

It has been a busy term in Scoil Bhríde...



VEX Robotics

Well done to the 5th and 6th Class for their participation in the VEX Robotics Regionals in Tullamore in February. This was our first time to participate in the event and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Ray Bell from Offaly County Council for inviting us to participate in this initiative. We look forward to participating again next year.

Sponsored Christmas Walk

The Parents Association annual Christmas walk took place on the 16th of February 2023. Thank you to all those that participated. A special word of thanks to the Parents Association for organising the fundraiser and for providing children with hot chocolate and treats after the walk.



First Penance

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in 2nd Class who received their First Penance recently in St. Brigid's Church Croghan. A special word of thanks to Ms. McCarthy for preparing the pupils and for the lovely artwork in the church.

Student Council Cake Sale

The Students Council organised a cake sale in February. It was a great success and the pupils raised over €600. Thank you to everyone who baked and bought cakes. The support was much appreciated. The Students Council bought portable goal posts for the yard with some of the money raised. The Students Council also plan to purchase 3 tablets for the children to use in school.



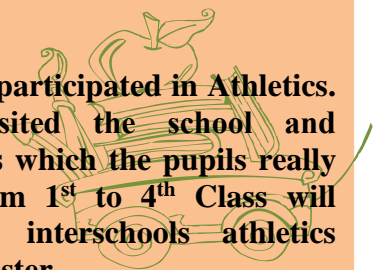
Self Help Africa

Ronan Scully visited Scoil Bhríde recently to tell the pupils about his work with Self Help Africa. The pupils were keen to raise some money for the charity and decided to have a non-uniform day. The pupils also made St. Brigid's Crosses and sold them at mass in St. Brigid's Church Croghan on St. Brigid's Day. The children raised over €400 for this very worthy charity.



Athletics

The pupils recently participated in Athletics. Liam O'Reilly visited the school and delivered the classes which the pupils really enjoyed. Pupils from 1st to 4th Class will participate in an interschools athletics competition after Easter.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, several events occurred ranging from a Tráth na gCeist (Table Quiz), Treodóireacht (Orienteering) which took place around the school grounds, a Ceilí Mór and a Lá Glas. Great fun was had by all the classes.

5th and 6th Class set up a Siopa Tuc. Pupils had the opportunity to sell crisps, drinks and sweets to other pupils 'as gaeilge'. It was an enjoyable way for all pupils to practice their Irish.

Talent Show

The Student Council recently organised a School Talent Show. Well done to all those pupils who participated in the event. Thanks to Marcus, Joseph, Mr. Byrne and Ms. Wilson for helping to organise it. Thanks to Ms. Hogan, Ms. Cowley and Reece Cuddihy for being judges on the day.



The Green Schools

A word of thanks from Mrs. Lynch and the Green Schools Committee for all the plastic bottle caps and old batteries received. We ask that you continue to send in old batteries as we are still collecting them.

Swimming

This term the pupils from 3rd-6th Class participated in swimming lessons for a six-week block. Thanks to all the wonderful staff in Edenderry Swimming Pool for making it an enjoyable experience for everybody.

A Special Word of Thanks...

We would like to extend our gratitude to all those involved in the Parents Association for all your tireless work this term. The P.A organised a clothes collection in March to raise funds for the school. Thanks to all that donated. The P.A also covered half the cost of the bus when the pupils went swimming this term. The P.A also supplied the Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg hunt. They will also fund the buses for our school tour in the summer term.

As always, the P.A's support is much appreciated and enables us to carry out lots of fun activities in school.



Upcoming Events:

Cumann na mBunscol: The best of luck to the pupils from 3rd-6th Class who will participate in the Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Football competition in the summer term.

11th May- Mount Lucas Sponsored Walk.

19th May- Confirmation for 5th/6th Class Pupils.

20th May - Communion for 2nd Class.

19th June- SCHOOL TOUR. This year all classes will travel together to Let's Go Athlone for a fun filled day of sports and activities. We are all looking forward to it.

BOM agreed report from this term's meeting:

- Thank you to the P.A for all their time and dedication.
- Congratulations to The Student Council on funds raised at the recent Bake Sale. Goals were purchased and remaining funds will be used to buy additional tablets for the school.
- Thanks to Fr. Greg for recently celebrating Ash Wednesday, Lent and First Penance with us.

A Word of thanks from Ms. Hogan:

As we approach the Easter holidays, I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents for their support this term. I was excited but slightly nervous about taking up the role of Acting Principal, but all your support has really helped. Scoil Bhríde has wonderful students who make us smile and laugh every day. It has been a wonderful term here with lots of great activities and memories and I promise there is more to come in the summer term. I hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you on April 17th for an exciting summer term.

