

CALENDAR 2019-2020

October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019 inclusive.

Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday, 20th December at 12.15 p.m. and re-opening Monday, 6th January 2020.

February 2020 Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020.

Closed Tuesday, 17th March 2020- Public Holiday.

Easter 2020: School closing Friday 3rd April 2020 at 12.15 p.m. and reopening Monday 20th April 2020.

Closed Monday, 4th May 2020-Public Holiday.

Closed Friday, 29th May and Monday, 1st June 2020-Public Holiday.

Closing Friday, 26th June 2020 at 12.15 p.m.

Half day closures for Language Curriculum In-Service also to be confirmed.

Scoil Íde is used as a Polling Station so we will be closed for any Elections/Referendums that may be called.

NEW PRIMARY LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

The new Primary Language Curriculum (PLC) is now fully implemented in all classes in both English and Irish. Teachers undertook a full day's training last month. There will also be a number of half day closures later on in the year to facilitate further training.

The PLC is designed to help children with different strengths and needs. It also aims to help children see the links between English and Irish. There is an emphasis placed on learning through play in the infant classes.

More information can be found on www.curriculumonline.ie.

CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION DATES

Confirmation for all classes will be held in **St. Mary's Church** on **Saturday 14th March** at **10.30am**

Communion will be held in **St. Nicholas' Church** at **10.30am** on the following dates:

Room 13: 26th April

Room 14: 10th May

Room 12: 17th May

MONSTER RAFFLE

Each Spring the school hold a raffle which raises much needed funds.

If any parent/guardian wishes to sponsor a prize, please contact Suzanne Noble on snoble@scoilide.ie

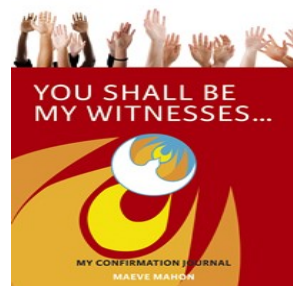
Your generosity is always appreciated.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The Parteen St. Nicholas' Men's Shed will be getting involved in the maintenance of our Outdoor Classroom. They will be looking for parent/grandparent volunteers to assist. If you are interested, please contact Charlotte at scoil.ide.parents.council@gmail.com

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Fr. Gerard O' Leary to the parish. He will be working with our 6th class pupils as part of the 'You Shall be my Witness' programme with Sr. Patricia.



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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October 2019

WELL DONE

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

Well done to our September ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Erin Fitzgerald

VI: Heaney: Heather Sparling

VI: Boland: Paddy O' Driscoll

VI: Frost: Billy Dore

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PA)

The PA Clothing Drive raised €580.

Thanks to all involved and to those who dropped off bags. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Thanks also to Mr. O' Connor's class and Trevor for their help.

If you are interested in getting involved with the PA, email Charlotte at scoil.ide.parents.council@gmail.com

New members welcome.



RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

Last month staff undertook training in Restorative Practices (RP) with Restorative Practices development Officer, Joe Power.

RP helps to build relationships, prevent conflict and deal with conflict situations in a healthy manner if it occurs. Practising RP involves having values that include respect for others, empathy, fairness, personal accountability and honesty.

The concept of RP is to 'do with' as opposed to 'do to' or 'do for'. This aims to build resilience, enhance problem solving skills and foster compassion.

For more information on RP go to www.restorativepracticesireland.ie or click on the 'Parent Info' section of our website.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

- The 3rd classes have commenced their recorder lessons with Deirdre Byrne and 1st classes have begun violin lessons with Marian Ryan.
- Rugby, hockey, athletics and basketball have all started back after-school training.
- Choir, recorder ensemble and orchestra have all begun rehearsals.
- Classes have been paying their Autumnal visit to their class trees.
- 1st classes have been learning how to dance the waltz and the reel.
- Chess has recommenced for 3rd and 4th classes.
- 6th classes visited Limerick City Library to see storyteller Niall de Búrca and 3rd classes went to see 'The BFG' as part of the Children's Book Festival.
- Ms. O'Connor's 5th class have started working on their VEX Robotics project.
- We are involved in a project entitled 'Numeracy Across the Curriculum' with the EPI*STEM, University of Limerick.
- Mr Hennessy's 3rd class are involved in a Tree Study project with LEAF Ireland.



SCHOOL FINANCES

Unfortunately, schools are hugely under-funded yet are expected to provide quality education to our pupils. Without parental contributions, we would not be able to pay for the necessities. We are greatly appreciative to parents for this. Aside from school supplies, we have heat, light, water, insurance bills and also general maintenance and repairs.

The voluntary contribution (maintenance fund) allows us to purchase specialised equipment for programmes such as Literacy Lift Off and our STEM initiatives. The maintenance fund appeal will be issued by text with e-payment link after the mid-term break. We greatly appreciate your financial support and are dependent on it to continue to provide the children of Scoil Íde with the modern education that they need and deserve. The contribution is €100 for one child or €150 for more than one child, or whatever you can afford.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

The Scoil Íde Students' Council is made up of children from 5th and 6th classes and the coordinator is Mr. D'Arcy. They usually meet twice a month and organise a number of school events throughout the year such as the Halloween Hooley, the Christmas Coppers Campaign and the Nativity.

The Pay it Forward initiative plays a major role for the members of the council who will be working all year to spread kindness throughout the school and local community.



Students' Council 2019-2020

MOBILE LIBRARY BOOKS

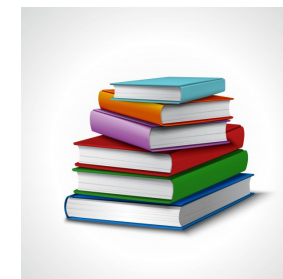
We would kindly ask that you look at home for any mobile library books or Literacy Lift Off books which may not have been returned.

These books will be stamped inside the cover by either the library or the school.

If you find any, please return to the present class teacher.

Thank

you!



POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

This is a busy time for 6th class pupils and their families who have been visiting school open days in light of filling in the post-primary school application form. Nine choices must be filled in on the form. If parents have decided on their first choice school, they should send the form to that school as soon as possible. Forms must be filled out in full and returned no later than Monday 13th January 2020 at 12.30pm.

TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

The 3rd classes are invited to prepare shoeboxes and fill them with something to write with, something to wash with, something to wear and something to wow!

Contact Carmel Naughton on 087 6716154 for any information (additional leaflets will be made available outside of the school office).