

5. Nuachtlitir

20/11/2024

A Thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

Reminder: School Closure Friday, 29th November

The school will be closed for pupils for the upcoming general election on Friday, 29th November.

Enrolment 2025/2026

Our enrolment link for next years' Junior Infants will close this Friday, 22nd November.

Cold Weather

As the weather has turned cold it is very important that children are well wrapped up in full tracksuits with coats and hats etc.

Parents Association

Please see information regarding the "Reindeer Run" organised by the Parents' Association attached to this email.

School Opening Time

The school will open to receive pupils at 9.05 a.m. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. (2 p.m. for infants). Parents should make their own arrangements to have children met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school not later than 3 p.m. as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

Staffing Update

Ms. Barr (Rang 1) will be finishing up with us in Scoil Bhríde at Christmas and we wish her the very best for the future - she has been an excellent teacher and member of our staff. Ms. McGrath will be returning from leave after Christmas and will be taking over this class as planned. Ms. Moss (SET) and Ms. Kearney (Rang 1 - Ms. McCarthy's class) will both be staying with us in their current positions for the rest of the school year. We wish Ms. McCarthy all the best as she goes on leave.

Mile buíochas

- ❖ Thank you for your very generous donations for the "Type Onesie Day" in Aid of CUH Charity - Paediatric Diabetes Services. The amount raised was €850!

Upcoming events

❖ Coffee Morning Ruby Mohally, Sunday 24th November from 10:30am-1pm
Ruby Mohally will be travelling to Kolkata, India in March 2025 as part of the Hope Foundation Project. Ruby, along with 8 other girls from her school, will visit all the Hope Foundation projects that she will have raised funds for, including the education and medical centres.

There will be a coffee morning to fundraise for this project at Mohally's, 86 Shanowen, Rathcormac (P61 AE00) on Sunday 24th November from 10:30am-1pm.

- ❖ Christmas Themed Pop-Up LEGO Morning (Info on poster attached)

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/pdJ8wiqYEU3kJd5e9>

Unwanted toy appeal

If you are doing a "clear out" before Christmas we would be delighted to accept any of the following toys in **good condition**:

- Toy animals e.g. farm animals, jungle animals, pets, birds, polar bears, penguins, insects
- Toys houses/buildings e.g. farm sets, shop buildings etc.
- Miniature cars, ambulances, fire brigades, police cars, boats etc.
- Toy mini figures e.g. Lego men, plastic figures, miniature police, fire officers, nurses, doctors, farmers, children etc.
- Car and town mats
- Miniature road signs
- Microphone
- Real household items e.g. phone, toaster, kettle, pots, pans, utensils, jugs, cameras
- Doctor set
- Dress up costumes
- Dolls, doll clothes, doll cots
- Miniature dolls for doll house
- Plastic food
- Play money
- Cash register, shopping trolley
- Toy kitchen
- Baking bowls
- Tractors, farm machinery
- Train set, trains
- Books

Lost and Found

The “Lost & Found” basket is overflowing with unlabelled tracksuit jumpers and jackets (photos attached). You are welcome to check the basket for your child’s missing items. Any jumpers and jackets not claimed by Thursday, November 28th will be donated to charity.

Congratulations to Katie Quirke!

We in Scoil Bhríde were so proud to hear last Friday that one of our past pupils, Katie Quirke, was awarded an LGFA All Star award based on her excellent performances for the Cork Senior Ladies Footballers this year. Katie is a wonderful ambassador for all the children locally and is the first female All Star from Bride Rovers. We look forward to inviting Katie back to Scoil Bhríde so we can all celebrate her achievement.

Report for Parents and Staff from the Board Meeting held on 18/11/2024

- The Board welcomed Rory Gibbons back to Scoil Bhríde and wished him well in his new role as Principal.
- The Board acknowledged the huge amount of work that went into the recent celebration events for Margaret Howard’s retirement. Special mention to the ISM team in Scoil Bhríde who coordinated much of the logistics and planning, and of course to all the children and staff who made all the events special and meaningful to Mrs. Howard.
- An overview of the national *Hot Meals Scheme* was discussed.
- The Board discussed the *Solar Panels for Schools Scheme* which recently added Cork to the list of approved counties.

Mise le meas,

Rory Gibbons