

# 9. Nuachtlitir

24/03/2026

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## **Easter Holidays**

School will close at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, March 27th and re-open on Monday, April 13th.

The staggered collection times for Friday are as follows:

Junior Infants and siblings	12.20 p.m.
Senior Infants and siblings	12.25 p.m.
All other pupils/bus children at	12.30 p.m.

## **First Holy Communion**

The children in Rang II will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 9th at 11 a.m. in the Church.

## **Confirmation**

The children in Rang VI will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 14th at 11 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.

## **Insurance Matters as advised by our insurance company (Allianz)**

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.

I just wish to remind parents again that children playing in the tennis court area before or after school are not supervised by school staff and the school is not responsible for behaviour, safety etc.

## **Tracksuit Order for next year**

Thank you to all the parents who have already ordered their children's tracksuits for next school year. If you have not had the chance to do so, please complete the order form before Friday, April 24th at 12 noon. Please use **one order form for each child** as this will make processing your orders much easier.

Please use the following link <https://forms.gle/c2WfppgGpwg42fQA8> Please have your order in before Friday, April 24th. Payment links for tracksuits will be open in June.

## **Stand for Féile Jersey Day**

Thank you for your generous donation to Friday's fundraiser "Stand for Féile Jersey Day". The amount raised was €982.44!

## **Sciath na Scol**

Well done to both our hurling and camogie teams who have been doing so well in their Sciath na Scol games this season with both teams winning all their group games. Both teams have been putting in huge effort under the guidance of Mr. O' Sullivan and Ms. Barry and are looking forward to home semi-finals. Beir bua a pháistí!

## **Chess**

Scoil Bhríde hosted a major chess exhibition ('Féile Fichille') on Friday 20th March. 120 children from six schools took part in matches across the day. The boys and girls from Scoil Bhríde played really well on the day - maith sibh a pháistí! Thanks to Mr. Forde for teaching chess to all of 4th to 6th Classes and for organising the teams and the day itself. We hope to extend this down to 2nd Class by the end of the year and run our first in-school championship in the summer term.

## **Golf**

Children in 4th Class recently completed a block of lessons provided by Golf Ireland as part of the '*Unleash Your Drive*' programme. The children really enjoyed the lessons and by taking part we have been presented with all the equipment used - a value of over €1000. We hope to engage with Golf Ireland and Fermoy Golf Club again in the future to see if we can expand opportunities to other classes.

## **Sensory Room**

We are delighted to announce that a refit of our Sensory Room has now been completed. The works were completed by Creative Activity and the majority of funding was provided by the Parents' Association based on fundraising last year. Our sincere thanks to all parents for supporting PA events and fundraising. Pictures of our new Sensory Room can be found on the school website.

## **Junior Entrepreneur Programme (*Blooming Bookmarks*) - Showcase Days**

Our 5th classes are taking part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP). Their product is 'Blooming Bookmarks'. Blooming Bookmarks is a biodegradable bookmark with seeds in it - every time you read a book you can plant wildflowers.

5th Classes would like to invite you to our Showcase Days:

Junior Showcase (Junior Infants - 2nd Class) on Thursday, April 16th from 1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Senior Showcase (3rd Class - 6th Class) on Friday, April 17th from 9.30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Funds raised will be donated to Marymount.

Price: 1 bookmark for €2 or 3 bookmarks for €5

Well done to all of the children in 5th Class who are working hard, along with their teachers, on this excellent initiative.

**Agreed Report from the Board of Management Meeting**

- The BOM welcomes the launch of the Hot Meals Scheme in Scoil Bhríde on Monday 16th February.
- The BOM acknowledges the granting of the Fire Safety Certificate by Cork County Council (after some delay) in relation to the school extension project. The Design Team will now prepare the Stage 2b report for submission to the Dept. of Education.
- The BOM expresses their thanks to the PA, parents and staff for their support of the successful 'Reindeer Run' fundraiser before Christmas.
- The BOM has granted the running of two Easter camps this year: Week 1 - Fun Camp and Week 2 - Lego Camp.

Mise le meas,  
Rory Gibbons.