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### Dear Parents/Guardians,

#### **Enrolment for Junior Infants 2024/2025**

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2024/2025 will open on the **6<sup>th</sup> of November** and will close on the **27<sup>th</sup> of November**. Application forms are available to download at [www.scoilbhridecailini.ie](http://www.scoilbhridecailini.ie) on request by emailing [office@scoilbhridecailini.ie](mailto:office@scoilbhridecailini.ie) or by writing to Scoil Bhríde (Cailíní), Church Ave., Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Our Admission Notice is also available on the school website.

#### **Scoil Bhríde Cailíní Open Evening**

Scoil Bhríde Cailíní will be having an open evening on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of November from 6.30pm-7.30pm for prospective Junior Infants and their parents. Please spread the word to your families, neighbours and friends!

#### **Collins Barracks**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, the girls in Mr. Maguire's 5<sup>th</sup> Class visited the Collins Barracks museum, located in the city centre. They had great fun learning all about World War 1, and had an opportunity to explore the fascinating exhibitions that the museum has on show currently. The museum is free of charge to the public so it could be something nice to do over the midterm break!

#### **A Song Project for Primary Schools**

SBC has been lucky enough to be chosen to take part in this project run by Draíocht. Choir Master Dave McGauran is visiting the school weekly over the Autumn 2023 period to work with pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes on creating a song from their own words, experiences and interests.

#### **First Holy Communion/Confirmation**

The Confirmation ceremony for Scoil Bhríde Cailíní and Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 11a.m.

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 1p.m.

#### **GAA Blitz**

The girls in 4th, 5th and 6th classes have been training very hard after school on a Wednesday since September. They recently played matches against St. Vincents GNS, Dublin 1, and Broombridge ETNS. The girls all played wonderfully in these matches and ended up winning both, beating Broombridge with a last minute goal. Maith sibh cailíní!

#### **Parents' Association Bake Sale**

The Parents' Association held a Bake sale on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October and raised €440. Thank you to all parents, guardians and staff who donated all the fabulous cakes and treats!

#### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

We are planning to hold PT meetings on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Further details will follow.

#### **Anti-Bullying Policy**

This policy has been reviewed and is now available on the school website.

#### **School Self-Evaluation/ School Improvement Plan**

This year, our focus will be on:

- Promoting Wellbeing.

#### **Contact Details**

It is essential that the contact details you have provided to the school are up to date, so that we can make contact with you at all times. Please check your details on Aladdin Connect and inform the school of any changes.

#### **2022/23 SCHOOL CLOSURES**

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| <b>October Midterm</b>       | <i>School CLOSED from Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> inclusive.</i>   |
| <b>Christmas Holidays</b>    | <i>School CLOSING on Friday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon.<br/>CLOSED December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup> inclusive.</i>                       |
| <b>February Bank Holiday</b> | <i>School CLOSED on Monday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup></i>  |
| <b>February Midterm</b>      | <i>School CLOSED Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> inclusive.</i>  |
| <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>     | <i>School CLOSED Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</i>   |
| <b>Easter Holidays</b>       | <i>School CLOSING on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon.<br/>CLOSED Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> inclusive (2 weeks)</i> |
| <b>May Break</b>             | <i>School CLOSED on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive.</i>  |
| <b>June Break</b>            | <i>School CLOSED on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.</i>   |
| <b>Summer Holidays</b>       | <i>Closing Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.</i>   |

We thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family all the best for the upcoming midterm.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

**M.Kilroy**

**(Principal)**