



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 6th 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 8th March – Referendum voting

Monday 18th March – St. Patrick's Day bank holiday

Friday 22nd March ½ day – reopens **Monday 8th April** – Easter holidays

Friday 19th April – teacher training

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May – bank holiday and school holiday

Monday 13th May – teacher training

First Confessions

First Confessions takes place next Wednesday 6th 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 2nd 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 4th 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 6th March and will create Mother's Day baskets.

Credit Union Quiz

Two teams of 4 from 5th and 6th class will take part in the Credit Union quiz competition on Thursday 7th 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 5th March. Parents are encouraged to read the book with their child.

World Book Day

We will celebrate **World Book Day** this year on Thursday 7th 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 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th of March. More information will follow from SIPA.

Athletics Team

The athletics team will train today Thursday 29th 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 11th - 15th 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 15th 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 19th 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 14th 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

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.