

CALENDAR 2021-2022

October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021 inclusive.

November 11th: Half Day for Primary Language Curriculum Training. School closes for pupils at 12:15pm

Christmas Holidays: Closing Wednesday, 22nd December 2021 at 12.15 p.m. and re-opening Thursday, 6th January 2022.

February 2022 Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Closed Wednesday, 17th March 2022- Public Holiday.

Easter 2022: School closing Friday, 8th April 2022 at 12.15 p.m. and reopening Monday, 25th April 2022.

Closed Monday, 2nd May 2022-Public Holiday.

Closed Friday, 3rd June 2022 & Monday, 6th June 2022-Public Holiday.

Closing Thursday, 30th June 2022 at 12.15 p.m.

Calendar Update

Scoil Íde will close for a half day on November 11th at 12:15 to facilitate staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum.

Environmental Awareness

As part of a sustainable approach to becoming more environmentally aware we are setting simple targets for the school community to reach.

Term 1

- Parents and Guardians: More than 10 seconds idling uses more fuel than restarting an engine. Remember to turn off your car if you are waiting outside the school.
- School children: We ask that all children bring lunchboxes to school and that they bring their own food and wrapper waste home with them.
- Staff members: Lights & projectors turned off when rooms are not in use



Happy Halloween

We wish everyone in our school community a very happy and safe midterm break



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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October 2021

WELL DONE

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

Well done to our October ACEs.

VI: Nolan: Erin Naughton

VI: Heaney: Sophie McMahon

VI: Boland: Eoghan Ahern

Rest in Peace

We would like to offer our condolences to former staff member Mike O' Donoghue and all his family and friends on the passing of his wife, Dymphna.

Dymphna passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 10th.

May She Rest in Peace.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PA)

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

New members welcome.



Internet Awareness

Following on from our Internet Awareness Talk last month we have decided to suggest one action per term in order to help our pupils access and use the internet in a safe and responsible way. For this approach to be successful, we need both home and school to work together.

It is important that you talk to your child about the need for these actions. They are not punishments but are there to ensure we have a healthy balance in our daily lives.

We will contact families after the mid term break and outline the rationale behind these actions further. Below is the action that we hope families will incorporate into the daily routine of children.

Term 1 Action

Households should operate a digital sunset. No devices an hour before bedtime so children can get a better quality of sleep. The device should be left with parents when children go to bed.

Safe Routes to School programme.

We announced in September that Scoil Íde has been selected to participate in the Safe Routes to School programme. Safe Routes to School is designed to enable students to safely walk, cycle and scoot to school.

As part of the initial phase of this programme, the Safe Routes to School Team would like to gather information on how our students travel to school and where they start their journey.

Your input is needed to help create a safer school environment therefore, we are asking all parents to complete a short online survey by 31 st October 2021.

The survey can be done on a smart phone or a computer.

Please click here to begin: <https://arcs.is/1OfK8z0>



SCHOOL FINANCES

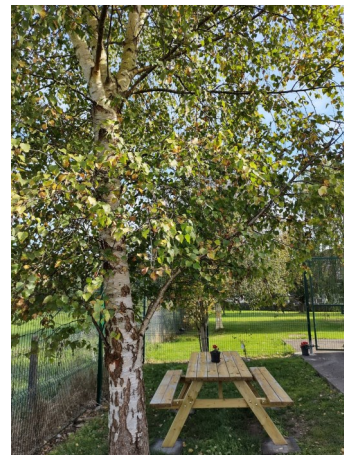
Unfortunately, schools are hugely under-funded yet are expected to provide quality education to our pupils. Without parental contributions, we would not be able to pay for the necessities. We are greatly appreciative to parents for this. Aside from school supplies, we have heat, light, water, insurance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

This **voluntary** contribution (maintenance fund) will be directed towards the renovation of our Science Room this year and we are really excited by the plans for this room. Watch this space! 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



STUDENT COUNCIL

The Scoil Íde Student Council is made up of children from 5th & 6th classes & the coordinator is Ms Murphy. Our freshly elected council have settled into their new roles & are working hard to make this a great year for everyone in Scoil Ide. Last week they were responsible for distributing all the 'Food Dudes' resources around the school & they did a fantastic job. After the midterm break they will be busy planning the annual 'Christmas Coppers Campaign' as well as a Nativity production for the junior classes. The Student Council is a voluntary & demanding role and we really appreciate all the time & effort these students put in. Maith sibh!



6th Class Student Council Members: Shauna, Darren, Patrick, Fay, Ellie & Senan



5th Class Student Council Members: Faye, William, Maggie, Kai,, Laura, Luke, Ava & Cian.