

A Thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

### **School Christmas Mass**

The children will be going to the 10 a.m. Mass in Rathcormac Church on Monday, 18th December. Parents/Guardians are very welcome to join us!

### **School Uniform / School Tracksuit**

Pupils must wear their school uniform or the school tracksuit (as appropriate) to school each day. As the weather is much colder, shorts may not be worn to school. The main play yard is to the North and it can be quite cold, so children need to bring a coat and hat for yard time.

### **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.

### **Pupils in the tennis court**

I wish to remind parents again that children playing in the tennis court before or after school are not supervised by school staff. Their safety is the responsibility of parents/guardians.

### **Appeal for return of Readers**

We are making a special appeal to parents of children in Senior Infants - Rang 2 to return the special reading books that are sent home with the children each night. We are missing quite a number of books from sets and we need them for different class groups. If your child brings home a book for reading then it must be returned the following day. Please check bookshelves, toy boxes, bedrooms for unreturned school books (PM Readers, Beanstalk, Big Cats, Fireflies and other decodable books). Books can be returned to class teachers. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Mile buíochas**

- ❖ Thank you for your very generous donations for the Team Hope Foundation. The coordinators were delighted to receive such a huge amount of items to be gifted to children in need.
- ❖ Thanks also to Donal Kelleher, Ballinahina, who nominated our school for a workshop when he attended BLOOM Garden Festival last year. A facilitator from Crann visited the school and did a number of workshops on native Irish trees with children in Rang 3 and Rang 4. We also received some trees for planting on school grounds.

## **Upcoming events**

- ❖ Free Gaming Safety Talk for Parents Tuesday, Dec 5th, 2023 hosted by Trend Micro's Internet Safety for Kids and Families Program (ISKF) - see poster attached
- ❖ Knockadea N.S. schools quiz, hosted by the Parents' Association of Knockadea N.S., taking place on December 6th at 7 p.m. in T.O. Park, Labbamologga V35 E895 (4 miles from Mitchelstown, 3 miles from Ballylanders). Doors open at 6.30 p.m. This event is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes. Teams of 4 €20 which must be paid for on the night.

## **Parents' Association Calendar Presale**

The Scoil Bhríde Parent's Association 2024 calendars are now on presale. Please see all the information on the attached poster.

## **Christmas Concerts**

This year each class will present a "Seó na Nollag". Each class "seó" will be 15 minutes approximately (shorter for Infants). All shows will take place in the school hall.

The shows are organised as follows:

Tuesday December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rang 3 and Rang 5	7 p.m.
Wednesday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rang 3 and Rang 5	11.30 a.m.
Wednesday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rang 4 and Rang 6	1.30 p.m.
Thursday December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rang 4 and Rang 6	7 p.m.

Each family will receive 2 tickets for each show for pupils in Rang 3 – Rang 6. These will be handed out to students next week in a brown envelope with their name on it. Siblings

will have an opportunity to see all the shows during rehearsal time in advance as we wish to keep as many spaces as possible for adults at the day shows and evening shows.

Wednesday December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Infants	12.45 p.m.
	Senior Infants	1.15 p.m.
	Rang 1	1.40 p.m.
	Rang 2	2.15 p.m.

No tickets necessary for Junior Infants – Rang 2 as they are individual shows and there will be plenty of space for families in the hall.

#### Report for Parents and Staff from the Board Meeting held on 13/11/2023

- The Board is delighted that an additional school bus has been sanctioned by the Department of Education and thanks all the parents who were involved in this successful campaign.
- The Board approved the revised History and Geography policy.
- The Board reviewed the Anti- Bullying Policy in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 4 (Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post -Primary Schools) The policy is available on the school website.
- As this was the final meeting of the current board, the Chairperson thanked all the members of the outgoing board for their time, dedication and commitment to the work of the Board over the past four years.
- The Chairperson also thanked the staff of Scoil Bhríde and the parents and pupils.

Mise le meas,

Mairéad Uí Íomhair.