



Scoil Bhríde Cailíní

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fáilte romhaibh ar ais arís.

Welcome back to another school year in Scoil Bhríde Cailíní. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. I am delighted to see the girls settled back to their class routines and working hard. As we begin another school year, we are all filled with excitement and anticipation of the wonderful journey that lies ahead.

Junior Infants

We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Junior Infants and their parents. The girls have transitioned to 'big school' superbly and are well settled into the school routine. They are now on their first full day this week. Maith sibh a chailíní! We are very proud of you all.

Healthy Lunches

We would encourage all children to bring healthy lunches to school. Just a reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. Please ensure that your daughter's lunch does not contain **any nuts or nut products**.

Language of the Month

We are extremely fortunate in Scoil Bhríde Cailíní to have girls that speak many different languages. We make every effort in school to promote the use of these languages and we encourage you to speak them with your daughter at home. To promote these home languages further, we will be introducing a 'Language of the Month' initiative in school, starting with Polish for the month of October.

Reading Recovery

I am delighted to announce that our school has been accepted onto the Reading Recovery programme. This is an evidence-based, early literacy intervention designed for children in a specific age bracket. Ms O'Shaughnessy is currently being trained as our Reading Recovery teacher. We are delighted to have such a valuable programme on offer for our girls.

Swimming

Sixth Class have started swimming lessons on Thursdays. This is a vital life skill and part of the P.E. curriculum and we ask that all pupils participate fully in this opportunity being provided by the school. Other classes will have the opportunity to go swimming later in the year.

Irish Dancing

Irish dancing has resumed in the school hall on Wednesdays. Further details can be obtained from Rachel on 0858667411.

Gaelic Blitz

The girls played in a Gaelic football blitz in Fairview park on Tuesday. We wish them well in all the games ahead and thank Mr. Maguire, Mr. Devlin and Ms. Golden for generously giving their time and commitment to train and prepare the girls. Go n-éirí libh go léir!

Starting Time

The school gates open at 8.30am and school starts at 8.50am but there is no supervision provided before 8.50am. We would therefore ask you to time your arrival as near to 8.50am as possible. On wet mornings, pupils will be taken into the hall and supervised from 8.40am.

Uniforms/Earrings

Please ensure that your daughter only wears her tracksuit to school on P.E. days or days when the class is engaged in a sporting activity. **On all other days, the school uniform should be worn.**

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

Absences/ Leaving Early

All schools are required to keep detailed notes on absences. If your child is absent, it is important that you notify the school as to the reason. The simplest way to do this is through the attendance section on Aladdin Connect. Alternatively you can contact the school office. If you are collecting your child early, please inform your child's teacher or the office in advance.

Lotto

Congratulations to Deirdre Kelleher who won our school jackpot in July. If you have not already joined the school lotto, we would ask you to consider doing so now on <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbc> This is a very valuable and practical way of supporting the school and your daughter's education. Together we can all make a difference!

Le gach dea-ghuí,

M. Kilroy

(Principal)