



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is an update on current and upcoming events in school.

## Coaching /Sport Activities

We have had a busy September in St Bride's NS with in-school coaching from Micheal Hussey (Hurling) Amy Malone ( Gaelic football) and Micheál Glennon (Rugby) which the children will continue to participate in after midterm for a further three weeks.

At Hallowe'en we say goodbye to Triona Mulryan who will have finished her Monday hip hop sessions with all classes. Thank you Triona for all your hard work. The children really enjoyed taking part and had great fun!

Well done to all the Cross-Country runners from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class who qualified to take part in the schools cross-country competition in Lisnamult on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped on the day. The children made the school very proud, not only with their running performances but their sportsmanship and behaviour on the day.





As all classes continue with the daily mile initiative, we continue developing and improving our fitness for taking part next year!

Football and hurling will continue for 3 weeks following the mid-term break, tracksuits are to be worn by all classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 3 weeks after the mid-term break.

### **Maths Week**

Maths Week takes place from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October and will coincide with the launch of our new school Facebook page. A special thank you to Ms Finan who will be running our page along with Majella the assistant photographer!

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class children will be visiting Mercy College Roscommon on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October to take part in their science week activities.

### **Special Education**

Ms White and Ms Finan have had a busy September testing and working with children throughout the school. Along with working with groups both in and out of class, they are also organising testing (Test 2r and NRIT) for selected classes and finalising education plans for individual children. They will be meeting parents together with class teachers throughout the month of October and will be in touch with parents to arrange meetings soon.

### **Children's Voice**

Our first ever whole school assembly is planned to take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October where we will meet with Fr Julian for a chat about the Rosary and remembering those who have died for November. Ms Connolly will be speaking to the children about their upcoming

election to vote for our student council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, and launching a school-wide competition to design a new school crest.

### **Christmas Cards**

For the first time, St Bride's NS are taking part in the Design a Card fundraiser, children are busy designing personalised cards for their families to send at Christmas time. We hope that parents can support us in raising extra funds for the school through purchasing the cards for Christmas. Details on how you can order your child's Christmas cards will follow shortly.

### **Christmas Trips**

We are delighted to announce that all children will be going on a Christmas Trip in December. Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> classes will attend Little Bo Peep's Christmas Mix-Up in the Dock in Carrick on Shannon on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will attend Beauty and the Beast in the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Separate letters with details for payments and travel on the day will be coming home in your child's schoolbag next week. Thanks to Karina our hard-working secretary for co-ordinating both trips, and the Christmas cards!

### **Christmas Carol Service**

As we will not be having a school play this year, we are planning to have a carol service/school fundraiser in St Bride's Church on December 11<sup>th</sup> to spread some Christmas cheer in our local community. The local church choir in St Bride's have kindly agreed to support us on the night, as have our Parents Association. Any parents or grandparents with a musical/singing talent would also be very welcome to perform, please get in touch if you wish to participate. We will keep you all updated with any developments, it promises to be a night to remember!

### **Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

All children are once again invited to participate in this very worthy cause. Boxes are due to be collected by 10<sup>th</sup> November, further details will follow once the application forms have been received.

### **Aladdin online payments system**

**Please note that there are still monies outstanding for Hip Hop, Arts and Crafts and School Insurance which need to be paid as soon as possible.** As you are probably aware, costs involved in the running and up keep of the school are rising and we appreciate your understanding and support.

### **Parents Association**

The Parents association held their AGM on September the 29<sup>th</sup> in the school's GP room. Following discussion and sharing of ideas about plans for the school going forward, it was decided that the current PA remain on for another year.

The elected members are as follows:

- Shona Murphy – Chairperson, Aisling Kelly – Vice Chairperson
- Karen Conama – Secretary, Sinead Padian – Assistant Secretary
- Natasha Smyth-Kearney – Treasurer, Linda Treacy – Assistant Treasurer

We the staff of St Bride's NS, together with the Board of Management wish to thank the current Parents Association sincerely for their unwavering support and continuous hard work. We join with them in inviting other parents to think about helping with fundraising and organising activities for the children in the year ahead.

### **Re-return Bin**

We have received our re-return/orange bin for recycling plastic bottles and cans from Roscommon County Council. Please encourage your child to bring their clean plastic bottles and cans to our bin and the money raised will be used to buy playground equipment for the school yard. Special thanks to Sinead Padian from our Parent's Association who has agreed to look after emptying the bin for us.



