



Scoil Bhríde Cailíní

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your attendance at our recent Parent-Teacher meetings and for your very positive feedback, which is much appreciated. We were delighted that our decision to hold out for face to face meetings proved worthwhile. If you were unable to attend your meeting, please contact the school and we will arrange a phonecall from the class teacher.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We will be celebrating all things Irish and particularly our Irish language this week. We are having Cluichí sa Chlós (games in the yard) Tráth na gCeist (quiz) and also a Céilí Mór. The girls have been very busy practising their Irish, in the hope of attaining the much coveted 'Fáinne' award and also busy perfecting their Irish dancing steps. It was wonderful to enter the hall recently and see so many classes dancing to the tune of, 'Shoe the Donkey.' Maith sibh a chailíní! Bhí sibh ar fheabhas!

Absences

All schools are required to keep detailed notes on absences. If your child is absent, please notify the school as to the reason. You can do this through Aladdin Connect or by contacting the school office. Good attendance is key to your child's success in school. We request that pupils attend school before and after medical appointments, if possible.

Uniforms/Jewellery

School tracksuits should only be worn on P.E. days and days when pupils are involved in sporting activities. Full uniform should be worn on all other days.

Only simple stud earrings are permitted in school and these should not be worn on P.E./sporting days. Smart watches are not permitted in school.

Athletics

We are delighted that athletics will also be resuming again shortly and the girls will be attending the local meets in Porterstown. We look forward to an exciting sporting season ahead.

World Book Day

World Book Day took place recently and all pupils received a World Book Day token to celebrate this. We would encourage everyone to use this token and to become a member of the local Blanchardstown Library, which is one of the best resourced libraries in the country. Remember books feed brains!

Wet Mornings

School starts at 8.50 a.m. and supervision is not provided before that time. However, on wet mornings, pupils will be taken into the school hall at 8.40am and supervised there.

New iPads

I am delighted to announce that our recently purchased iPads are now up and running and all classes are timetabled for their use. There has been great excitement about their arrival.

Social Media

We ask parents to be vigilant about internet safety and encourage you to check out www.webwise.ie for advice. Pupils in primary school, should not have social media accounts and parents need to be vigilant in overseeing this and the content that their daughters are accessing online.

Fundraiser for Ukraine

Our recent dress up day raised €570, which will go directly to the Red Cross to help assist the people in the Ukraine. We thank you for your support on the day and your generosity.

2021/22 SCHOOL CLOSURES

St. Patrick's Weekend	School CLOSED Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th March CLOSED Monday 21 st March in lieu of new Bank Holiday on 18 th .
April	School closing on Friday April 1 st at 12 noon for whole staff training in new Primary Language Curriculum.
Easter Holidays	School CLOSING on Friday, April 8 th at 12 noon. CLOSED Monday, April 11 th to Friday, April 22 nd inclusive (2 weeks)
May	School CLOSED on Monday, May 2 nd & Tuesday, May 3 rd . May 13 th School CLOSED for whole staff ASD training
June	School CLOSED on Friday, June 3 rd , Monday, June 6 th & Tuesday, June 7 th .
Summer Holidays	Closing Tuesday, June 30 th at 12 noon.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh lán taitnimh as an deireadh seachtaine speisialta seo.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy the long weekend.

Le meas,

P. Dargan

(Principal)