



29/02/2024

Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to St Patrick's Day.

### **February Assembly**

On Wednesday we had our 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the school year. We celebrated all our recent winners of awards and prizes, Handwriting heroes, Safer Internet Day competition awards and Principal prizes awards. We heard all about World Book Day and our Running around Europe challenge. The green school committee told us about all the plants and vegetables we plan to grow. We are looking forward to celebrating Seachtain Na Gaeilge and celebrating all things Irish. We congratulated our Volleyball team on their recent competition and we ended assembly singing our school song, 'This is our School'.

### **Hot School Meals**

**Our school was one of the successful 900 schools nationwide that secured hot school meals funding for the whole school.** This means every child in our school will receive a hot meal every day. We will share information with parents about ordering food from the online menu in the coming weeks. We hope to begin the roll out of the hot meals for schools in mid-May.

### **School Closures**

The school will be closed on the following dates; please make note of them.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Referendum voting

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – St. Patrick's Day bank holiday

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March ½ day** – reopens **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter holidays

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – teacher training

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – bank holiday and school holiday

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – teacher training

### **First Confessions**

First Confessions takes place next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of March at 1:30pm in the church. Parents are invited to attend, please be in the church by 1:20 pm. Best wishes to Ms Kelly and 2<sup>nd</sup> class girls.

### **Letter from the Guards**

Local traffic guards have informed us that they will be patrolling New Road at drop off and collections time from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. **They asked us to share this with you and request that you consider alternative options for parking to avoid parking tickets.**



### **First classes to visit Newlands Garden Centre**

Pupils from both first classes will visit the garden centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and will create Mother's Day baskets.

### **Credit Union Quiz**

Two teams of 4 from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will take part in the Credit Union quiz competition on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We wish them the very best of luck. Thanks to Ms Murphy and Ms Buckley for preparing the teams.

### **Bedtime Reading – juniors, seniors and first classes**

Our Parents Association are currently running the bedtime reading initiative and they request that books are returned for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are encouraged to read the book with their child.

### **World Book Day**

We will celebrate **World Book Day** this year on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Children may dress up as their favourite book character or any character of their choice. It is always a colourful day in our school. We have lots of lovely activities planned to celebrate the day. Thanks to Ms Kelly for leading this initiative.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The book fair will take place next week on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of March. More information will follow from SIPA.

### **Athletics Team**

The athletics team will train today Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February with Ms Buckley and Ms Kelly. Training will take place in Coláiste Bríde immediately after school. Children should be collected from Scoil Íde after training at 3:20pm.

### **Uniform/Tracksuit**

Please make sure your child has their uniform/tracksuit on daily. Please note that Ugg type slipper boots are not suitable for PE. Please make sure children have runners on for PE.

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

We are celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge from the 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Seachtain na Gaeilge is an international Irish language festival that celebrates the Irish language and culture in Ireland and around the world. The children will be taking part in Comórtas Ealaíne (art competitions), Tráth na gCeist (table quiz), cluichí (games) Amhráin Rannta agus Dánta (songs, rhymes, and poems) and we will have a **Céilí mór on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March where all the children can wear green white and orange**. They will perform songs and dances for the other classes. Thanks to Ms Dempsey for organising our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations.



### Scoil Íde Disco

The school disco fundraiser raised **935 euro**. Thanks to all who supported and huge thanks to members of SIPA for organising a great event. Thanks to Ms Buckley, Ms Murphy and Ms Moore who helped out on the night and our student council who helped decorate the hall.

### Volleyball Competition

We were delighted to have a volleyball team represent our school at The Primary Schools Championship 2024 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the ALSAA sports complex. This was the first time Scoil Íde had a team enter into a volleyball competition. The team reached the quarter finals and everyone congratulated them yesterday at our assembly. We are really proud of them.

### Student Council

The student council raised **279.60 euro** with their non-uniform day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Day. The money collected will pay for events organised during Friendship Week.

### School Calendar 2024/2025

The school calendar for next year, 2024/2025 is now up on our school website.

Keep up to date with all school news by checking out our website [www.scoilideclondalkin.com](http://www.scoilideclondalkin.com)

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.