

## CALENDAR 2023-2024

Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday 22nd December at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 8th January 2024.

Public Holiday: Monday, 5th February 2024.

February Mid-term Break: Thursday 15th and Friday, 16th February 2024.

Public Holiday: Monday, 18th March 2024 - St. Patrick's Day.

Easter 2024: Closing Friday, 22nd March at 12.15p.m. and re-opening on Monday, 8th April 2024.

May Mid-term Break: Closed Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th May inclusive.

Public Holiday: Monday, 3rd June 2024

Closing for Summer Holidays on Friday, 28th June at 12.15pm

- Scoil Íde is used as a Polling Station so we may be closed for any Elections/Referendums that may be called.
- There will be a school closure during this school year to facilitate staff training in the Primary Math Curriculum. We will notify parents as soon as we are made aware of the date.

### Autism Friendly School Coffee morning

We welcomed parents and guardians of children with autism into school on Wednesday the 29th for a coffee morning. It was great to sit and chat about how the children are getting on and get a parents perspective of living with and rearing a child with autism. As a school we are very aware that little changes can make a big difference in the lives of children. We also know that some parents or guardians can feel like they are on their own. Parents and guardians are a key part of our school community and when we work together, things do get better. We don't have all the answers but we do care and we will play our part in promoting your child's development.

### Parents' Association

See [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie) for contact details of the Parents' Association Committee ( under the "About" tab)

### Christmas Jumper Swap:

The Parents' Association Christmas Jumper Swap/ Collection takes place on December 12th from 08:30-09:00 and again from 13:15-15:00 outside the office / reception area. Donations for the swap/ collection can be dropped off at the school and left in the box at the front door any day next week.

It is a great opportunity to recycle or re-use. There's no pressure to donate, you can just avail of a jumper if you like.

Sincere tanks to the PA for organising such a worthwhile initiative.



PA CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP

DONATE: PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS (CLEAN/ GOOD CONDITION/ CHILDRENS)  
DONATE FROM DECEMBER 4TH-DECEMBER 8TH  
TO A BOX OUTSIDE THE OFFICE DOOR.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECYCLE AND REUSE.  
PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO SWAP, YOU CAN DROP OFF  
OR JUST AVAIL OF A JUMPER.

Collect a Christmas Jumper.  
Where: Outside the office  
When: December 12th, 8.30-9.00 and 1.15-3.00.

### Parking outside the School and Child Safety

Please be mindful of the rules of the road when dropping and collecting children to & from school. Scoil Íde is in the centre of the community and we are mindful that we have neighbours all around the school who we have a duty to respect and be aware of. Please avoid blocking entrances and exits. Children must use pedestrian access points and avoid walking through the car parks.



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# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

### Merit Moments

#### Boland

- Josh O' Leary: "For having a positive attitude in rugby training and for showing leadership skills"
- Angel Walsh: "For making a huge effort in Gaeilge lessons and for always putting her best foot forward"
- JJ O' Donnell Grant: "For tackling *Maths World* problems with a positive attitude and for making improvements everyday"
- Anna Kuzava: " For her dedication to hockey and for her enthusiastic attitude on and off the pitch"
- Reinis Razgals: " For his hard work as Gaeilge and for making an effort to practice his oral language in class"

#### Frost

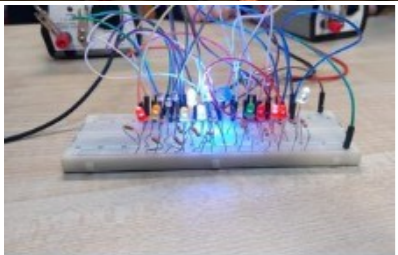
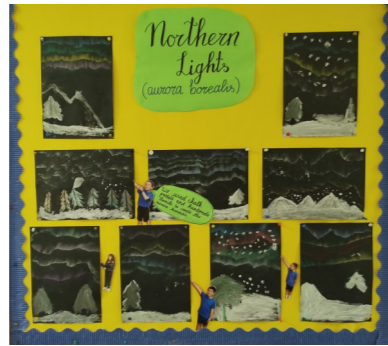
- Ben Morris: " For being a responsible, trustworthy and hardworking student, particularly in his role as *Flag Bearer.*"
- Chen Yuan Li: " For her exceptional musical talent that she showcases throughout the year"
- James Collopy: "For exceptional sporting talent and for representing Scoil Íde proudly across many of our school teams"
- Amelie Valle: " For always thinking of others by doing *Random Acts of Kindness* for those she cares for"
- Saerlaith Meaney: " For always being kind, considerate and compassionate towards her classmates and friends"

#### Heaney

- Erica Lynch: "For her note taking skills and presentation during *Global Citizenship* lessons"
- Rachael Rooney: " For the team spirit she displays during hockey sessions and for being a great support to younger players in particular"
- Saoirse Micks: "For her commitment to producing high quality homework"
- Blake Campbell " For his increased effort and focus in class and for asking questions and volunteering answers"
- Aoife McNamara: " For her excellent efforts during Gaeilge ceachtanna, especially learning, reciting and singing poems agus songs as Gaeilge"







### Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign where thousands of individuals in Ireland donate shoeboxes filled with gifts to be given to children affected by poverty in Africa or Eastern Europe. It is an opportunity to share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where these can sometimes be in short supply.

We were delighted to be in a position to play our part once again this year and we thank everyone who supported such a worthy cause.



### Board of Management Update

The Board of Management will commence a new term on December 1st 2023 and will operate until November 30th 2027. The Board manages the school on behalf of the patron and is accountable to the Patron and the Minister of Education and Skills. The Board must uphold the characteristic spirit( ethos) of the school and is accountable to the patron for doing so.

The principal is responsible for the day to day management of the school including providing guidance and direction to school staff and is accountable for that management.

### Composition of the Board 2023-2027

- Two direct nominees of the patron ( Bishop Brendan Leahy): Maureen Hobbins ( Chairperson) & Fr Richie Davern
- Two parents of children enrolled in the school, elected by parents: Maria woods & Shane Treacy
- The Principal and secretary to the Board: Ray D'Arcy
- One other serving teacher elected by the teaching staff: Niamh O' Connor
- Two extra members agreed by the representatives of the patron, teachers and parents: Mike Ryan & Marian McInerney

### JUNIOR INFANT APPLICATIONS 2024/2025

Applications for the Junior Infant Intake for 2024/2025 are steadily coming in. The closing date for applications is February 1st 2024.

If you have or know of someone who has children due to start school, could we advise that you / they log on to [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie) and make the application. All offers of places are made in accordance with the Admissions Policy of Scoil Íde. This is available to view and read on our website [www.scoilide.ie](http://www.scoilide.ie). Under the enrolment tab.

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### Secondary School Common Application System

The completed Application Form, accompanied by a stamped self-addressed A4 envelope, should be submitted to the Principal at the Number 1 School of your choice.

Early submission of forms is advisable, but in any event, forms must be submitted no later than 16:00, Monday, 15th January 2024. Please indicate **11** schools to which you are applying in genuine, descending order of choice. Failure to indicate **11** choices may result in your child/ward not being offered a school place.

Please note that the responsibility for making an application rests with the parent/guardian.

The secondary school will acknowledge receipt of your application form. If you do not receive confirmation that the school has received your form it is your responsibility to contact the school directly, before the closing date.

### Significant increase in RSV infections

We are currently seeing a significant increase in the RSV virus (<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/>), a common winter viral infection which is of particular concern for babies.

### Typical symptoms of RSV

Symptoms of viral infections, including RSV typically include:

- runny or blocked nose
- mild fever
- cough
- lethargy (tiredness)

Most children with viral infections, including RSV can safely be cared for at home. More information can be found at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/colds-coughs-children/>. However, in babies and young children, (particularly those under 5 years), bronchiolitis can cause more significant difficulties in breathing and feeding. Babies and young children are more likely to need hospital care. (More details on how to take care of a baby with bronchiolitis at home and when to get help can be found here <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/bronchiolitis/>)