



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hallowe'en

We hope that all children had a chance to rest after our first 2 busy months in school. Before the mid-term break, we made the school look extra spooky with our Hallowe'en artwork. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Majella and Geraldine, our dedicated SNAs, for all their work making our displays look fantastic!



This Hallowe'en we all took part in a monster walk to the playground in our costumes as part of our daily mile. Thank you to everyone who contributed €2 for the non-uniform day, St Bride's NS children raised €150 for Mental Health Ireland.

Here are some pictures of Hallowe'en in St Bride's NS!





Sports

The children were very excited to welcome the triumphant St Croan's Junior A team to the school on Monday 20th October, we would like to wish the team continued success.

We said farewell to Triona Mulryan before the mid-term break, as she finished up her seven weeks of hip hop classes with everyone. Thank you Triona!

Our rugby sessions with Mícheál are also finished for 2025. This was St Bride's NS first engagement with the sport and children from 1st class to 6th class really enjoyed their sessions and also enjoyed the recent blitz organised in Creggs. Thanks to all of the parents who made themselves available to help on the day, it was much appreciated!

We will have further sessions of Gaelic football on Wednesdays with Amy for the next three weeks. The pupils from 3rd to 6th classes took place in a blitz in Enfield on Wednesday 5th November along with pupils from Kilcroan NS. We would like to thank St Croan's GAA for subsidising the cost of the bus. The children have also enjoyed their sessions with Michael Hussey from Oran Hurling Club and we are waiting to hear if more hurling sessions can be facilitated.

Swimming lessons for 3rd to 6th classes will be commencing in January, details will follow in a separate email.

New School Facebook page

Thanks to Ms Finan for her work in setting up the school Facebook page, St Bride's NS first venture into the world of social media. Please follow our page, Ballintubber NS (St Bride's NS), where you will find additional photos and updates of the goings on in the school on a regular basis. Don't forget to like and share, to help us spread the word about our wonderful school!

Maths week

As part of our engagement with the new maths curriculum, all classes took part in hand-on active learning for maths week with great enthusiasm as can be seen from the pictures, using their maths eyes in class, around the school grounds and even around the village!



Parent Teacher meetings

Our school parent teacher meetings will take place on the 12th /19th November. Please let the school know if you have not received a time to meet your child's teacher. Please note that 1st to 6th classes will finish at 2.45pm on these dates. The school bus will collect children at the earlier time.

Student voice St Bride's NS

For our very first whole school assembly children prayed a decade of the rosary with Fr Julian. We will have a second assembly at the end of the month to talk about the season of Advent and meet once a week in the lead up to Christmas to light our Advent candles.

We are delighted to announce that our first ever student council in St Bride's NS was formed the day before our Presidential elections. Voting for representatives in each class helped us to learn about democracy, fairness and the election process. Our newly formed student council (pictured below) will meet regularly to discuss issues of concern in the classes, have their voice heard in the planning of school events and help with the organisation of the school assemblies, making sure that all student voices in the school are heard. A special word of thanks to Ms Egan who will take charge of the student council for the year ahead!



Food Dudes

Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme took place from 13th to 17th October. We hope the children enjoyed sampling various new foods and would like to thank Ms Finan for co-ordinating the programme.

Secondary Schools

Our pupils from 5th and 6th classes enjoyed a trip to Roscommon Community College on Wednesday 6th November to participate in their "Big Step Up" programme. They got to sample various subjects such as Science and Home Economics which will be on offer to them as they continue their education to second level.

Pupils from 3rd to 6th classes are attending the musical, "Annie", in Mercy College Roscommon on Tuesday 11th November. It is a great opportunity for the children to attend these events and get a feel for secondary school.

Dates for your Diary

Date for return of Shoeboxes	10/11/2025
3 rd to 6 th classes to attend "Annie"	11/11/2025
Parent teacher meeting dates	12 th & 19 th Nov
Parents Association Church Gate Collection	15 th & 16 th Nov
Parents Association Bingo Night	23/11/2025
Junior Christmas Trip	04/12/2025
Christmas Carol service St Bride's Church	11/12/2025
Senior Christmas trip	17/12/2025
Santa School Visit	18/12/2025
Parents Association Christmas Disco	19/12/2025

Le gach dea-ghuí

Aoife Connolly

Ms Aoife Connolly , Principal.