

# Scoil Cholmcille



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**Excitement is building this week as we approach the Halloween midterm break and our school is looking ghostly and ghoulish. Today we have our eagerly anticipated Isabel Cup fancy dress parade which is one of the most enjoyable events on the school calendar. It has been a busy beginning to the school year. A special welcome to our new Junior Infants who have been amazing in their first eight weeks with us. A huge thank you to our Parents Association and volunteers who ensured we had books, uniforms, refreshments and that our grounds looked spick-and-span for our return to school in August.**

## Music & Languages

Our corridors are awash with dulcet tones this term as our pupils are receiving lessons each Wednesday in tin whistle. We are delighted to have Ms. Fionnuala Gryson visiting us to provide tuition. It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience the simple joys of learning a musical instrument and to gain competence and confidence around music in general.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils have also been saying 'tres bien' to our engagement in the 'Say Yes to Languages' programme. This ten-week block of lessons in French is designed to serve as a taster before secondary school. We are very fortunate to have our own French 'professeure' in Ms. Girard who is delivering the lessons.

## Scoil Cholmcille Smartphone & Social Media Code

This year we are launching the Scoil Cholmcille Smartphone & Social Media Voluntary Code. This is a no smartphone & no social media policy whereby parents collectively agree to not provide their children with access to smartphones or social media while in primary school. Research has shown that devices and social media are having a detrimental impact on our pupils and the aim of this initiative is to protect them for as long as possible and set them up for success as they progress through

## Dates for your diary

### **November 4<sup>th</sup>**

School reopens after midterm.

### **November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Parent/Teacher Meetings

### **November 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**

Book Fair

### **December 20<sup>th</sup>**

School closes @ 12pm:  
Christmas holidays

## **Admissions 2025/26**

We are now accepting applications for Junior Infants for the 2025/26 academic year. The window for applications will remain open until Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Applicants will be notified of the decision by Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Application forms can be accessed by calling the office on (046) 9025003, emailing us at [info@skrynenationalschool.ie](mailto:info@skrynenationalschool.ie) or by downloading it from the 'policies and forms' section of our website [www.skrynenationalschool.ie](http://www.skrynenationalschool.ie)



their school years. Though voluntary we are asking all families to sign up [here](#). The link to sign up can also be accessed through our website.

## **Thank you to our SNAs**

On September 26<sup>th</sup> We celebrated the first ever National SNA Appreciation Day. It was a lovely opportunity to honour our fantastic SNAs: Barbara, Helena and Sonia. We thank them for the care, support and dedication that they give to our pupils every day.

## **Sport**

It has been a busy beginning to the sporting year. Our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes participated in their first orienteering event in Santry Park on October 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a hugely enjoyable outing for everyone. A special mention to our 6<sup>th</sup> Class boys who filled the top three spots in their category.

A run of consecutive weeks with good weather has meant our Cumann na mBunscol season has concluded for both boys and girls. Our girls put on some brave performances but, unfortunately, a narrow defeat Vs Gaeilscoil na Rithe in their final group game put paid to their chances of reaching the knockout stages. Our boys progressed to the quarter-final where they edged out Curraha in a fiercely fought game. In the semi-final they were cruelly denied by Coole NS after a titanic struggle. They can consider themselves very unlucky to be beaten by a single point. We are extremely proud of the boys for the brave performances put in and the character they have shown. Thanks to all the teachers for their work with both teams.

## **School Musical**

Broadway fever has gripped Scoil Cholmcille with the announcement by Mr. Fanning that he plans to bring a brand-new musical to the school stage next June. Auditions have already begun amongst 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes for the main singing and acting parts in 'Game of Scones'. Our younger children will perform in the main chorus during the shows. It has been 7 years since the last production, 'Kids in America', and excitement is palpable. Well done to Mr. Fanning who has written the show especially for the Scoil Cholmcille stage. He is ably assisted by Ms. O'Rourke, Helena and some guest musical expertise. More updates to follow.

## **Reminders**

- **Absences:** If your child is absent or will be late, it is important to provide a parent note on Aladdin.
- **Labels:** Please remember to label all your child's clothes and belongings as this saves time, money and waste!
- **Road Safety:** With the clocks changing and the onset of darker mornings please take care on the roads, especially during pick-up and drop-off times. Please be responsible and considerate when using car parks and please use the pathways provided.

## **In the Community**

### **Haunted Ireland**

A huge congratulations to Mr. Fanning who launched his widely acclaimed book 'Haunted Ireland' in Cornstown House on October 13<sup>th</sup>. This children's book features a spooky tale from every county in Ireland. We are very proud of Mr. Fanning who has used his love of reading and writing books to inspire his pupils for many a year.

### **Halloween Disco**

The parents' associations of Rathfeigh NS and Scoil Cholmcille combined, will host a children's Halloween Disco on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> in our own school hall. Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will attend from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes will attend from 8.00pm – 9.30pm. There are some tickets still available in the school office. All proceeds will go towards Trick or Treat – Children's Health Foundation