

2. Nuachtlitir

15/09/2022

A Thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

Swimming Lessons

The timetable for the year is as follows:

	Dates	Times	Classes
Session 1	Tuesdays, September 20th - October 25th 2022	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	Ms Hogan's 5th class (25) Mr O'Sullivan's 5th class (13) Ms Feeney's 2nd class (20)
Session 2	Tuesdays, November 8th- December 13th 2022	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	Miss McGrath's 6th class (22) Mr O'Sullivan's 6th class (10) Miss Hynes' 3rd class (27)
Session 3	Thursdays, November 10th - December 15th 2022	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	Miss Barry's 5th class (24) Ms Lynch's 3rd class (26) Miss Shinnick's 2nd class (20)
Session 4	Tuesdays, January 10th - February 14th 2023	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	Miss Cashman's 6th class (25) Miss Murphy's 1st class (25)
Session 5	Fridays, January 13th - February 24th 2023	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	Ms Dorgan's 4th class (29) Miss Crowley's 2nd class (19)
Session 6	Tuesdays, February 21st - March 28th 2023	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	Ms Noonan's 4th class (28) Ms Berminhgam's 1st class (26)

Children will need to be able to dress and undress independently as teachers and Garda vetted parent volunteers are present only in a supervisory role and cannot dress or undress children.

Please note that only parents who are Garda vetted through Scoil Bhríde are allowed to enter the changing areas. Please contact Anke for Garda vetting forms.

Permission/consent for swimming is now available on Aladdin for classes in session 1.

Swimming lessons are compulsory as they are part of the PE curriculum.

Permissions for Acceptable Use Policy

Please read the attached Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which is also available to view on www.sbrathcormac.ie. You are asked to complete the 8 consent sections which are detailed in the policy. Please indicate your consent/permission on Aladdin.

If you have any queries about the policy please do not hesitate to contact us.

Advanced notice

The school will close on Monday, October 3rd at 12 noon to facilitate in-service training for teachers.

Use of Community Park Car Park for 3 p.m. home time collection

On a trial basis, in an effort to alleviate the difficulties with parking at the 3 p.m. collection time, we will open the gate exiting to the Community Car Park at the rear of the school. Parents/Childminders who wish to park in the Community Park area can meet the children at the back gate. Children who are to be collected from this car park will be directed to walk via the path through the green play area to the gate. **This new arrangement will commence on Monday September 19th** and we will review it after 2 weeks. Please discuss this option for collection time with your child so that he/she knows where to meet you.

Weight of school bags

Please ensure that your child doesn't carry unnecessary items (e.g. toys, books, magazines etc) in his/her school bag and so reduce its weight.

Sciath Na Scol Fixtures

You will find fixtures for upcoming Sciath na Scol matches on our website under the "School Life - Sports/Active Schools" tab.

Scoil Bhríde is a "Nut Free" school

As we have a number of students who have serious nut allergies I wish to remind parents/guardians that nuts or nut spreads (Nutella) are not allowed in Scoil Bhríde.

Grapes

Grapes should be cut if included in the lunch box, as whole grapes may be a choking hazard.

Hand towels

Please ensure that your child has a small towel (face cloth) in school every day for hand drying. This towel should be changed daily if necessary.

Uniform / School Tracksuit

Pupils must wear full school uniform or school tracksuit for PE day/other activity day (swimming, gymnastics etc). A light blue polo shirt should be worn with school tracksuit. No jerseys or other branded sports wear.

Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

The premium for 24 hour cover has been paid to Allianz. Please check out <https://www.allianz.ie/products/schools/pupil-personal-accident/Policy-Benefits.html> for details of this insurance scheme.

Parents' Association

Special thanks to all the parents who attended the Parents Association meeting last Tuesday night. It is great to have our Parents Association back in action again. I appeal to all parents to make a special effort to get involved in the various activities and events that will be organised. More details shortly.

Upcoming events

- ★ National "Walk to School" Week - September 19th - September 23rd. More details tomorrow.
- ★ Information Meeting for parents of Junior Infants - Monday September 26th at 8 p.m. in Scoil Bhríde.
- ★ East Cork Athletics Division, Cross Country Race - Friday, September 30th at 11 a.m. Venue: Fr O'Neills Sportsfield, Aghavine, Ballymacoda, P25 R290. Entry fee is €2 to be paid at entrance. Races for boys and girls born in 2009 to 2016. Parents make their own arrangements for transport and supervision on the day. Details on our website.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to all the McGrath family, Helen - SNA, Aishling - Múinteoir Rang 6, Cathal - Caretaker, on the sad death of Helen's mother this week. Ar dheis Dé go ráibh a anam dílis.

Le gach dea ghuí, Mairéad Uí Íomhair.