

## CALENDAR 2020-2021

October 2020 mid-term break: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020 inclusive.

Christmas 2020: Closing on Tuesday 22nd December at 12.15pm and re-opening on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

February 2021 mid-term break: Close 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February inclusive.

Closed Wednesday 17th March-Public Holiday.

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

May Break 2021: Close 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May inclusive.

Closed Monday 7th June-Public Holiday

Summer Holidays: Closing Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 12.15pm.

### POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Pupils from 6th class must apply for a place in Post-Primary school through the Common Application System. Applications are still to be returned to the post-primary school of first choice by 12.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. All open nights are now available on the individual post-primary schools' websites.

### MAKERSPACE IN SCHOOLS

Scoil Íde has recently featured in a report on Makerspace in Schools. The case study highlights the benefits and challenges of makerspaces in schools. Thanks to Madeline from the PDST and also to teachers Pat Butler and Mark Gleeson for their involvement.

Go to <https://fcl.eun.org/makerspaces-practical-guidelines...> to access all of the case studies.



### SCHOOL BOOKS

We would kindly ask that you look at home for any mobile library books and / 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 current class teacher.

Thank you!

### CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION

All of the Confirmation and Communion ceremonies from the 2019/20 school year are now complete.

Thanks to Fr. Derek and all at St. Nicholas Parish for their work in rescheduling and hosting these events.



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# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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October 2020

### WELL DONE

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

**Well done to our September & October ACEs.**

**VI: Nolan: Alex Gibson & Victoria Cross**

**VI: Heaney: Kate Daly & Darya Ramaneka**

**VI: Boland: Róisín Antonio & Kate Ryan**

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### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PA)

If you are interested in getting involved with the Parents Association, email Charlotte at [scoil.ide.parents.council@gmail.com](mailto:scoil.ide.parents.council@gmail.com)

New members welcome.



### Departing friends

**After spending a large part of her life in Scoil Íde as a pupil, teacher and latterly as Principal, Grace Burke left on October 9th to take up a new role as principal in Mayo. The whole school community would like to thank her for her work and wish her the best of luck in the future.**



**We bid a fond farewell to Mary O Sullivan in early October. Mary has been an important part of our school since she walked through the doors 14 years ago. We will miss her wit, wisdom, care, advice and baking enormously! We all wish Mary the very best for the future.**



## WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

- Classes have been paying their Autumnal visit to their class trees.
- Fundamental movement skills are being developed across the school using the PDST resource 'Move Well, Move Often'.
- Classes have been visiting the Bishop's Field and the Shannon Fields.
- Scratch Programming has started in a number of classes.
- Fantastic art work can be viewed on display boards around the school.
- Rooms 12 and 16 worked from home during the 2nd half of the month
- 4th class Keats & 6th Class Boland studied the Limerick Development Plan in conjunction with Limerick Council and outlined their vision for Limerick by 2028 in a Zoom meeting
- Nature provided us with spectacular displays of colour all around our grounds
- 2nd class made bookmarks #lovereading



## 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. The payment request will be sent out after the mid-term break.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Scoil Íde Student 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.

Much of the initial work of the Council will be carried out using a designated Google Classroom. The Council are currently working on an Eco-Brick project and also coordinated a survey of pupils exploring students' thoughts about our return to school.



6th Class Student Council Members: Holly, A.J., Lexi, Joe, Kate & Daniel



5th Class Student Council Members: Jack, Aino, Madison, Cian, Zoe & Shane