



## Newsletter 2018

Hello and welcome to our October Newsletter. All pupils and staff have now settled in well to the school routine and look forward to another busy month before the Halloween break. Ms. Kavanagh and all of us are particularly very proud of our new junior infants. They are now in school for the full infant day until 2 p.m. and coming to assembly on a Monday and Friday.

### **Some points of information:**

**First Communion:** All parents of our two 2<sup>nd</sup> classes were invited to attend parish meetings earlier in Sept and the first preparatory mass was last Sunday week. Ms. Tennyson and Ms. Clancy will work with the children to prepare them for this important faith step all this school year. The First Holy Communion mass ceremony is next May 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 (Saturday) at 11.30am in the Dominican Church. Our 2 sixth classes are also already preparing for their important confirmation ceremony in March 2018. (Date to be confirmed)

**Boys Football:** Thanks and congratulations to all involved with the boys U11 Football. The following is a report from coach Derek Gallagher:

“ Well done to the group of thirty U11boys who have played really well in the three games of the Cumann na mBunscoil League.

The first game was at home against Ballysax and the boys put in a great performance to earn a well deserved victory. The second game was against a strong Kilmead team. Thankfully with a huge second half performance Scoil Bhríde came out on top. As in the first game everyone played, making it two wins from two games.

Next up was a visit to Nurney National School and we learned how different it is to play away from home. While losing narrowly the boys gave a really good team Nurney a close competitive game. The boys enjoyed the trip and seemed to enjoy the away game more than the two previous games. The boys will now play Ardclough in the semi-final on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2pm in Sarsfields. We wish them the best of luck.

Training will continue next Monday from 3-4pm.

Thanks to the coaching team of Gill Gorman, Sine Smith, Eamonn Dunne, Tommie Gorman, Tom Fox and Derek Gallagher. Thanks to Trudy and the parents for organising and providing transport to the games. Most of all a well done to each member of the U11's players.

The U10 and Senior Boys Cumann na mBunscoil leagues will take place later in the school year and hopefully we can enter teams for these competitions when dates are finalised”

**Girls Football:** A huge thank you to Brian Murphy (parent) who donated Gaelic footballs to the school. It is and will be very much appreciated by all. Thank you and congratulations to the U11 Girls Football the following is a report from coaches Ms. Cleary and Ms. Tennyson:

“The U11 Girls’ Football Team kickstarted the 2017 league with a match against Newbridge Educate Together. Although the girls fought hard during this match, unfortunately, we did not secure a win against this tough side. Next up was a match against Robertstown. Athgarvan girls showed huge improvement in their efforts against this strong team, playing with true determination and heart. This was an exciting and very enjoyable match and despite some great play by all of our team we were narrowly beaten by Robertstown. We look forward to seeing some of the girls back at training in Spring when training will resume again for the Senior Girl’s Football League. Well done to everyone who took part”.

**Boys Basketball:** Ms. Harney and Ms. Burke had a great turnout of boys from 6<sup>th</sup> class for training on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. They were delighted with the boys’ enthusiasm and saw a great standard of basketball ! The team and coaches are excited for the league matches that begin in November.

**Girls Basketball:** Ms. Hassett and Ms. Clancy had a great response when training resumed on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September and were thrilled to see such a high standard and commitment from all. They have also included 5<sup>th</sup> class in this year’s training, anyone who wishes to join the training from 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> class on a Wednesday from 3-4pm, please contact either of the above coaches.

**Staff Meeting :** The next Scoil Bhríde staff meeting takes place on Tuesday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> so pupils from 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> class will be dismissed at 2.45pm on this day. Please ensure prompt collection.

**Secondary Schools:** The following are the details we are aware of for application process to local secondary schools:

(1) **Holy Family Girls’ Secondary School:** All “declarations of interest” forms had to be returned to HFSS by last Tues. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that this form can be filled in at the Holy Family school by any parent of a girl from 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class. The early filling in of this form may influence enrolment. The opening evening will take place on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

(2) **Newbridge College:** Open evening Fri. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 6.30-8.30pm. College Scholarship exam on Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Forms for scholarship available from Newbridge College office.

(3) **Patrician Secondary School:** Closing date for application forms for 2018 is 4pm on Fri. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 2017.

(4) **St Conleths Community College:** Closing date for completed application forms is Wed. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 4pm.

(5) **Cross & Passion College (Kilcullen):** Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Fri Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 4pm.

(6) **Pipers Hill College Naas:** Open night Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. closing date for applications is Monday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. Please note all applications forms are only available from the secondary school’s office or to download from their website and must only be returned to the secondary schools also.

**Uniform:** Now that autumn is definitely here all summer shorts must be put away until next May. From Mon. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> pupils must wear their full school uniform and tracksuits only on designated tracksuit days. Thank you as always for how well you turn out your children each day. We are very proud of them all. We ask all for full support in ensuring proper uniform is worn by all pupils.

**Cake Sale:** Huge congratulations to our 2 sixth classes and their teachers. Ms. Cosgrove and Ms. Kelly, on the successful cake sale they held on Friday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> last. Almost €1,500 was raised by the students for our local St. Brigid's Hospice. Works at the hospice are nearing completion (by the same builders who built our new classroom!) and we hope to visit the new facility with the 6<sup>th</sup> class soon. Last Friday (29<sup>th</sup>) Dolly & Eileen, volunteers who fundraised annually for the Hospice visited Scoil Bhríde to accept the cheque from the 6<sup>th</sup> class students. Photos should be in the local papers this week.

**Mid-term :** Scoil Bhríde will close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. (at 2pm & 3pm) for Halloween mid-term break. We wish all a happy and spooky Halloween ! We will have a Halloween dress- up parade on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> before our 2<sup>nd</sup> Curragh Walk. All welcome to come along to assembly and join us on the walk.

**Parent-Teacher Meetings:** Formal parent teacher meetings will be held mid- November (more details to follow) All children will get a note home with date and time. We look forward to meeting all parents for an update on your child(ren)'s progress.

**Parking:** As always we thank all parents/guardians who drop off and pick up their child(ren) in a safe manner each day. Please be reminded that the front of the school is for buses and set down/pick-up only. If you need to park please proceed to the GAA car park and walk back to the school. Entrance to school in the mornings at 9am is only through the 2 front doors. No access at this time through the door at the back of the school near the GAA clubhouse. Your co-operation in these matters, for the safety of your children, is greatly appreciated.

**Lions Club Walk:** The annual Lions Club Walk on the Curragh takes place on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 2.30 p.m.** Sponsorship cards have been given to those interested by Ms. Kelly and should be returned to her with monies collected as soon as possible. Cards will be stamped by the school and returned to children on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October (before the walk). If you are still interested in going, cards are still available from Ms. Kelly. All details of this walk are on the sponsorship card. 70% of monies raised return to the school and are used to replace/update P.E. equipment for Scoil Bhríde's pupils. Wishing all taking part a great day.

**Green Schools: From Ms. Cosgrove :**

“Greetings from the Green School Committee , I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Green School Committee members, Niall Barry, Alice Smith, Anna Kelly, Réiltín O'Loughlin and Conor Gallagher. I would also like to welcome back our 6<sup>th</sup> class members Ryan O'Connor, Conor Dwyer, Freya Fitzgerald, Dylan Ryan and Rebecca McLaren. This year our aim is to review all the work we have done on our Litter/Waste, Energy and Water flags. Here's to a productive year !

**Winter Fair:** Note for the diary !! Our annual Scoil Bhríde Winter Fair will take place on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2-6pm.** More details and requests to follow.

**Super Troopers:** We are delighted for our school to be involved in Super Troopers this year. This is an exciting and free health homework programme created by teachers and a team of experts in conjunction with Laya Healthcare in the areas of psychology, nutrition, wellbeing and physical activity. Each family will receive a letter of explanation, a wall chart to go up at home along with an activity book for each child. We hope this will encourage you and your children to increase physical activity levels & and be more conscious of healthy eating.

**Head Lice:** Please be aware that at this time of year head lice is a common occurrence. If you become aware of your child having head lice please let the office know and we will send a text alert to all in their class. If when you get this text please make sure you check and treat (if required) your child's hair. A good idea for the girls is to keep their long hair up in a ponytail or plait. Head lice can occur on any head at any time and is highly contagious so we ask all parents to remain vigilant.

**Annie's Halloween Stories:** Halloween poems, stories and shenanigans this October at Annie's House in Athgarvan. Local writer Annie Morris will host a fun filled Halloween hour, in her little wooden house, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, 5-6pm. Ages 7-10yrs. €5.00 per child, in aid of KWWSPCA. Places are limited, to book phone Annie on 086 2254213.

**Student Council and Healthy Lifestyle Committee :** Congratulations to all new members, may your year be productive and most of all enjoyable.

### **Student Council 2017-2018**

**6<sup>th</sup> Class** Ryan O'Connor  
Conor Dwyer  
Freya Fitzgerald  
Dylan Ryan  
Rebecca McLaren

**5<sup>th</sup> Class** Niall Barry  
Alice Smith  
Anna Kelly  
Réiltín O'Loughlin  
Conor Gallagher

### **Healthy Lifestyle Committee 2017- 2018**

**6<sup>th</sup> Class** Tara Dunne  
Kahlen Murray  
Conor Kraus  
Faye Quinn  
Ellie Melia

**5<sup>th</sup> Class** Éabha Delaney  
Anna White  
Meadhbh Carty  
Caoimhe Dwyer  
Laura Halford

Le gach dea-ghuí

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