

12. Nuachtlitir

05/05/2023

A thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

School Calendar for 2023/2024

First day of school: Wednesday 30th August 2023

October Mid-Term Break: Closed Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023
inclusive

Christmas Holidays: Closing on Friday 22nd December 2023 - Reopening: Monday 8th
January 2024

Spring Bank Holiday: Closed on Monday 5th February 2024

February Mid-term Break: Closed Thursday 15th February and Friday 16th February 2024

St. Patrick's Day: Closed Monday 18th March 2024

Easter Holidays: Closing on Friday 22nd March 2024 - Reopening: Monday 8th April 2024

May Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 6th May 2024

June Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 3rd June 2024

Summer Holidays: Closing Friday 21st June 2024

This calendar is subject to change as part of contingency arrangements to make up for time lost due to unforeseen circumstances.

Advanced Notice

The school will close at 12 noon on Friday, June 2nd to facilitate further staff training.

Advanced Notice: Graduation Celebration for Rang VI - Thursday June 22nd

We are currently making arrangements for the graduation ceremony on Thursday June 22nd at 7.30 p.m. in Scoil Bhríde.

Confirmation

The children in Rang VI will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 9th at 10 a.m. in the Church. Children making confirmation and their siblings will be marked present on the rolla for the day. Normal school time for all other pupils. Children in Rang VI who are not receiving confirmation can attend school and they will study in another classroom.

Communion

The children in Rang II will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 13th in the Church.

Two ceremonies (last year's class groups):

10.30 a.m. Mr Neville's 1st class

12.30 p.m. Ms Bermingham's 1st class

School Tour Details

| Class | Date | Bus Leaving Scoil Bhríde | Bus expected back at Scoil Bhríde approx. | Destination |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------|
| Jnr/Snr | 12/06/2023 | 9 a.m. sharp | 2 p.m. | Leahy's Farm |
| 1st Class | 08/06/2023 | 9 a.m. sharp | 3 p.m. | Mardyke Arena |
| 2nd Class | 19/05/2023 | 9 a.m. sharp | 3 p.m. | Mardyke Arena |
| 3rd/4th Class | 20/06/2023 | TBC | TBC | Mardyke Arena |
| 5th/6th Class | 15/06/2023 | TBC | TBC | Emerald Park |

Acknowledgement

Thanks to the Board of Management and Parents Association for contributing €2662.50 (half the cost of the school tour transport).

Tracksuit Orders 2023-2024

Please use the following link to order tracksuits for next school year **before Friday, May 26th.**

<https://forms.gle/qZNbgZCXq4FotmxQ8>

“Online Safety” Seminar for Parents

In Scoil Bhríde we have noticed that children are using social media and online platforms from a very young age. Every year, issues regarding the incorrect use of these online platforms and social media can create difficulties. Teaching children about online safety is of vital importance and is an essential part of their learning in Scoil Bhríde. We have liaised with Barnardos with a view to providing specific training for the children in 3rd-6th Classes. Barnardos offer ‘Online Safety’ workshops for pupils and we have booked this workshop for these pupils. It teaches children to be aware of how to be safe and resilient online.

We feel that it is vital that parents have access to support and training also. A Barnardos trainer, Claire O'Mahony will deliver an in-person Parents' session in the hall in Scoil Bhríde on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7.30pm. We ask that at least one parent/guardian from each family in the school would attend on the night. Please make a very special effort to attend this seminar which will help you to support your child with regard to online safety.

Below you will find the registration link for the in-person Parents' session. Please click this link to confirm your attendance on the night.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-mtrj8vG90_XGFdSomr6dgM9NpPB776

Report from the Board of Management from the meeting on 02/05/2023

- The Board approved the calendar for 2023/2024.
- The Board reviewed the Child Safeguarding Statement in accordance with the Checklist for Review of Child Safeguarding Statement published on the Department of Education website. Updated documents are available on our school website.
- The Board approved the appointment of Aishling McGrath as DLP (Designated Liaison Person) and Maria Barry as Deputy DLP for the Summer Programme.

Mise le meas,
Mairéad Uí Íomhair.