

## CALENDAR 2018-2019

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.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 inclusive.

Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## COLOURS' DAY

Colours Day was held on the day of the Easter holidays. Pupils were asked to donate €2 in order to wear their own clothes. A grand total of €1360 was raised. The benefactor of this money will be decided through the 6<sup>th</sup> class Charity Speeches in June. Previous recipients include the Irish Cancer Society, Crumlin Children's Hospital, Breast Cancer Ireland and Milford Hospice.

Thanks to all who donated.

## BEREAVEMENT

We extend our sympathies to the family of Alan Hynes who worked here on Co-Operative Placement from U.L a number of years ago.



## COMMUNION

Each of our four second classes have now received the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Thanks to Fr. Derek, Sr. Kathleen, Maura, the class teachers, parents and all who played a part in preparing the children for this special day.

Well done to all the boys and girls on all of their hard work in learning all of the songs, prayers and responses for the mass.



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# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

## WELL DONE

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

Well done to our April ACEs.

**VI: Nolan:** Luke Costello & Rebecca Phayer

**VI: Heaney:** Blake Keane & Kerry O' Donnell

**VI: Boland:** Ciara Markelova & Rhys Mc Sweeney

**VI: Frost:** Niamh Stokes & Will Kenehan



Damage caused by Storm Hannah

## PAYMENTS

Maintenance fund, classroom supplies and school tour payments are still open.

School tours should be paid for by the end of May.

## ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Whilst we pride ourselves on being an active school, promoting pupils' engagement in physical activities, many classes went the extra 'mile' to mark Active Schools Week.

Classes did laps around the school grounds, cycled the pathway in the Bishops' Field, ran along the Shannon Fields, engaged in Go Noodle exercises, completed the 10@10 to name but a few. Ms. O' Brien's class even learnt the 'Triangle Dance'.

You can see a selection of the photos from the week on the next page.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### CLOTHING DRIVE

The clothing drive which was organised by the Parents' Association raised €640.

Thanks to all involved!

## FINAL ASSEMBLY

The final assembly for pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> class will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm in the school hall.

They will go on their school tour on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>.





## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCOIL ÍDE

- Our Intel Mini Scientist Winners travelled to Leixlip for the launch of the 2019 Mini-Scientist Competition.
- Storm Hannah caused damage to two trees at the front of the school-a Hornbeam and a Hawthorn. We were fortunate that there was no other damage.
- After school hockey finished for the season with a trip to St. Gerard's, Bray, for their final blitz. Ella Murphy and Maria Mullen were named as most improved 5th & 6th class girls and Froach Ní Mhaonaigh as best team player. Well done girls! Thanks to teachers Kym Daly, Nicola Greensmyth and Aoife Kenihan for their time and expertise.
- The wisteria on the Senior Building is in full bloom.
- 5th classes made their very own 'Buzzer Game' using timber, buzzers, solder wire, batteries, electrical wire and crocodile clips as part of MakerSpace. You can watch a video of the completed game on Twitter.
- The 3rd classes got the opportunity to go to the field to fly the kites that they created for their Engineering Challenge.
- The 1st class Violin Concert was held at the end of May. Great credit is due to Marian, the teachers and of course the pupils on all of their hard work. The children are now ready to pursue individual lessons if they wish to develop their musical skills.



## JUNIOR TRIATHLON

Training is underway by the 6th classes for the much anticipated Junior Triathlon. They have been running, cycling and swimming in preparation.

The Junior Triathlon is now in its 7th year and has become a major 'end of school' event. Participation in this a fantastic achievement for the pupils.

This year the triathlon will take place on Wednesday 12th June.

## DONATING SCHOOL BOOKS

From time to time, teachers may ask parents to donate school books at the end of the school year. The reason for this is so that we can keep them in school and give them on loan to pupils so that they can be removed from the book list the following year. This then reduces the cost of the book list for parents going forward.

Book lists will need updating due to changes in the various curricula, therefore keeping books at home for potential use by younger siblings may not be advantageous.

If you donate your books to us, your children will benefit.

Thanking you in advance!

## WALKING TO/FROM SCHOOL-SAFETY

Mr. Burns' 4th class conducted a 'Walking Survey' of the school which recently featured in the Limerick Leader. These pupils found that footpaths are too low and are often covered in dog litter and some pathways are broken causing them to be trip hazards. Accessibility was also found to be an issue due to the narrow pathways. They found that cars travelling at high speeds were also a safety hazard.

All of these issues make it difficult for pupils to walk to school.

We appeal to you once again to abide by the rules of the road at drop-off and collection times.

Thank you!

## POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Management recently ratified two new policies:

Protected Disclosures Policy

Dignity and Respect in Our Workplace Policy

They also conducted a review of the Anti-Bullying Policy. The updated policy will be published on the school website.

## ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL BOOKS

Some limited assistance will be available for the purchasing of school books for families who are experiencing financial difficulties.

We are awaiting confirmation from the Department of Education of this. If you wish to apply for this scheme, please pick up a form from outside the school office and return it no later than **Monday 10th June.**



## STANDARDISED TESTING

It is the time of the year where pupils from 1st-6th will undertake the Drumcondra Standardised tests. These tests compare an individual child's achievement to that of a 'reference group' of children nationally. This year, the school will be using the new version of the tests. As the reference groups for the older Drumcondra tests were established more than 10 years ago, the tests have been re-standardised. Therefore, you may see a difference in your child's results.

All test scores are only estimates of a child's true achievement level, based on a specific set of questions administered on a specific day. The NCCA has developed online resources on interpreting standard scores, which you may find helpful.

<https://www.ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents>