

School Holidays

The school will be closing at 12.30 p.m. on Friday March 31st until Monday April 17th. The staggered collection times for Friday are as follows:

Junior Infants and siblings and pupils traveling on the school bus:	12.20 p.m.
Senior Infants and siblings:	12.25 p.m.
All other pupils at:	12.30 p.m.

Advanced Notice of School Closure

The school will be closed on Tuesday, May 2nd to facilitate staff training.

Bride Rovers GAA Fundraiser - Bride Rovers Colours Day Friday, 31st March

Bride Rovers GAA are currently organising a 'Night at the Oscars' fundraising event to raise funds towards the development of new playing fields in Pynes. The club has close to 800 members (male and female), of whom 500 are under the age of 18, a reflection of the growth of the community over the last two decades. The growth in numbers has put pressure on the existing facilities, so more playing fields close to the village of Rathcormac are soon to be developed. In January this year, the club purchased 13 acres to develop three playing fields. The cost of the purchase was €210,000, and the development of the three playing fields will cost in the region of €400,000. While the club have been able to raise substantial funding from within the club, they are now planning a one-off fundraiser, 'A Night at the Oscars', to enable them to complete the development over the next two years. This fun event will see club members (including two teachers!) involved in the creation of scenes from some of Hollywood's most famous movies.

We will have a **Bride Rovers Colours Day on Friday, March 31st**. Children can come to school wearing clothes in any of the Bride Rovers colours (green, white and yellow) or any other colours if they do not have clothes in the Bride Rovers colours and we are asking each child to bring a donation (€2). All funds raised on our Bride Rovers Colours Day will help our local club raise funds to develop Pynes Field.

I also wish to thank Bride Rovers for allowing us to use their pitches for training, matches and other sports events throughout the year. The recent donation of sliotars is greatly appreciated and we thank them for their ongoing support.

Fáilte go Scoil Bhríde

This week we are hosting 20 students and 3 teachers from a primary school in Zabrze, Poland as part of an Erasmus Programme. During the week they will be completing a number of historical and cultural projects with pupils from Rang VI in Scoil Bhríde.

Free Primary Schoolbooks

In recognition of the cost of preparing children and young people for the return to primary school each September, Minister for Education Norma Foley T.D. has announced funding to provide free schoolbooks, including workbooks and copybooks, from September 2023. This scheme will eliminate the cost to parents of providing these resources.

Funding is being provided directly to primary schools and special schools by the Department to implement the scheme and schools will now have responsibility for providing schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks to all children and young people at the start of the school year.

All schoolbooks will remain the property of the school so that books can be reused in future years. Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to children and young people for the duration of the 2023/2024 school year.

Parents are requested to remind their children to take care of their books and keep them in good condition during the year. It is not permitted to write on textbooks.

There may be some related classroom resources that are not covered by the scheme. Additional details on what items parents will need to supply for the return to school in September 2023 will be communicated to parents by the school in due course.

Traffic management

Morning Time: Traffic may enter school grounds to drop off pupils. "Drop and Go" system. Please drive right up to the exit gate before stopping to allow other cars to drive in behind you and thus prevent "blocking up" of entrance and approach road. Do not stop in the middle of the road to allow children to get out as this blocks the movement of other cars. Please be careful moving out onto the traffic stream and watch for other cars approaching behind you. No "parking up" inside the school gates (except for pupils with mobility difficulties).

Home Time: No pick up inside the gates at home time.

Parking: No parking inside the school gates at any time except for parents dropping/collecting children with a physical/movement disability.

From 2.45 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. no vehicles will be allowed inside school grounds or on the roadway outside the school grounds.

Parents may park in the community field and children can meet parents at the back gate of the school.

As the roads around the school are very busy in the morning and again at home times I appeal to all parents and childminders to slow down and be extremely careful while driving or walking in the area.

Pedestrians: Pupils and parents walking to school should enter/leave through the small gates. Please ensure that you discuss traffic arrangements with grandparents/childminders/carers as it is very important for the safety of all.

Mile buíochas

Our La Glas was a great success. Thank you to Fergal Somers for coming in to talk to all the pupils about the Rebel Wheelers. The total collected was €691.80

Tracksuit Order for next year

We are taking orders for tracksuits for next school year. Please use the following link <https://forms.gle/yXrn77F6fUWKM1An7> Please have your order in **before Friday, May 26th**. Payment links for these will be open at the end of June.

Beannachtaí na Cásca daoibh go léir!

Enjoy the holidays!

Mise le meas,

Mairéad Uí Íomhair.