CALENDAR 2020-2021

- **Easter 2021:Closing Friday 26th March 2021 at 12.15pm and re-opening on Monday 12th April 2021.**
- **May Break 2021: Closed 3rd -7th May inclusive.**
- **Closed Monday 7th June-Public Holiday**
- **Closing Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 12.15pm. Summer Holidays**

CALENDAR 2021-2022

- **Croke Park Planning Day for teachers, Tuesday, 31st August 2021**
- **School Re-opens for pupils, Wednesday, 1st September 2021.**
- **October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2021 inclusive.**
- **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**
- **Closed Monday, 6th June 2022-Public Holiday.**
- **Closing Thursday, 30th June 2022 at 12.15 p.m.**

***Where contingency arrangements are required a school authority may reduce the length of the February mid-term break by remaining open up to and including Wednesday 23rd February 2022. and/ or may reduce the length of the Easter break by remaining open up to and including Wednesday 13th April 2022**

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

St Nicholas' Parish announced the dates for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for this year's 2nd classes.

Room 12: Saturday 12th June 2021

Room 13: Saturday 19th June 2021

Room 14: Saturday 19th June 2021

Room 16:Saturday 19th June 2021

The Parish Office will be in contact with you in the coming weeks with further details relating to the ceremony.

Contact the Parish office at 061-341300 if you have any queries.

*** Dates are subject to Government Guidelines and are subject to change.**

Sacrament of Confirmation

St Nicholas' Parish announced the dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation for this year's 6th classes.

Boland: Saturday 5th June 2021

Heaney: Saturday 5th June 2021

Nolan: Saturday 12th June 2021

The Parish Office will be in contact with you in the coming weeks with further details relating to the ceremony.

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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: Seán Geoghan

VI: Heaney: Clodagh Lynch

VI: Boland: Robbie O' Brien Burke

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HALF DAY

School will close from 12:00 midday on Friday, 26th March ahead of the Easter break. The children will leave class at the following times

Juniors & Seniors: 12:00

1st & 2nd: 12:05

3rd & 4th: 12:10

5th & 6th: 12:15

Return to school

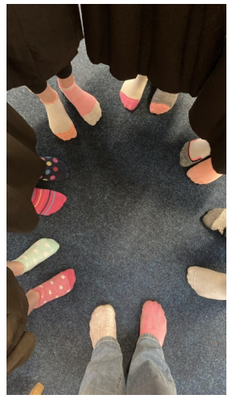
We welcomed back Junior to 2nd classes initially for a two week period on March 1st but we were delighted to welcome back all our children from Juniors to 6th class on March 15th.

We are sure that children attending school has made life somewhat easier for parents and guardians and once again thank you for all your help and support during the period of remote learning from January to March.

The reality of the situation is that the continued opening of Scoil Íde is dependent on the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the community.

Please take note of the following…

- **no-one should be attending school if they have any household member who has signs or symptoms of Covid-19**; they should be restricting their movements until it is clear whether the household member has Covid-19 infection or not. Call your GP for advice.
- Do not send children to school if they are not feeling well or displaying one or any of the symptoms of COVID-19. Call your GP for advice.
- Any child who has been tested for COVID-19 and receives a "Not Detected" result should remain out of school for two days from the date of that result .
- Children should not attend school if they are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19
- Drop children off at school and collect children promptly. There should be absolutely no congregating at the school gates.
- We ask all parents and guardians to wear face masks when dropping children off in the morning and collecting children in the evenings



Makerspace

Makerspaces are physical spaces designed for hands-on, collaborative, creative work. The activities and experiences of learners, including students and adult lifelong learners, in makerspaces can be seen as a progression along a continuum from their being users of things created by others to actively creating something innovative themselves.

We have a number of classes throughout the school engaging in Makerspace activities.

In addition to developing team work and problem solving skills this approach is a powerful way to learn basic scientific principles.

The equipment for this project is relatively expensive and needs regular replacement. It's only through the financial support of parents that we can undertake such work. If any parents involved in STEM industries want to make a case for support on our behalf we'd be delighted. Keep an eye on future newsletters as we continue to develop this concept throughout the school.

Tara in 4th decided that she wanted to make a Fairy Trap during Makerspace. It also doubles up as a snow globe.

Colour Day

We will hold our annual Student Council Colour Day on Friday March 26th. Children can come to school that day dressed in their own clothes. We ask that they bring in €2 for this privilege. This money will then go towards the prize fund for the Student Council Charity Speeches Competition 2021. Every 6th class pupil will speak in a group of 3 or 4 on behalf of their chosen charity.

Last year, Sam Long, Eoghan Barrett and Jack Meaney won the competition when they spoke on behalf of the Irish Cancer Society. This year's charities will be chosen by the Student Council in May.

SECONDARY PLACES

1) St Munchin's College: 40
2) Árd Scoil Mhuire: 24
3) Laurel Hill Secondary: 09
4) Gaelcholáiste Luimni: 08
5) Coláiste Chiaráin: 03
6) Limerick Educate Together 2ndry School :02
7) Laurel Hill Coláiste :01
8) Coláiste Nano Nagle: 01

Above are the placement figures for this year's 6th Classes. The figures may be of use to the current 5th class parents in considering their options.

5th Class parents should have a good idea of their preference for a secondary school as the 'Open Day & Application Season' begins quickly again in September.