



01/02/2024

Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to the brighter days of Springtime.

January Assembly

On Wednesday, 31st January we had our 5th Assembly of the school year. We celebrated all our recent winners of awards and prizes, Handwriting heroes, STEM competition awards and Principal prizes awards. Our junior infant classes treated us to a wonderful song about the weather and we heard from our student council and green school committee, while our active school committee taught us how to play two new games. We learned about the feast of St. Brigid and we ended assembly singing our school song, 'This is our School'.

Bank Holiday 2023

The school will be closed on bank holiday Monday February 5th and reopen on Tuesday 6th.

St. Brigid's Day

1 February marks the beginning of spring and the celebration of Lá Fhéile Bríde, St Brigid's Day. Classes from Scoil Íde visited St Brigid's well and learned all about St. Brigid's life and making St. Brigid's Day crosses.

Scoil Íde Disco

We are really looking forward to the school disco on Friday night from 6pm – 7:30pm. Tickets will be on sale at the door on the night for those who still need a ticket. Thanks to our Student Council who are decorating the hall and a huge thank you to all our Parents Association members who are working very hard behind the scenes for the school.

Referendum - School Closure

The school premises are required to facilitate voting for the upcoming referendum. Therefore, the school will be closed on **Friday the 8th of March 2024**.

Green School Request

We are looking for donations of any spare gardening equipment that isn't needed at home for classes and green schools to use. Trowels especially are needed. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Afterschool Homework Club

There will be no club on Monday 5th or Thursday 15th February as the school is closed on both those days.



Coding Club

Coding club starts on Tuesday the 13th February - 19th March (6 weeks). The price is €40 and the last day for money will be next Tuesday 6th February. The club is for 1st to 6th children.

Sports and Social Club

Scoil Íde's Sports and Social Club will begin on Monday 12th February - Monday 11th March from 2.30pm – 3.30pm in Scoil Íde. It will run for 5 weeks and the cost is €30 per child which is due Friday 2nd February along with the permission slip.

Development and growth of Afterschool Clubs

Our school now has a variety of afterschool clubs to choose from, Taekwondo with Carl Smullen, Knitting with Ms Moore, Volleyball with Lina Dzurnak and the above mentioned, Coding, Afterschool Club and Sports and Social Club.

At the annual Parents Association AGM, this was an area that parents wanted developed within the school. Our future focus for clubs will be to add creative/artistic options to the list.

Volleyball Competition

We are delighted to have a team from our afterschool volleyball club coached by Lina Dzurnak represent our school at The Primary Schools Championship 2024 on Monday 19th February at the ALSAA sports complex. This is the first time Scoil Íde will have a team entered into a volleyball competition. Huge credit is extended to Lina and Ewelina for their coaching and we are excited to start this new volleyball journey in our school.

Healthy Lunches

The school has a healthy eating policy and it encourages parents to provide healthy lunch choices for their children. Our treat day is on Friday, with the children allowed to bring one treat to school. Ms Moore's class recently had a night off homework for having very health lunches.

Food Dudes Programme restarts

We are on year 2 of the food dudes programme. We will have one week of deliveries of fruit and vegetables this year from the 8th – 12th April. Thanks to Ms Culliton and Ms Duignan for volunteering to run this initiative.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day (SID) is on Tuesday 6th February. We have a host of activities/events happening to help promote safety online. We would urge parents to have discussions at home about being safe online, also check out resources/info for parents <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>



Parents - Phone Free Zone

In the spirit of Safer Internet Day and modelling good device behaviour, we would ask that parents/guardians refrain from using their phones in yard at collection times from 6th – 9th February. One of the most important times of the day for children is that gaze, searching for parents/guardians before being reunited. The children are happy to see you and it is important to be present and not distracted by a screen.

Code of Conduct for WhatsApp Groups

Parents were recently sent guidance about conduct on WhatsApp groups. Some parents have emailed the school asked to be added to groups. The school is not involved in the setting up of these groups – we would just encourage that they are used correctly and to contact the school if parents have any problems relating to their child/children.

Student Council

The student council have organised a non-uniform day on Wednesday 14th February – Valentine's Day. Children are asked to bring in a 2euro donation on the day. They are collecting money to plan events for Friendship Week.

Midterm Break

The school is on midterm break on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February.

Sherpa Mid-term Camp

Sherpa Kids childcare service will remain open on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February. Information was emailed to parents last week.

Keep up to date with all school news by checking out our website www.scoilideclondalkin.com

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.