

An Historic Day for Scoil Bhríde, Kill during a week of Brigid 1500 Celebrations.

On Tuesday 30th January there was great excitement amongst children, staff and the whole community of Scoil Bhríde, Kill as they were honoured to welcome Mrs Sabina Higgins to the school as part of the Brigid 1500 commemoration events. The whole school had been making connections between St Brigid and Inspirational Irish and International Women. It was felt that Sabina exemplified this profile and this was certainly proven during her visit where she took the time to speak to so many children and complete a Question and Answer session with the 5th Classes.

Mrs Higgins began her visit by making St Brigid's Crosses with the 6th Classes led expertly by the local Parish group who began this custom a year previous. Sabina made her way to the sports hall where the walls were adorned with a variety of projects on Inspirational Women completed by every student and class in the school. It was here Sabina took the time to speak to every class representative and also had time to admire the Class Cloaks that classes from 3rd-6th designed and made from fabric and fibre. To say she was blown away by the creativity on display is an understatement.

Following this Mrs Higgins sat with the 5th classes for a Q and A session. The children were enthralled to know who inspired her, what activities she enjoyed when she was a child, her most prized possession etc This chat was broken up with songs from Shonagh Purcell and tin whistle playing from some students. The 5th classes and staff of Scoil Bhríde, presented Mrs Higgins with a Rose Bush aptly called 'A Poet's Wife' and some spring flowers before Caroline Keyes presented her with a poem she wrote about Sabina.

Before leaving to the cheers of almost 700 energetic children Mrs Higgins was treated to an assortment of delicious home baked treats and refreshments in the Staffroom. This day in Scoil Bhríde, Kill will certainly go down in history but more importantly the children will always remember the impact of Mrs Higgins' words of inspiration in promoting peace, care for the environment and biodiversity, promoting themselves as lifelong learners and in whatever shape or form as teachers. Finally she encouraged all children to follow their dreams and when faced with an obstacle to never give up- just find another way! Many thanks must be shared with Myriam Aufauvre of www.myriamphotography.com who captured all photos of this historic day in Scoil Bhríde, Kill.

Whilst Tuesday was an historic day in Scoil Bhríde, they also had an array of events which children participated in. It began a year previous to mark the beginning of Brigid 1500. Classes held zoom calls with Jacqui Hurley, Rachel Blackmore, Ursula Jacob, Louise Quinn and some classes were lucky enough to have local sports personalities Katie Walsh (horse racing) and Lauren Crowley Walsh (golf) visit them. Likewise the whole school was treated to a mini concert by local singer/songwriter Lea Heart.

This year all children participated in making a Human Brigid's Cross with help from John Finnegan who captured all drone footage expertly. Mr Kelly then used his artistic licence on this footage to create a short slideshow for all to admire. This video can be viewed on www.killschool.ie

Two local authors Emma Jane Leeson (Johnny Magory Books) and Audrey Moore (Ping and Po-Li Book) came in to read from their books to the infant classes. Mary Orford spent time with 3rd and 4th Classes chatting about Brat Bríde. Emer McLysaght (author of 'What a Complete Aisling'), Fiona O'Connor (advisor to Paschal O'Donoghue) and Katie Nolan (owner of Sleek N' Easy) who are all past pupils of Scoil Bhríde completed Q and A sessions with different classes. Both local sport stars Katie Walsh and Lauren Crowley Walsh returned again this year for a chat. Lauren Crowley Walsh brought

in her Olympic Jacket, her NCCA college ring, trophies and even spent some time teaching the children in Ms Buckley's Class how to play golf.

On St Brigid's Day the whole school attended a prayer service together with Fr. Joe O'Neill in the hall to celebrate St Brigid and all other Inspirational Women.

Finally, the children in 2nd and 3rd Classes were very fortunate to have Nina Carberry read excerpts of her book 'Ride to Rescue' to them. She also gave a lot of her time by signing each child's book with a special message. To top off the last day of Brigid 1500 celebrations in the school, children in 6th Classes were treated to a Q and A session with Stephanie Roche. She spoke to the children with such encouragement and words of wisdom before bringing the children outside to enjoy a kick around and complete a crossbar challenge.

All in Scoil Bhríde, Kill want to thank profusely all visitors to the school for their time and words of inspiration. Hopefully these memories will last a lifetime in the children's hearts and minds.

Shonagh Purcell



Millie & Ruben



Imelda- Parish Group Member



Kayla- Cross Making



Mr Kelly, Ms Linehan & Mr Gallagher



Mr Kelleher (Principal) and Mrs Fiona Pakenham
(Chairperson of BOM)



Caroline Keyes



Shónagh & Kate- 5th Class Class Cloak



%th Class Tin Whistlers



Archie & Emer



Aaliya



Grace & Toby



Alice & James





Staff Photo



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Katie Walsh



Stephanie Roche with 5th & 6th Classes



Nina Carberry



Emer McLysaght



Emma Jane Leeson



Lauren Crowley Walsh

Katie Walsh



Audrey Moore & Ping

