



SCOIL ÍDE NEWS



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October 2023

Assembly Timetable : (Subject to change)

6th Class

December 1st, January 26th, March 1st, March 22nd, April 26th, May 31st,
June 24th: Final Assembly @ 15:00 in the Hall

5th Class

January 19th, March 15th, May 24th, June 21st

4th Class

March 8th, May 17th, June 14th

Whole School Online Assembly on December 22nd. Available to view online in school and at home

Scoil Ide is part of the Autism Friendly Schools Project. It is run by AsIAM and includes many primary and secondary schools throughout Ireland. The aim of the project is to help and support schools to become more inclusive and understanding of autistic children.



All schools meet termly to interact, learn from one another, share ideas and listen to guest speakers, autistic people and families with autistic children. Hearing their stories has been the highlight so far.

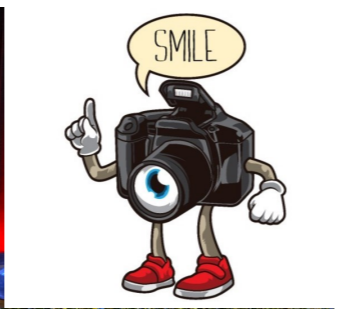
Our Autism Focus group, which is made up of a number of parents, school leadership, mainstream teachers, support teachers and SNA's also meets termly to evaluate how we can become more inclusive, not only to our autistic children, but to all the children with special needs in our school. We will host a coffee morning on November 29th for anyone in the community who would like to come in and chat with each other about their own experiences and hopes for their child/ren.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PA)

The Parents' Association Committee is made up of one parent per standard. Their contact details are as follows. Every parent / guardian is automatically a member of the broader Parents' Association.

Junior Infants: = Cian McDonnell	cmcdonnellpa@scoilide.ie
Senior Infants: = Damien Meere	dmeerepa@scoilide.ie
1st Class: = Sylwia Borodziuk	sborodziukpa@scoilide.ie
2nd Class: Gillian Healy	ghealypa@scoilide.ie
3rd Class: = Conor Nestor	cnestorpa@scoilide.ie
4th Class: = Rodrigo Sanvido	rsanvidopa@scoilide.ie
5th Class: = Sarah Danagher	sdanagherpa@scoilide.ie
6th Class: = Yvonne Moore	ymoorepa@scoilide.ie

The Parent Association works with the principal, staff and the Board of Management to build effective partnership between home and school. The Parent Association is a support for parents in the school but it is not a forum for complaint against either an individual teacher or parent. The Complaints Procedure is the mechanism for this.



Vaccinations

The HSE's Community Healthcare team will visit Scoil Íde on November 7th and 8th. They will administer vaccines to Junior infants only from 09:30 on these days: Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) and Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis and Polio (4 in 1). The Healthcare Team has sent out appointments to the relevant families but if you need to change your date and time you can contact Connie Blackwell at 061-483079.

Board of Management 2023-2027

The date for this meeting for the nomination/election of a parent(s) for appointment by the patron as a parent nominee(s) to the board. has been set for November 8th, 2023 at 20:00 in the Halla . All parents / guardians received an email outlining this procedure.

Junior Infant parent Coffee morning

We welcomed parents and guardians of our most recent Junior Infants into school on Wednesday the 18th for a coffee morning. It was great to sit and chat about how the children are getting on.



SUPERWELL

Scoil Ide infant teachers and pupils collaborated with the psychology department in UL to develop an intervention to support children's social emotional wellbeing. Children explored emotions like sad, anger, happy, fear and worry through characters in picture books and developed their emotion identification and coping skills as a result. Having coping skills at a young age leads to better psychological adjustment later in life and sets our pupils off to a healthy start. Thank you to all parents, pupils, teachers and UL staff who supported us in our wellbeing promotion journey. Sarah Barton who teachers in Room 5 led the project and attended Féilte: The annual Teaching Festival in Portlaoise on October 7th. Sarah shared the innovative way we are supporting our Infants well being with colleagues and also learned a lot from other contributors at the festival. Well done Ms Barton.

Child Protection Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed the Parent Guardian Review of Scoil Íde's Child Safeguarding Statement. The feedback was very positive. Some parents raised concerns about safety outside the school which is important but that is more a health and safety issue than a child protection issue. (see article about Safer Routes to School for an update on this issue)

Respondents were satisfied that the school is complying with it's child Safeguarding requirements. Some respondents were not sure. These are outlined in our Safeguarding Statement which is available on scoilide.ie.

As part of our going review and development of Child Protection Procedures, The Board of management ratified and adopted a Smart Device Amendment to the Schools Acceptable Use Policy for ICT. An email was sent to all parents outlining responses to points raised in the Parent/ Guardian Survey regarding Scoil Íde's Child Protection procedures

The vast majority of respondents had no suggestions as to how the school could improve its child protection procedures. It is worth noting that Scoil Íde follows all vetting procedures as outlined by St Senan's Diocesan Office and by the Department of Education and Skills.

Happy Halloween

We hope everyone in our school community enjoyed a very happy and safe midterm





The purpose of the Part 8 Planning application for Corbally Safer Routes to School was to provide active travel measures and provide for a shared path in order to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety along Corbally Road in line with active travel policies and objectives set out in the Limerick development plan 2022-2028.

Limerick Council approved the following plans...

- A redeveloped path with an average width of 3.5 m along the northern side of the Corbally Road from Scoil Íde to the primary road entrance to St Munchin's College.
- Resurfacing of the existing footpath along the Southern side (residents side) of the Corbally Road. Existing grass verges will be retained. Low level planting and kerbing will be provided within the extents of the existing footpath.
- Raising of the three existing crossings along the Corbally Road.
- New junction tightening measures at Roseville gardens junction, Lanahrone Avenue junction and St Munchin's College junction to reduce vehicle speeds and increase safety for vulnerable road users.
- Realignment and widening of St Munchin's gates to facilitate two-way traffic.
- New low level planting and soft landscaping features along Corbally Road.
- Kerb heights along both sides of the Corbally Road to increase to 300mm from 125mm to prevent any inappropriate / illegal parking.
- The height of the roadside boundary wall between Scoil Íde and St Munchin's to be capped at 0.6m

Merit Moments

Boland

- Sonny Ryan: For being a supportive and kind friend, and for his honesty. Keep it up!
- Enrique García: Enrique's narrative writing shows such creativity and talent. He has worked so hard this month.
- Maisie Bailey: For her huge effort in Maths, especially Lines and Angles!
- Anne De Cléir: For her excellent work ethic, kind and considerate nature and exceptional artistic talent!
- Shannon McNamara : For helping Miss Breen with classroom organisation and for her excellent work in English this month.

Frost

- Emily O' Driscoll " For always having a positive attitude towards everything she does."
- Alex Gleeson " Always works hard and shows exceptional behaviour at all times in school."
- James Black "Superb musical performance at the Seanchaí storytelling event earlier this month."
- Mayson Phayer" For exceptional results in his October mid term assessments."
- Caoimhe Ryan " For always trying her best and always working hard in school."

Heaney

- Lauryn O' Sullivan "Significant contributions during stations and excellent narrative introduction writing"
- Aoife White " making a great effort to speak Irish in class"
- Reece Campbell "A great effort for Irish songs and poems and good use of his cúpla focail"
- Mikey O' Leary "Excellent contributions and effort during stations"
- Sarah Mullins " for her superb puppet making skills"

SCHOOL FINANCES

Unfortunately, schools are hugely under-funded yet are expected to provide quality education to our pupils. Without parental contributions, we would struggle to pay for the some of the facilities that we feel are crucial in the provision of a world class education for the children in our care.

The Voluntary Contribution 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 deserve. The contribution has been reduced from €100 to **€80** for one child and from €150 to **€120** for more than one child, or **whatever you can afford**. The Board of Management would like to emphasise that this payment is **voluntary** and that the request is not intended to cause any undue financial stress on anyone in the school community.

Last year's contribution went towards the provision of a purpose built **Sensory Room** which contains a bubble tube corner, fibre optic cascade, infinity tunnels, colour changing tactile wall, a speaker system, bubble mirror wall, a water wall with bench, sensory swing and ultra violet light. This resource was long over due and the donations made to our voluntary contribution helped greatly in its purchase



This is a room where children can create in any way they wish-musically, artistically, using technology, baking and cooking. We had hoped to create a play space for the Junior classes but Insurance considerations have forced us to amend plans and create a sensory garden. We would not have been able to do any of these things without your support and we want to assure people that every contribution is valued and will be spent wisely.



The MakerSpace Room is equipped with an interactive whiteboard, desks that can rise and lower according to the age group using the room, new cooking and baking facilities, a green screen for movie making, a 3D printer and STEM trolleys for engineering and science projects. Every child in Scoil de will benefit from this room as they journey through the standards. Sincere thanks for your support

The **voluntary** contribution for this school year will be directed towards the development of a play space for our junior classes. We are really excited by the plans for this space.

