



# Scoil Bhríde Cailíní

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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now well into Term 3 which is always a very busy term in schools. There is lots of activities happening in SBC with pupils partaking in sports, project work and school tours. All of these activities enhance the learning opportunities and experiences of our pupils.

### **SBC Parent Association AGM**

The SBC Parent Association AGM was held recently. A sincere thank you to all parents who attended.

### **School Closure**

The school will be closed on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of June to facilitate on-going staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum and new Primary Curriculum Framework.

### **Communion & Confirmation**

I would like to congratulate the 2nd classes who made their First Holy Communion recently and also the 6th classes who made their Confirmation. The sun shone brightly on both days and the girls performed beautifully. Maith sibh!

### **Safe Routes to School**

Susan Doorley, from Safe Routes to School and members from Fingal County Council will be carrying out a Front of School and Walkability Audit outside the school this week. She will be at the school entrance in the morning and at home time. She will be taking photos and videos to support our SRTS application. She has full Garda clearance and will blur out any faces / registration of vehicles in her reports.

### **Intercultural/ Europe Day**

SBC had a fantastic day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of May to celebrate Europe/ Intercultural day. It was wonderful to see our girls representing their own countries with the array of flags and national dress.

### **NCCA Filming**

Congratulations to Ms Dudgeon and 6<sup>th</sup> Class who were filmed recently to demonstrate best practice in the Primary Language Curriculum for the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. Maith sibh!

### **SFI Curious Minds Gold Award**

I am delighted to announce that Scoil Bhríde Cailíní has been awarded Science Foundation Ireland's Curious Minds Gold Award for 2023. The judges commented on the amazing work SBC has done throughout this year in STEM. They were really impressed with the whole school sustainability project, as well as the great design and building of rafts, bridges and circuits. SBC has lots of budding engineers and scientists in the making! Well done to the wonderful staff in SBC who always provide amazing

learning opportunities for our girls!

### **End of Year Reports**

End of year reports will be released via Aladdin Connect in mid June. Please use this opportunity to praise and affirm the efforts and progress made by your daughter. It is also important to note also the areas that can be focused on for improvement and the suggestions made by the class teacher as to how you can further support your daughter's progress at home.

### **Donal's Retirement/ New Caretaker**

On behalf of the whole SBC community, I would like to wish our caretaker Donal a happy and healthy retirement. We wish to thank him for the wonderful service he has provided to the girls, staff and whole school community over the past three years. Donal has been a wonderful asset to Scoil Bhríde Cailíní and his kind demeanour and helpful attitude will be truly missed.

I would like to welcome Paul Harrison as our new caretaker. We would like to wish him the best of luck in his new role at SBC.

### **Graduation Date**

Our 6th class graduation will be held on the 28th of June. Further details will follow. I would like to commend all these girls, who have worked diligently throughout the year and who have set a great example to all the other classes.

### **School Lotto**

We sincerely thank you for supporting our school lotto and encourage those who are not to visit our homepage- <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbc/>. All funds raised are used to directly support your daughter's education.

This is just a flavour of all the exciting activities happening in SBC! Check out the other activities on the school website.

2022/23 SCHOOL CLOSURES	
<b>June Break</b>	<i>School <b>CLOSED</b> on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.</i>
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	<i>Closing Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.</i>

A sincere thank you for all your kindness and support.

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend and that the sun continues to shine!

Le gach dea-ghuíf,

**M. Kilroy**

**(Principal)**