

## CALENDAR 2018-2019

Closed Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019-Public Holiday

Closed Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May-Language Curriculum In-Service

Closed Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019-Local/European Elections

Closed Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May & Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019-Public Holiday

Closing Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 12.15 p.m.

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

## CALENDAR 2019-2020

Croke Park Planning Day for teachers, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

School Re-opens for pupils, Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

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, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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

Closed Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020- Public Holiday.

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

Closed Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020-Public Holiday.

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

Closing Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 12.15 p.m.

## FOOD DUDES

We had a second session of Food Dudes tasting before the Easter Holidays. Children got the opportunity to try carrots, blueberries, peppers, melon and more. Food Dudes has definitely had a positive impact on the volume of pupils bringing in fruit and vegetables as part of their lunch. It is great to see that so many children (and parents!) embraced this programme. Thank you for your co-operation and thanks to teachers Niamh O' Connor and Anne O' Brien for organising. Also, many thanks to parent and pupil volunteers for the distribution and delivery of the produce.

## CHILD PROTECTION

The Board of Management (BOM) have conducted their annual review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment. These can be seen in main reception and can also be accessed on the school website [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie) under the 'About' tab. Follow the link for 'Policies.'

The BOM also ratified new policies on the Stay Safe Programme, Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) and ICT and Social Media Expected Use which can all be viewed on our website also.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN COMMUNICATION

Parent/Guardian 'WhatsApp' groups have become increasingly popular in recent years. Similarly, many parents/guardians use other apps and social media sites to communicate with each other regarding their children, which can be useful for birthday invitations, play dates etc.

We remind parents/guardians that if there is a complaint or issue, they should contact the school and follow the formal Complaints Procedure which is available on the school website.

We also remind you that information/photos/videos of children should not be shared under GDPR.



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# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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## WELL DONE

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

Well done to our March ACEs.

**VI: Nolan:** Adam Naughton & Kalum Kirwan

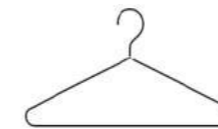
**VI: Heaney:** Ava Kearney & Scott Hannon

**VI: Boland:** Patrick Wolski & Rebecca O' Connor

**VI: Frost:** Grace Marcus & JC Cusipag



The winning log from the Bottle Rocket Challenge.



## Used Clothing Drive

Support Scoil Íde while giving your wardrobes a Spring clear out. We are asking for donations of wearable, old clothing and accessories.

### We Need:

- Good Quality, Wearable Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Hats & Scarves
- Bed Linen, Towels & Curtains
- Belts & Handbags



### We Cannot Accept:

- Duvets or Pillows
- Dirty or Damp
- Soft toys



### Drop off Details:

**Where?** Halla at Scoil Íde (Side Storage)

**When?** All Day Thurs 2nd May & up to 10am Friday 3rd

We cannot accept goods after this time.

Your generosity is very much appreciated by all at Scoil Íde.

## ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

This year we are participating in Active Schools Week from 7th-10th May. In Scoil Íde, we actively promote physical activity amongst the pupils. We offer a variety of activities amongst the classes such as hurling, dance, basketball, gymnastics, rugby, swimming, walking, hockey, running, yoga, American football etc. as part of our PE curriculum. We also offer many after-school sporting activities.

This week in particular, teachers will be giving physical activities as part of homework (which is in line with our new Homework Policy).

We encourage you to engage in some form of physical activity with your child during this week, particularly walking to and from school.



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

- Classes have been exploring the Shannon Fields and the Bishop's Field.
- Many classes paid a visit to the Moon exhibition in St. Mary's Cathedral.
- 5th classes Bronte and Frost attended the Fresh Film Festival in the Belltable Theatre and also visited Limerick City Gallery.
- Two of our 4th classes took part in the TIMSS (Trends in International Maths and Science Study).
- Ms. Foley's Junior Infants visited Hook and Ladder to learn all about how a café is run.
- Frost, Kavanagh and Yeats attended 'The Cross-Cultural Championships' in U.L.
- Our rugby teams travelled to CBC, Cork to play a blitz.
- Mr. D'Arcy's 6th class boys and girls participated in a blitz in Garryowen F.C.
- The 4th classes held their annual 'The Oldest Thing in My House' presentations.
- Our hockey team travelled to Catholic Institute for a blitz.
- Michael Moylan from Irish History Live did an engaging, interactive presentation with the 5th classes.



## ENGINEER'S WEEK AWARDS

Awards were given to 4th and 5th classes for the Viking Longship and Bottle Rocket Challenges.

### Viking Longship Challenge

Fastest Time: Faye Kidney, Amber Ryan and Sophie Glancy (10.2 Seconds)

Best Log Sheet: Jake Fox, Kate Daly and Charlie Place

### Bottle Rocket Challenge

Longest Distance: Deirdre O' Brien and Genna Lynch (135 Metres)

Best Log Book: Emily Moane and Amy O' Connell

A huge well done is due to all of the children involved for their hard work and perseverance throughout these challenges.

