



23/03/2023

Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to the brighter mornings and longer evenings ahead. The clocks go forward by one hour on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge from the 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> of March. The children took part in Comórtas Ealaíne (art competitions), Tráth na gCeist (table quiz), cluichí (games) Amhráin Rannta agus Dánta (songs, rhymes, and poems) and we had a Céilí mór sa halla on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. They performed songs and dances for all the other classes. Thanks to Ms Dempsey for organising our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations.

### **Shamrock Fundraiser**

We thank everyone for supporting this initiative. 432 euro was raised and this money will be spent on Camogie gear for the children.

### **New post protectors in the shelters**

The school recently invested in post protectors for poles at the shelters. These protectors will make the yard safer for all children.

### **Cross Country Running**

The cross-country running team train today for the first time on Coláiste Bríde grounds. We are delighted that the children are making connections with our local secondary school.

### **Down Syndrome Day**

Down Syndrome Day was celebrated in our school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Everyone designed their own pair of unique socks and displayed them in their classrooms. Children read stories and completed activities about advocating for people with disabilities. Children came together to perform the song 'It's a better place' released by the Down Syndrome Centre to mark the day using their voices and Lámh signs in equal measure! We held a fundraiser to help raise vital funds for the centre and raised an amazing €273. The theme for World Down Syndrome Day 2023 was 'With Us, Not For Us' and all of us here in Scoil Ide firmly support that we all should be treated fairly and given equal opportunities in life. We all had a great day!

### **School Assembly**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> whole school assembly will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. We look forward to celebrating the children and their achievements over the last while.



### **Friendship Week**

Our student council have organised a wonderful week of activities for Friendship Week, 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March. We look forward to this fun week and sincerely thank Ms Ryan and Ms Murphy for working with the Student Council Committee.

### **GAA challenge match**

The Gaelic match against Scoil Áine last Wednesday afternoon was cancelled. We hope it will be rescheduled soon.

### **WOW**

Our walk on Wednesday winners this week were; Room 2 – Ms Sweeney's class and Room 8 – Ms Doherty's class. Well done to all.

### **Art Club**

We will be running an Art Club in our last term of school for 8 weeks. It will be offered to children from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes and limited to 20 pupils. It will take place on Wednesdays from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. It costs 50 euros for 8 weeks. Ms Dempsey is running this club and bookings and info will be sent to classes after the Easter holidays.

### **Sherpa Kids Easter Camp**

Sherpa Kids are running an Easter Camp. Details about this camp were emailed to families at the beginning of March.

### **Easter Holidays**

The school closes on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March for the Easter holidays**. Check out our website for finish times on that day. We reopen after the holidays on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **Summer Camp**

Scoil Íde are running their summer camp again this year. It will take place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July. More info will be shared after Easter.

### **School News**

Keep up to date with all school news by checking out our website  
<http://www.scoilideclondalkin.com/news/>

*Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.*