure that teachers are informed if children are attending After school activities or Afterschool Club



**6th Class Merit Recipients for November, 2024**

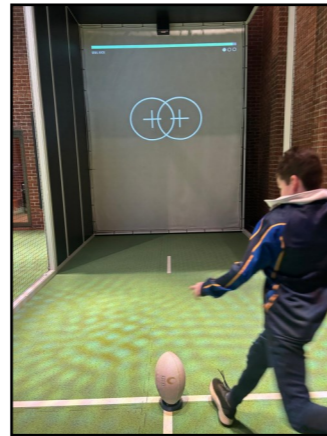
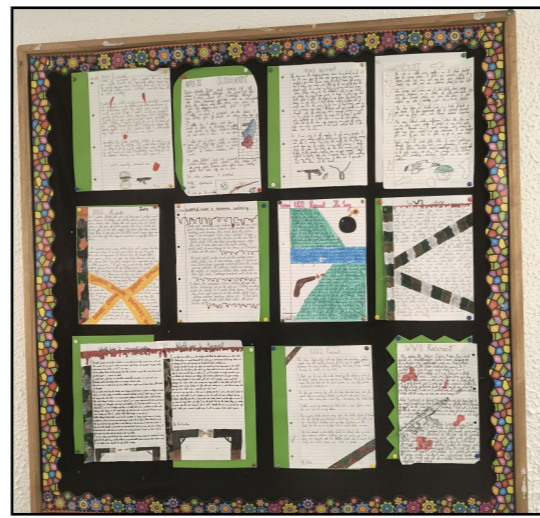
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Bottom left: Nolan

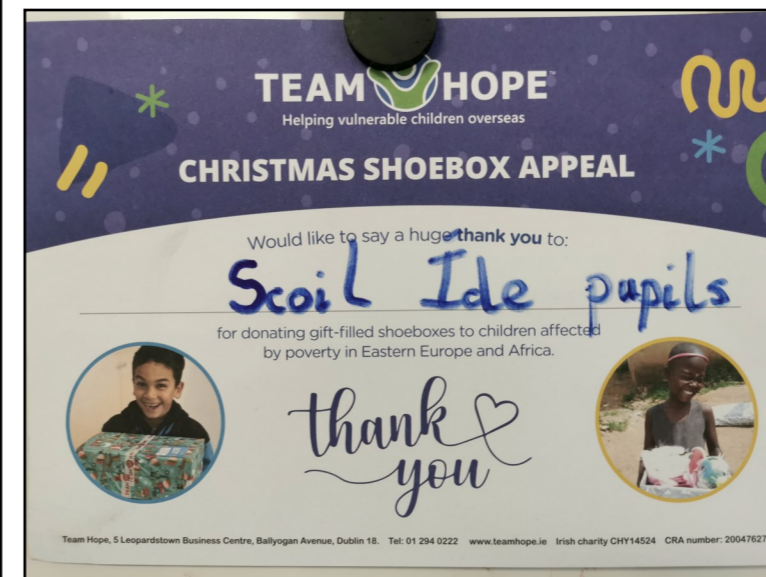
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We were delighted to hear the great news that past pupil Madison McGuane who was chosen as the Under-15 Girls' FAI International Player of the Year.

Incredibly, Madison also made the short list of 3 players for the Under-16 Player of the Year for 2024. We wish Madison all the very best this season and beyond and we look forward to tracking her progress. Big shout out too to Madison's sister Libby who is in 3rd class and is a great support to Madison.



### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thanks to all the families of the children in 2nd & 3rd classes who supported the Christmas Shoebox Appeal once again this year. Children affected by poverty in Africa and Eastern Europe will receive these gift filled shoeboxes at Christmas. Your kindness will bring joy and excitement to children who live in circumstances where these can often be in short supply.





