



# MARCH

## Newsletter

Hello & welcome to our March newsletter. Another busy month ahead !

Here are some points of information.

**Confirmation:** Our 2 sixth classes will be confirmed in Cill Mhuire Church at 11am on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We hope they have a wonderful day celebrating with their families.

**Soccer:** Newbridge Town soccer club provided some training days for your children over the past few months. Our thanks to Coaches Lisa & Audrey **who made it an enjoyable experience for all involved.** The club welcomes new juvenile members at all times.

**St. Patricks Day :** As St. Patricks Day is a Saturday this year Scoil Bhríde will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We wish all a happy and enjoyable day.

**Swimming:** Swimming resumed for the Scoil Bhríde pupils on Thursday Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes will be attending lessons for 6 weeks. Aquatics are a strand of the P.E. curriculum and all students are expected by the DES to participate. Class notes have been sent out with all the **details for the current participating students.**

**Green Schools :** Ms. Cosgrove and 10 of our Green School Committee attended a 'Green Schools Expo' in the RDS on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. This expo showcases the world of all green school groups and gives guidelines for further work. Our green school committee, under the guidance of Ms. Cosgrove, work tirelessly **making sure** the pupils of Scoil Bhríde observe our litter, water and energy monitoring, to ensure we truly are a 'Green School'. Our thanks to Derek Gallagher (parent) who also travelled with Ms. Cosgrove, to help out with the transport of our committee to the RDS.

### **Football Training:**

**Boys:** Following a very informative chat from Coach Derek Gallagher there were many boys who wished to take part in this year's football. It falls into two categories Senior Boys (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class) and Junior Boys (boys born in 2008 only) 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class. Senior Boys will start training on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 3-4pm. Junior Boys will start training on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 3-4pm. Derek also stressed that for training and matches that the boys wear Scoil Bhríde tracksuit bottom or shorts and the Scoil Bhríde white polo shirt. Also, at all times players **must** use their gum shields.

**Girls:** Our Senior Girls (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class) team have already started back and are training on a Monday from 3-4pm. As with the boys the Scoil Bhríde tracksuit is required and a gum shield **must** be worn at all times.

**Basketball Final :** Scoil Bhríde are so proud of the boys basketball team's stellar performance against Castledermot in the final. Well done to the players Danny Black, Pierce O Neill, Conor Dwyer, Theo Frisby, Eoghan Dunne, Lorcan Brennan, Conor Flynn, Conor Kraus, Matthew Deasy, Cillian Daniels,

Ciarán Larkin and Finn Crowley. Despite the boys' tremendous efforts, the final score finished up 21-15 to Castledermot.

Ms Harney would like to thank the boys for their dedication to training and the excellent sportsmanship displayed throughout the league. We are so proud of the team's achievement in reaching the final.

**Cross Country Cross** : Cross country training for children from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> began on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. The children train for 10 mins each day (weather permitting). Please make sure your child brings a change of bottoms, socks and runners. The cross-country event takes place before Easter break. More details will follow.

**New Child Protection Procedures**: As mentioned in our last newsletter the procedures for child safeguarding are being enacted fully in March 2018. To facilitate training of all staff Scoil Bhríde will close on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> (the DES has now sanctioned one full days closure rather than 2 ½ days as previously advised).

**E-mail** : Just a reminder to ensure you have provided the school office with a family contact email address. Please send email address to the office on scoilbhrídeathgarvanoffice @gmail.com.

**Easter** : Scoil Bhríde will close for Easter break on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12.30pm. Scoil Bhríde will re-open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am. We wish all a happy Easter and an enjoyable break.

**Story Club & Study Club**:...Dates to note.... Both of these clubs will operate as normal on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Easter Holidays: Study Club will finish up at 4pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Story Club will finish up on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm.

**Miah Byrne**: Our 4<sup>th</sup> class student, Miah Byrne represented Ireland in the 'Gold Girl Boxing Championships' held in Sweden in early February. Miah travelled to Sweden with the club for 5 days and was very successful! She represented Ireland in the under 30KG bouts taking part in 2 fights against France where she won gold ! A huge achievement for a young girl, our very own up and coming 'Katie Taylor'! Congratulations Miah !

**Bric-a-Brac**: Every year at our Winter Fair, we have a very successful Bric-a-Brac stall, which raises much-needed funds for our School. If you are Spring Cleaning and would like to donate unwanted goods now, we'd be grateful to receive them. Please ensure items are in good, "saleable" condition. We welcome **unwanted household goods, pre-loved books, toys, jewellery**, etc. Drop to **School Office any time before Friday 16th March**. Thank you.

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Kate Gallagher