

# 9. Nuachtlitir

11/01/2024

Fáilte ar ais agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

## Céad Mile Fáilte

A very special welcome to the children who started in Scoil Bhríde this week:

Eshvika (Junior Infants), Hugo (Rang I), Lien (Rang I), Leeandra (Rang 4) and Joel (Rang 4) and to their parents. We hope you will be very happy in Scoil Bhríde.

## Catholic Schools Week Jan 21st - 27th

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2024 is "Communities of Service".

The daily themes are:

<b>Monday:</b>	Service in Our Community of Friends
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Service in Our School Community
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Service in Our Family Community
<b>Thursday:</b>	Service in Our Local Community
<b>Friday:</b>	Service in Our Faith Community

## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day takes place on Wednesday, January 24th and in class the children will be completing special activities for their grandparents. We understand some children may not have grandparents to share their activities with and so children will have the option to complete their activity for someone special to them instead. The children will bring their activities home with them so that they can share them with their grandparents/special person. Please let your child's class teacher know if Grandparents Day will be a sensitive time for your child.

Due to the large number of pupils in our school it is unfortunately no longer possible to invite all grandparents to visit our school on Grandparents' Day. However, as we started last year, we cordially invite the grandparents of 3rd class pupils to celebrate Grandparents' Day with us. We look forward to welcoming them to our school at 1.30 p.m. for a visit to the 3rd Class classrooms as well as a short presentation by the 3rd Class children and some light refreshments.

## Advance Notice of School Closing

The school will be closed on Monday, February 5th (Spring Bank Holiday) and on Thursday & Friday February 15th/16th (mid-term break).

The school will also be **closed for pupils on Friday, March 1st** to facilitate Maths in-service training for staff.

### **Irish Dancing Classes**

This year we are introducing Irish dancing workshops for all pupils. Each class group will have a 6 week block.

### **Enrolment Forms for Junior Infants 2024/2025**

Please return enrolment forms before January 12th.

### **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 no later than 3 p.m. as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

**I wish to remind the parents of senior classes again that children playing in the tennis court before school are not supervised by school staff and the school can not be responsible for accidents/behaviour.**

### **Punctuality**

All pupils should be in school by **9.17 a.m. at the latest** to ensure that they are settled into their class for 9.20 a.m. start. Please support your child in developing good habits around punctuality.

### **3 p.m. collection from back gate**

If children are not collected at 3 p.m. they will return to the main school entrance with the supervising teacher and await collection by parents at the front door.

### **Parent-Teacher Meetings for Junior Infants and Ms Moss' Senior Infants**

The meetings will take place on Tuesday, January 23rd and Thursday, January 25th. You will be able to book your preferred meeting slot on Aladdin shortly. A notification will be sent once the booking process is open on Aladdin.

### **Hand Towels**

Please ensure that your child has a clean hand towel/face cloth every day for hand drying.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- ❖ Catholic Schools Week 2024 - 21/01/2024 - 27/01/2024
- ❖ Synergy Credit Union Primary School Annual Quiz (4 teams per school) - 26/01/2024 @ 7 p.m. in School Hall, Gaelscoil de Hide, Dun Eala, Duntahane, Fermoy

**Competition A:** Under 11 - for entrants aged 10 or younger on 31st December 2023

**Competition B:** Under 13 - for entrants aged 12 or younger on 31st December 2023

Mise le meas, Mairéad Uí Íomhair.