



# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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September 2024



## WELCOME BACK

We returned to school on Thursday, August the 29th. It was great to see all the children heading to their new classrooms with their friends.

Thanks to all the parents and guardians, staff and indeed the children for making it such a successful return to school.

Contact details for teachers are available on our website under the *keep in touch* tab. Click on the relevant year group to get the details of the teacher you are looking for. The *Parent Info* Tab contains lots of useful information for parents and guardians too.



Scoil Íde celebrates its 60th Anniversary this year having first opened its doors in Rooms 1 and 2 in 1964.

The story of Scoil Íde is very much the story of the community which grew and developed in Corbally. It is also a story of changing parish boundaries. In modern times we're in our third parish without moving an inch. Scoil Íde started life as a 2 classroom & 2 teacher Junior School, operated by the Mercy Sisters for the Parish of St Mary's. Sr Pierre was the first principal.

However the population of Corbally was growing rapidly and it became clear that Scoil Íde needed to grow accordingly. By 1971 there were 8 teachers on staff & a Lollipop man who also served as a general caretaker. By 1974 the school had grown to have 18 teachers, 730 children & Tom Barry, who became principal in 1971, was granted the post of administrative principal. It wasn't until 1976 that the school had 19 permanent classrooms.

Elaine Flannery and Des Hickey arrived to support the smooth running of one of the largest schools in Munster at the time. At its peak there were 930 students, 40 teachers and 29 classes.

When Tom Barry retired in 1992, Peter Long became principal. Peter pioneered the STEM revolution in Scoil Íde as well as guiding, encouraging & promoting numerous initiatives across the curriculum. More building work was also undertaken during Peter's principalship. This saw the replacement of prefabs with the Senior School building.

When Peter retired in 2018, Grace Burke had the onerous task of leading the school through Covid 19 until her tenure as Principal ended when she moved to Mayo in 2020 to take up a role as principal there. Ray D'Arcy became the fifth principal in Scoil Íde's history in January 2021 having taught in the school since 2002.

## JUNIOR INFANT APPLICATIONS

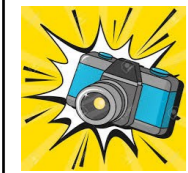
### 2025 –2026

As per updated legislation, applications opened on 1st October for our 2025-26 Junior Infant Intake. Applications are only accepted in the year previous to starting school and are conducted through our website: [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie)

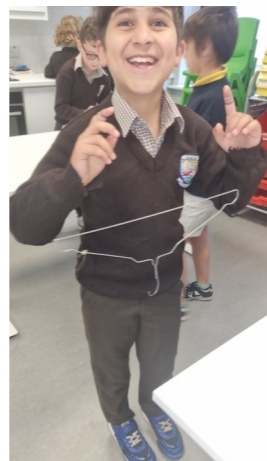
Please read the Admissions Policy available at [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie). All offers of places are made in accordance with this. Contact our secretary Leanne at 061-345495 or at [secretary@scoilide.ie](mailto:secretary@scoilide.ie) if you have any questions.

## Scoil Íde down through the years!





The month of September in pictures.



Community Notices



St Patrick's Gaa Academy



Venue: St Patrick's Gaa Rhebogue (V94 W0X2)

Fridays @ 6:15

U7-9's

U10's

U11's

U13's

Contact: Niall 0879332833 Shane 0879208546 Gearoid 0858689999 Ian 0852165438

COME JOIN THE FUN

CONTACT ANY OF THE NUMBERS ABOVE OR CLUBS SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

- Fun Games
- Fundamental Movement
- Make Friends



Gearoid Hegarty



## Community Notices

# Kids Yoga at Castletroy Physiotherapy Clinic

## Community Notices

### WHY KIDS LOVE IT

- ✓ explore yoga through story, imagination & play
- ✓ build inner & outer strength, flexibility & confidence
- ✓ breath training techniques for relaxation & regulation

Wednesday 11th Sep - Wednesday 23rd Oct

5 - 7 year olds 4 - 4.45pm

8 - 12 year olds 5 - 6pm

€75 FOR A 6 WEEK BLOCK

BOOK VIA 061-337330

OR [INFO@CASTLETROYPHYSIO.COM](mailto:INFO@CASTLETROYPHYSIO.COM)

## CALENDAR 2024-2025

School Re-opened for all pupils on Thursday, 29th August 2024

October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 28th October to Friday, 1st November 2024 incl.

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.

Public Holiday: Monday, 17th March 2025- St. Patrick's Day.

March 18th 2025: School closed to children to facilitate staff training in the Primary Math's 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

School closed : Friday, May 30th, 2025

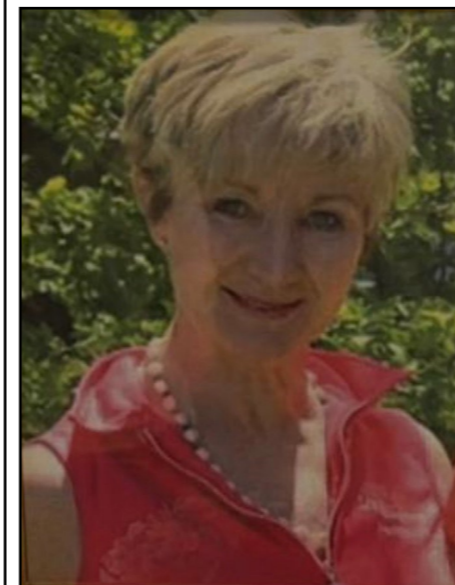
Public Holiday: Monday, June 2nd , 2025

School closes on Friday, June 27th at 12:15 for the Summer holidays

Standardised testing takes place during the month of May

**\*Scoil Íde will close for a day should an election be called during the school year as it is a designated polling centre.**

### Rest In Peace: Neasa Keogh



It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our former colleague, Neasa Keogh on September 19th. For anyone who knew, worked with or had the pleasure of Neasa's company on a night out, disbelief is probably the only word to describe reactions to her sudden passing.

Neasa worked in Scoil Íde for over twenty years, retiring in 2015. Many of you will have worked with Neasa, others working with us today will have known her as a teacher in the school when you were younger whilst some may know the name but not much more.

She was sound and great craic and she was very very kind. She loved to hear good news in the lives of her colleagues and friends.

Her three children , Austin, Anna and Matthew are past pupils, I had the pleasure of teaching Matthew in 4th class. They were lovely children and fine adults. We think of them at this time. It is far too soon for them to have to say goodbye to their mother.

Her husband Gary, was a perfect foil for Neasa - a gent to her, the lady. Neasa always spoke so highly of Gary. We think of him too at this very difficult time.

The suddenness of Neasa's passing is a stark reminder that life is precious and it can be fickle.

RIP Neasa... she was , to use an oft used word of hers.. fabulous!

Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Leaba i measc na naomh go raibh aici .

## Merit Winners

**These 6th Class children have made Scoil Íde a better place through their words, thoughts and deeds and have been awarded a Merit to acknowledge this.**

### Boland

Lelia McInerney: For a wonderful start to the year. Lelia has approached each day with a positive attitude and has set an amazing example for others to follow. Keep up the great work!"

JJ Sheahan: For a fantastic start to the year. JJ has provided many insightful contributions to class discussions and has really challenged himself to explore and use new vocabulary in our Irish lessons. Keep it up JJ, well done you!"

Shane Meaney: For a fantastic start to 6th class and more importantly, for always being there to help and support your peers. Shane has proven to be a great team player and has provided those around him with support and praise when needed. Well done Shane, keep up the great work!"

Freya O' Brien: For always doing the right thing and working hard in class. Freya has set a wonderful example for her peers as she always sets out to do her best in each and every lesson. Keep it up Freya!"

Ava Butler For an amazing start to 6th class. Ava has demonstrated a willingness to learn and has gone above and beyond in her work. She has set a great example for others to follow. Well done Ava, you should be very proud!"

### Frost

Cerys O' Connor: For her participation in our Gaeilge lessons. Cerys always has an idea or something to share in our Irish lessons. She always tries her best and gives everything she does 100%.

Aoibhe Cusack: For really trying her best to have a smile on her face and a positive attitude each day. Keep it up Aoi-bhe, well done you!

Ella McMahon What would we do without you Ella? You are always there to remind me if I've forgotten something or to quickly get a job completed! You are reliable, independent and so hard-working. Well done Ella, keep up the great work!

Lorcan Walshe: For always doing the right thing and working hard in class. If you are ever unsure of what to do, just ask Lorcan and he will know!

Connor Collopy: For pushing himself outside of his comfort zone this week and delivering an excellent presentation on World War 2. Well done Connor, you should be very proud!"

### Nolan

Aleighta Brosnan: For always trying her best at every task she is set and for including and encouraging others during P.E tasks.

Blake Duhig: For making a huge effort during Gaeilge lessons and being a positive, enthusiastic member of the class.

Lauren Kelly Ivory: For always presenting her school and homework perfectly and working hard particularly in Maths.

Logan Higgins: For presenting his work in an organised manner and trying his best during all lessons.

Chloe O'Dwyer: For being kind and helpful to both her teacher and classmates and for excellent presentation in ALL of her work.

### Heaney

Ella McNamara: For her participation in CAME lessons during STEM day. Ella is always eager to share her ideas during these lessons and gives it 100%."

Stephen Mackessy: For his amazing attention in class and putting 100% effort into everything he does throughout the day. Stephen is an excellent listener and contributes great ideas and feedback

Siona Siby: For her very hard work so far this year, Siona is a fantastic listener and is always contributing great ideas in class and during group or pair activities during stations

Ava Foley: For her brilliant participation in Gaeilge lessons. Ava gives each Gaeilge lesson 100% and is very helpful to her classmates!

Brooke Daly: For being a fantastic help around the classroom. Brooke is always helpful with tidying up at the end of the day without hesitation and is a brilliant classmate

## Community Notices

# CORBALLY UNITED LITTLE KICKERS ACADEMY

FOOTBALL FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 TO 6

COACHES

DAVID  
&  
WAYNE

SEPTEMBER 16TH  
TO  
NOVEMBER 4TH  
5 TO 6PM

€50  
PER  
CHILD

OUR NEW 8 WEEK LITTLE KICKERS ACADEMY IS AN INTRODUCTION INTO FOOTBALL FOR KIDS AGED 5 TO 6  
MAINFOCUS: FUN, SKILL-BUILDING, AND DEVELOPING A LOVE FOR THE GAME.  
BENEFITS: IMPROVES COORDINATION, BUILDS CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS.

REGISTRATION



SCAN ME

320G FOOTBALLS ONSALE  
IN CLUBHOUSE FOR €10



FOR INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB  
SECRETARY

CUFCLUBSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM

[HTTPS://CORBALLYUNITEDAFC.COM](https://CORBALLYUNITEDAFC.COM) > MORE > LITTLE KICKERS

## New School Secretary

We were delighted to welcome Leanne Hickey to Scoil Íde at the start of this school year. Leanne is our new school secretary and some of you may already have had the pleasure of meeting or speaking with Leanne. Leanne had big boots to fill in replacing Elaine but she has really hit the ground running. I'm sure you join with me in welcoming Leanne to the school community and wishing her all the best in the coming months and years ahead.

## Next Stop: Hollywood!

Well done to Mikey Mahon who continues to blaze a trail on the movie making scene. A stalwart of the Scoil Íde Film Festival and the Stop Motion Competition in recent years, Mikey was honoured at REC Film Festival in Berlin a few weeks ago. His movie was featured at the Festival and he was interviewed post screening. He received 1st Honourable mention which highlights the talent Mikey has as he mixed with film makers from all over Europe.

You can watch Mikey's movie "Autocorrect" via the following link.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oRWSwMt6l6Rhszm8gNQmiXuspIM2aorY/view?usp=drivesdk>



## Child Protection Procedures (CPP)

All teachers are mandated to report any disclosures from pupils. The Designated Liaison Person is Ray D'Arcy and Deputy Designated Liaison person is Tom Hartney.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement is available to view on our website. It is important to note that if you ever have any observations in relation to CPP, you can contact principal@scoilide.ie

All CPP documentation will be reviewed at the 1st Board of Management meeting of this school year on October 8th, 2024.

You can read our full policy on our website, [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie) under the *Mandatory Policies* Tab

**Absence alerts:** Every time we mark a child absent in school, you will receive a notification via the Aladdin system.

**Left To Their Own Devices** is Cybersafe Kids' Annual Trends and Usage Report. It provides a detailed overview of data collected in the 2023-24 academic year from over 7,000 children (aged 8-14) across Ireland.

### Some key findings:

- 25% of primary school children (aged 8-12) and 21% of secondary school children (aged 12-14) have been bothered or upset by online experiences
- For this 25%, this most commonly occurred on YouTube (37%) and Roblox (23%) for 8-12 year olds. For the 21% of secondary children (aged 12-14), Snapchat (41%) and TikTok (30%) were identified as the most common platforms where these negative experiences occur
- 42% of 8-12 year olds, and 62% of 12-14 year olds do not talk to their parents about their online activity
- 77% of 8-12 year olds say their parents can't see what they are doing online and 83% can use devices in their bedrooms
- YouTube (75%) WhatsApp (41%), Roblox (40%), Snapchat (36%) and TikTok (33%) are the most popular platforms for this age group.
- 38% of 8-12 year olds gamed with strangers online
- Almost 65% were contacted by a stranger during an online game and 55% of 8-12 year olds did not tell a parent when bothered by harmful content or unsolicited contact, rising to 63% for 12-14 year olds.

## Secondary School Open Nights

There is a Common Application System in operation in Limerick. The schedule of Open Nights for secondary schools in the Limerick Area has been emailed to all parents and guardians. Should you have any questions in relation to this system do not hesitate to get in contact with the school principal Ray D'Arcy at principal@scoilide.ie. If you are going through this process for the first time we highly advise that you attend the open nights of any secondary school that you are considering sending your child to. It is also a good idea to seek the advice of like minded parents / guardians who have sent a child of their own to the secondary school you are considering. The children will receive the a hard copy of the application form in early October and this will also be emailed to parents and guardians soon after.

### Limerick Area Post-Primary Schools Common Application System 2025/26 Schedule of School Open Nights/Days

Parents/Guardians of prospective first year students for the academic year 2025/26 are kindly invited to attend the Open Night/Day of the following schools; -

<u>School</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Ardcoil Mhuire (girls),</b> Corbally, Limerick.	Tuesday	01/10/2024	7.00pm
<b>Ardcoil Ris (boys),</b> North Circular Road, Limerick.	Monday	16/09/2024	7.00pm
<b>Castletroy College (co-ed),</b> Newtown, Castletroy, Co. Limerick	Contact school directly.		
<b>Coláiste Chiaráin (co-ed)</b> Croom, Co. Limerick, V35XN29	Tuesday	15/10/2024	7.00pm
<b>Coláiste Mhichil (boys),</b> Sexton Street, Limerick.	Wednesday	25/09/2024	7.00pm
<b>Coláiste Nano Nagle (girls),</b> Sexton Street, Limerick.	Thursday	03/10/2024	7.00pm
<b>Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. (co-ed),</b> Dooradoyle, Limerick.	Monday	07/10/2024	7.00pm
<b>Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh (co-ed, All Irish),</b> Clare Street Limerick.	Monday	30/09/2024	6.00pm
<b>Laurel Hill Coláiste F.C.J. (girls, All Irish),</b> South Circular Road, Limerick.	Saturday	05/10/2024	9.30am to 12.30pm
<b>Laurel Hill Secondary School F.C.J. (girls),</b> South Circular Road, Limerick.	Thursday	26/09/2024	7.00pm
<b>Limerick Educate Together Secondary School (co-ed)</b> Groody Road, Towlerston, Castletroy, Co. Limerick	Wednesday	09/10/2024	7:30pm
<b>Mungret Community College (co-ed),</b> Caheranardish, Mungret, Co. Limerick.	Tuesday	08/10/2024	7.00pm
<b>St. Clement's College (boys),</b> South Circular Road, Limerick.	Wednesday	02/10/2024	7.00pm
<b>St. Munchin's College (boys),</b> Corbally, Limerick.	Wednesday	18/09/2024	7.00pm
<b>Salesian Secondary College (co-ed),</b> Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.	Thursday	10/10/2024	7.00pm
<b>Thomond Community College (co-ed),</b> Moylish Park, Limerick.	Thursday	19/09/2024	7.00pm
<b>Villiers Secondary School (co-ed, Fee Charging),</b> North Circular Road, Limerick.	Saturday	28/09/2024	11am-1pm

All dates have been agreed by the Limerick Principals & Deputy Principals Association

## Parking and Child Safety / Safer Routes to School

Please be mindful of the rules of the road when dropping and collecting children to & from school. Please avoid blocking entrances and exits. Children must use pedestrian access points and avoid walking through the car parks.

We were chosen as one of 8 schools in Limerick to be designated A "Safer Routes to School" school, work will commence on the Corbally Road side of the school once works on the Mill Road side have concluded

Parents and guardians were surveyed in 2022 on ways to make Scoil Íde a safer school to drop children off and collect them in the evenings. I'm sure everyone will agree that the safety of the children is paramount and this consideration will be the predominant element of any changes that will be introduced. Particular care should be taken on the Mill Road where roadworks continue to take place.