



10/10/2024

Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well, and looking forward to midterm break.

Spooky Walk

We will have a spooky walk around our neighbourhood on **Friday 25th October**, this is the last day of the term. Children may dress up if they wish. Regular closing times apply on the day; 1:30 for infants and 2:30 for the rest of the school.

Junior Infant Enrolment 2025/2026

Enrolment for 2025/2026 commenced via our school website on Monday 7th October and will remain open until 13th January 2025. Click on the QR code to access the pre-enrolment form.



Sacraments Information

The parish online registration for parents to register their children for the sacraments will close on Friday 25th October.

Secondary School Applications

Final reminder for parents of sixth class children! Application forms for Coláiste Bríde must be returned to Coláiste Bríde on or before the 25th October, 2024.

Rugby Coaching

Next week is our last week of rugby coaching with Darren. He is an amazing coach and has an excellent rapport with all the children. We are so lucky to have him coaching in our school.

Educational Workshops

Our 3rd, 4th and 6th classes attended some fantastic workshops in Clondalkin Library this week. Third and Sixth met Serena Molloy, author and had a fantastic workshop with her and really enjoyed their visits. Fourth class had a Science workshop with Christine from "Science4you". We are very lucky to have such fantastic local resources.

CyberSafe Kids CyberBreak

This year we are taking part in the CyberSafe Kids Cyberbreak. Families across Ireland are being asked to ditch their smart devices for 24 hours, from 5pm on Friday the 18th of October to 5pm on Saturday the 19th October. All classes will be chatting about activities that we can do that do not need smart devices and pupils will be drawing up ideas in preparation for the digital detox. We encourage families to make an effort to take part for all or part of the 24 hours and to try out this digital detox in an effort to reduce screen time among our children. More information can be found on: <https://www.cybersafekids.ie/cyberbreak/>



Maths Week 2024

Maths week will be taking place in Scoil Íde next week. We have many activities taking place, including scavenger hunts for the younger classes, Lego building sessions and maths stations where the 6th class students will be working with younger classes. We're very much looking forward to the week.

Non-uniform day Crazy hair/pink colours

Friday the 4th of October we held a non-uniform day. We supported Aimee Duffy, who recently donated 14 inches of her hair to Aoibheann's Pink Tie charity to help make wigs for children suffering with cancer.

We raised 400 euro for the charity. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Assembly

Our September assembly took place on Friday 4th of October. Handwriting Hero and Principal Prize winner certificates were presented to children. We also heard from our Green School Committee and all they have planned for this school year. Children in senior infants and 4th classes treated us to some very special performances. Check out our pictures on the school website.

Student Council Elections

Preparations are underway for the election of a new student council. Voting will take place on Tuesday 22nd of October. We look forward to the results. Thanks to Ms Murphy, Ms Buckley and Ms Wright for leading this initiative.

Safe Cycling Course

A 7-week safe cycling course for 5th class commences on Tuesday 5th November. Topics covered will include: safe equipment; rules of the road; starting and stopping; road positioning; shoulder checking; turning left and right; overtaking and traffic manoeuvres, and on-road training.

WSE MLL Inspection

We received the post inspection feedback from the inspectors last Wednesday and we are thrilled with it. The report should be available soon. It will be published on the school website when we receive it.

Uniforms/Tracksuits

Parents please note we have a large number of uniforms/tracksuits available for donating, some new with tags and the rest are all in good condition.

Keep up to date with all school news on our website www.scoilideclondalkin.com

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.