



Scoil Bhríde Clane, Co Kildare

Roll No.: 19797E, RCN No.: 20124960

Principal: Mrs. Eimear Hennessy

## Newsletter – September 2024

WELCOME  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL



**Website:**

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>



**Contact:**

045-868614



**Email:**

[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

## Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you and your child a warm welcome back as we begin a new school year. A special welcome to our 48 new Junior Infants and the new students who have joined us in different classrooms across the school. There are currently 490 children enrolled in our school. We look forward to the year ahead. Let us hope it is a good one for us all.

We had our beginning of school year mass celebration with Fr. Paul in the Parish church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to Fr. Paul for celebrating mass with us.

We had a busy summer and start to the school year in Scoil Bhríde. The Department has sanctioned the opening of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Autism class in our school. While the Board of Management had applied for a proper two classroom AS class facility similar to the boys school, the Department said there was no funding for this. They committed to works to convert an existing classroom. These works were due to start over the summer and the classroom was meant to be ready for the opening of the new school year. Works however, only began on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and will take 6-8 weeks. We hope the class will be ready in November. We have three children in our school already enrolled in this class and Ms. Young will be the class teacher. This will be a junior Autism class.

The Department won't cover the cost of extending the soft play area for the children. We got a quote today for €18,000 to do this work. If anyone knows a business in Clane that might be able to donate towards this, it would be really appreciated.

We are delighted to support our Parents Association as we promote the 'Go Phone Free Initiative' in our school. Work has begun on the development of our new website and preparations are underway for our school musical 'Matilda'. Busy times.

It is hard to believe that the first month has already passed since we returned to school. We hope the children are now all settled back and happy in their school routine. We look forward to working with you all in the year ahead.

Warm regards,  
Eimear Hennessy

---

**Website:**

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>










**Contact:**

045-868614



**Email:**

[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

	<h3>Student Council</h3> <p>Elections for our student council took place this week. Ms. G Mac Glinchey, Ms. Heneghan, Ms. A McGlinchey and Ms. Barrett met with the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes at assembly to explain the role of the student council. We look forward to working with our new student council this year.</p>
	<h3>School Gate</h3> <p>A reminder to parents that children must walk independently into the school from the school gate. Parents are not permitted to walk children to the school door.</p> <p>The school gates open at 8.50am. Please do not gather at the school gate before this time.</p>
	<h3>Swimming</h3> <p>The students in Ms. Shine's 3rd class and Ms. Farrell's 5th class are currently attending their 6-week block of swimming lessons in K-Leisure. The cost of the 6-week block is €60 which can be paid in instalments on Aladdin.</p>
	<h3>Birthday Party Invitations and Bringing treats into school</h3> <p>This is a gentle reminder that birthday party invitations cannot be given out on school grounds as it can be upsetting for children.</p> <p>We also remind parents that we cannot give out treats for a child's birthday or goods baked at home cannot be brought into school. A number of children in the school have allergies and we don't want anyone to feel left out.</p>
	<h3>Nut Free Zone</h3> <p>Scoil Bhríde is officially a 'NUT FREE' zone. Please do not send in treats for your daughter for birthday's etc as this is not permitted due to the number of allergies in the school.</p>
	<h3>School Fees</h3> <p>Thank you to all those who have paid their school charges. These charges can be paid on the Aladdin app. Please try and pay any outstanding charges as soon as possible.</p>
	<h3>Bus Bay</h3> <p>We kindly ask that parents do not park in the bus bay.</p>

**Website:**

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>








**Contact:**

045-868614



**Email:**

[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

	<h3>Enrolment for Junior Infants 2025/26 School Year</h3> <p>Enrolment for our Junior Infant class and our AS classes will begin on the 25<sup>th</sup> October and end on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Applications can be submitted online. A birth certificate and a utility bill dated within the last 3 months are required as proof of address. These will need to be uploaded when the application is submitted.</p> <p>Please note the earlier time of enrolment this year. This was recommended by the Department of Education. Our Admissions notice will be posted on our website on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.</p>
	<h3>Hoop Earrings</h3> <p>A reminder that children are not allowed to wear Hoop earrings to school as it is a Health and Safety issue. Children who are wearing hoop earrings will be asked to remove them. Only <b>one pair of stud earrings</b> is allowed as per our Code of conduct. I will be reinforcing this rule at assembly and the teachers will follow it up in the classrooms.</p>
	<h3>Beginning of Year Mass</h3> <p>The Beginning of Year Mass took place in the church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Some girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class read prayers and brought up gifts. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class sang beautifully. Well done to Ms. Farrell, Ms. Johnston and Jackie for their fantastic work with the choir. Thank you to Fr. Paul for welcoming us to the church and for a lovely service.</p>
	<h3>Communion</h3> <p>A letter from Fr. Paul was sent via Aladdin outlining the plans for First Holy Communion and First Confession. Parents are asked to attend with their child at one of the enrolment mornings in Clane Parish Church. The first of these took place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September and the next will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October between 9.30am and 10.30am. Communion will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am and 11.30am.</p>
	<h3>Confirmation</h3> <p>Registration for Confirmation took place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September between 9.30am and 10.30am in the Parish Church. If you missed this registration, please contact the parish office. Confirmation will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am.</p>

**Website:**

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>

**Contact:**

 045-868614

**Email:**

 [info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

## Erasmus



Some of the teachers in Scoil Bhríde have gone on Erasmus courses in Europe over the last year. Ms. Doyle and Ms. Young went to Iceland where they learned all about the importance of bringing school life to the outdoors. Ms. Sheehan and Ms. Downes went to Barcelona in May where they learned about creating a positive school environment for the staff and students of our school. They shared some of their learnings with the staff on our first Croke Park day in September and will do so again throughout the year. Ms. Barrett went to Sicily where she completed a course in Yoga and Meditation. In August, Ms. Sheehan, Ms. Downes and Ms. Clohessy embarked on the same course in Florence. They will begin an e-twinning project with their classes and some of the children from a school in Greece in the coming weeks. The courses have provided an amazing opportunity for the teachers to learn new skills and gain knowledge from our European counterparts and then share our learnings with our students and other staff members. Ms. Doyle, Ms. Young, Mr. Nerney and Mr. Stritch will go away in October.



---

### Website:

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>

### Contact:

045-868614

### Email:

[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

## Restorative Practice



We are continuing with our work on Restorative Practice this year in Scoil Bhríde. RP helps us to build positive relationships with each other and have high expectations for ourselves and others. Our RP buddies have been trained in how to ask the RP questions to help solve conflicts on the yard. They will be there to help students handle any rows and mend the relationships through facilitating a Restorative Conversation.



## Website

As mentioned in an Aladdin notice previously, we are currently having issue with our website. A new website is currently under construction. We hope to have it up and running by the 16<sup>th</sup> October. Further work and development of the website will take place over the course of the year. Thank you for your patience with this.

A sincere thank you to Marina Jordan on the Parents Association who has been a big support to us and does so much work behind the scene, as we develop the new website.

---

### Website:

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>



### Contact:

045-868614



### Email:

[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

## Gaelic

Our U11 Football team had a great win against Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach last Wednesday in Clane GAA. It was a tight battle between the two sides in the first half, but Clane took more of their chances. The game ended 3-8 to 3-3 in the end.



## Soccer

The girls had a great comeback against Scoil Bhríde Kill today where they were 2-0 down at half time to drawing the game 2-2. Captain Erin Reynolds scored the two goals for the Clane girls. We had chances to win the game but both defenses came out on top.

All the girls showed great character when they were out on the pitch. We hope to bring this form now into our next game which is against Mercy Convent Primary School on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of September.



## Camogie

The U11 camogie team had a fantastic win on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> September against the Presentation Girls School in Maynooth. This game was played away in Maynooth. It was a great way to start of the camogie this year. The girls were delighted.



**Website:**

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>



**Contact:**

045-868614



**Email:**

[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

## Scoil Bhríde presents 'Matilda'



We are very excited to be hosting 'Scoil Bhríde presents Matilda the Musical' in December this year. The main cast have begun their rehearsals and all of the children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class are busy preparing their dances and songs in their class groups. Thank you to Ms. Digan and team for all their hard work in co-ordinating this. We are looking forward to some wonderful performances in December.

## Parents' Association AGM and Go Phone Free Initiative

The Parents' Association will hold the Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on 10th October in the hall of the school. All parents are invited to attend.

At the meeting the "Go Phone Free" initiative will be launched for our school. This is a joint initiative between the school and the Parents' Association. It is a voluntary initiative where families are encouraged to delay the purchase of smart phones for children.

At the meeting we will hear from Brian Barron, Principal in Portlaw National School in Waterford. Brian successfully led the introduction of a similar initiative among schools in his local area. He will share his experience of his observations and what led him to pioneer such an initiative. Brian was a very popular and informative speaker at the recent Naas Area Schools launch of "Go Phone Free".

Following the launch at the AGM, parents will receive a voluntary opt in form and also a charter for discussion at home and to affirm the family commitment to the initiative.

### Website:

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>

### Contact:

 045-868614

### Email:

 [info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)



## General School News

### School Garden at Harvest Time

Great fun was had by Hs. Harney's Senior infants on a sunny autumn day, harvesting our Turnips. These were grown from seed by Ms. Shine's class. We also picked a second crop of juicy strawberries ripened by the September sun.



### Outdoor Classroom

Senior infants had lots of fun in the sun at our Aistear Birthday Party. We baked cakes in the mud kitchen, wrote a party menu on the chalkboard and played party games. We went on a September walk and drew all the interesting things we saw.



**Website:**

<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>



**Contact:**

045-868614



**Email:**

[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

## Junior Infants

What a busy month we have had in Junior Infants! The girls are settling in so well and are enjoying making new friends. We are enjoying Play, Yard, Phonics, Irish, Pe and Art!



**Ms. May's Class**



**Ms. Carberry's Class**



**Website:**  
<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>



**Contact:**  
045-868614



**Email:**  
[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)

## Artwork around the school



**Website:**  
<http://www.scoilbhrideclane.ie/>



**Contact:**  
045-868614



**Email:**  
[info@scoilbhrideclane.ie](mailto:info@scoilbhrideclane.ie)