



## **February Newsletter**



Hello & welcome to our February newsletter.  
Hopefully, we will see the early signs of Spring over the coming weeks.

Here are some points of information:

**Confirmation** : Our 2 sixth classes will make their confirmation on **Tuesday 13th March at 11am in the Cill Mhuire Church**. The boys and girls have been preparing for this important faith step since September. On Tues Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> they all attended a retreat day in Mount St. Annes Centre. Our thanks to their teachers, chaplain and parents who have been helping them to prepare for this faith step. We wish the pupils and all their families a happy & special day.

**Communion/First Confession**: Our 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils will make their first confession on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April in the Parish Church**. We also wish them all well as they take this next step in their faith journey. The Communion date for these children is **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am** in the Dominican Church.

**St. Brigid's Well**: To celebrate our patron Saint's Day, St. Brigid, all staff and children travelled to St. Brigid's Well in Tully today. In this peaceful prayerful place, we encouraged the children to look for signs of spring and to sing and pray to St. Brigid. A lovely place to visit over the coming week with the family.

**Mid-term Break**: Scoil Bhríde will be closed for mid-term break on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. School will re-open on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 9.15 a.m.**

**Principal for the Day**: Ellie Melia (6th class) was this year's winner of 'Principal for the Day' at the Winter Fair. Ellie will be principal of Scoil Bhríde on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and Mrs. Gallagher will join 6<sup>th</sup> class!

**Catholic Schools Week 2018**: This week is Catholic Schools Week and as a Catholic school we celebrate in particular this week. We pray together each day and remind each other of how best to treat everybody we play and work with, with love and respect at all times. On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January myself, Ms. Doolan and 3 sixth class students, Faye Quinn, Freya Fitzgerald and Ciaran McLoughlin travelled to the Cathedral in Carlow. There, with representatives from all schools in the diocese, we met with Bishop Denis Nulty and took part in a launch celebratory ceremony for Catholic Schools Week. We brought our petition box with us to be blessed by Bishop Nulty. This box is in the main foyer beside our prayer space and we encourage the children to write/draw their petitions (requests & thanks) and place them in this box. They are prayed for then at our Assembly prayers. We also received an icon for the year of the family, as being celebrated worldwide by Catholics this year. This icon is also on display in our prayer space.

**Basketball:** Both our boys and girls teams play their semi-final matches this week. A wonderful achievement to have gotten so far in the league and we wish both teams and their coaches the very best of luck.

**Athgarvan GAA 5k & 10K Fun Run:** The second Athgarvan GAA fun run will take place around the Curragh plains, this event kicks off from Athgarvan GAA on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00a.m. Register online at [www.popupraces.ie](http://www.popupraces.ie) or from 9:30am on the morning of the race. There will be a medal for all finishers along with post race refreshments and the event is open to runners & walkers of all abilities – ALL welcome. It's time to get the runners on and join in, in what promises to be a great out day for all the family.

**Staff Meeting:** Reminder that all pupils 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be dismissed at 2.45pm next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. to facilitate a staff meeting. Please ensure prompt pick-up of all.

**Child Safeguarding Statement:** In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015. the Board of Management of Scoil Bhríde has adopted the new child protective procedures. A copy of the statement is available from the office or to view on our website [www.scoilbhrideathgarvan.com](http://www.scoilbhrideathgarvan.com). The designated liaison person for Scoil Bhríde on all child protection issues is Principal, Kate Gallagher, and the deputy designated liaison person is Deputy Principal, Margaret Ryan. Two half day training seminars will take place before the end of the school year with one planned before Easter details to follow.

**Green School Expo:** On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February the Green School Expo takes place at the RDS in Ballsbridge Dublin. Ms. Cosgrove and her committee will attend. The exhibition is a display of the work schools have done and continue to do to earn their green school flags.

**Story Club/Study Club:** There will be no Study Club on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, however, Story Club will run as normal from 2-3pm on that day. Both will return as normal on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**Credit Union Quiz:** 2 teams from Scoil Bhríde took part in the local Credit Union Quiz last Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January. They did really well, in fact our 5<sup>th</sup> class team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall ! Huge congratulations to all who took part and thanks to their teachers who helped them prepare, Ms Doolan who organised their participation in the quiz and to those teachers and parents who went along to the quiz on the night. Our team members were Laura Halford, Kate Halford, Zoe Curran,, Caoimhe Dwyer (5<sup>th</sup> Class) and Rebecca Kavanagh, Rachel Kavanagh, Holly Smith & Tara Dunne. (6<sup>th</sup> Class).

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Kate Gallagher