



A Wonderful Start to the 2025/2026 School Year

As we come to the October midterm break, we are delighted at how positively our school community has begun the new academic year. It has been a busy and exciting few weeks, with 745 pupils settling into learning and school life with great enthusiasm. Their energy, curiosity and kindness have set a wonderful tone for the year ahead. Thank you to our parent/guardian body for your continued support in sharing in our school's values and goals with your children.

We have also been delighted to welcome 13 new teaching staff to our team. Each has already made a valuable contribution, bringing fresh ideas, expertise and a shared commitment to our pupils' success. Joining with our very capable and enthusiastic existing teaching staff, SNAs and ancillary staff, we are looking forward to working together and celebrating teaching and learning in Scoil Bhríde.

In addition, we have enjoyed hosting three successful student placements recently and more will join us next term. It has been a pleasure to support the next generation of teachers as they develop their skills and passion for education, and we thank them for their hard work and enthusiasm during their time with us.

We are very grateful to the voluntary members of our Board of Management and Parents Association for their ongoing dedication and guidance in supporting every aspect of school life.

Finally, we say a heartfelt thank you and farewell to our school caretaker Michael Behan, for his dedicated service to Scoil Bhríde. His hard work and care for our school environment have been greatly appreciated by staff and pupils alike and we wish him every success in the future.

We hope everyone enjoys a safe and well-deserved midterm break. Thank you for your continued support and for making our school such a vibrant, caring community.

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Carmel Linehan

Junior Infant News

What a wonderful start to the school year! Our Junior Infants have settled in so well and are already becoming familiar with our new routines. We're so proud of how everyone has adapted and embraced their new learning with big smiles and lots of enthusiasm. Over the past two months, we've enjoyed reading lots of lovely stories together. One of our favourites has been *The Rainbow Fish*, which helped us learn all about sharing and being a kind friend. We've also been learning how to play nicely, take turns, and look after one another in the classroom and on the yard.

We had great fun during Maths Week! The children took part in a Maths Quiz, went on a Maths Trail around the school, and enjoyed playing maths games on the iPads. It was a great way to make numbers exciting and hands-on.

As part of our Autumn theme, we learned the *Dingle Dangle Scarecrow* song! We also made our very own scarecrows using paper plates, and they turned out fantastic. This week, we've been reading *Room on the Broom* and getting into the Halloween spirit. We are so excited for our upcoming Witch walk!

Well done to all our Junior Infants on such a fantastic start. We're looking forward to more fun and learning in the weeks ahead!



Senior Infant News

Senior Infants have had a busy September and October. We moved into new classrooms with our friends and met our new teachers. We have been learning loads, and have enjoyed all our active playful learning activities, such as Bingo games and Maths Trails, and playing Maths games in the hall with our new 5th class friends. We have been learning all about Autumn and Hallowe'en recently and have created lovely Art pieces. For Wellbeing Week, we explored how we could show kindness to others using simple acts of kindness, and our teachers were very impressed with how kind we were to each other. We have had a brilliant term and are looking forward to more fun after the Hallowe'en break.



1st Class News

First Class have been busy settling in and getting used to new routines!

We've really been enjoying working on our sound of the week in our Phonics Stations and we are making great progress with our reading and spellings.

We learned how important it is to be present in the moment, breathe, and be kind to ourselves and others during Mindfulness Week. We loved bringing in our favourite teddies and a board game to share with our friends — it was a great way to celebrate friendship and to encourage kindness.

During Maths Week, we put our problem-solving skills to the test with the daily maths challenges and activities. We played card games with our classmates for eg. Snap, Go Fish, Matching Pairs and Higher and Lower each morning.

Ms. Buckley gave us our very first chess lesson, where we learned all about the Rook and had chance to apply what we learned when we played a short game against an opponent. We also had a great afternoon playing maths games in the PE Hall with Ms. Fraher's 6th Class, who were so kind and helpful.

We've been learning all about Autumn and the origins of Halloween. We have getting into the Halloween spirit too by playing Halloween themed games in English and 'as Gaeilge', while in Art, we created some spooky Frankenstein portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso.

We can't wait to dress up next week and go trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Happy Halloween from all of us in First Class! 🎃 👻



2nd Class News

Second class have been working hard these last couple of months. They are learning all about character strengths and what ones they might have. They have been working really hard on their sounds through UFLI and have learnt about recounts and reports. In PE they have been working on basketball skills but this week have enjoyed some Halloween games. Last week was maths week and the children had great fun solving maths problems and playing maths games. This week we are focusing on Irish questions. They are also looking at the games children played in the past.



3rd class news

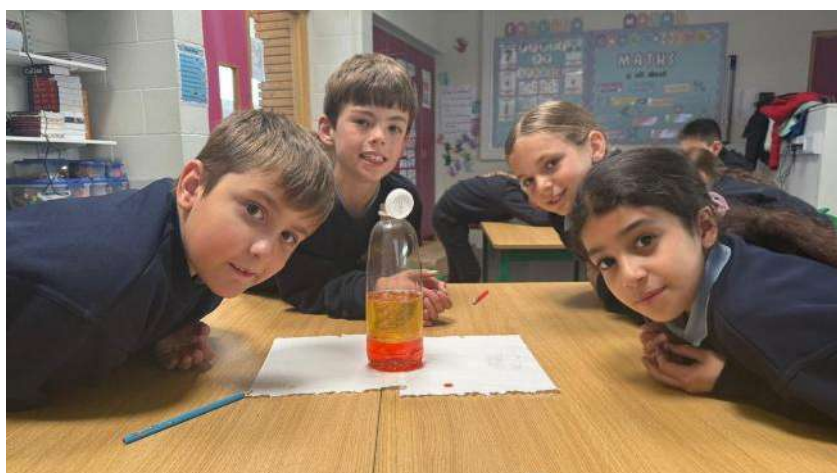
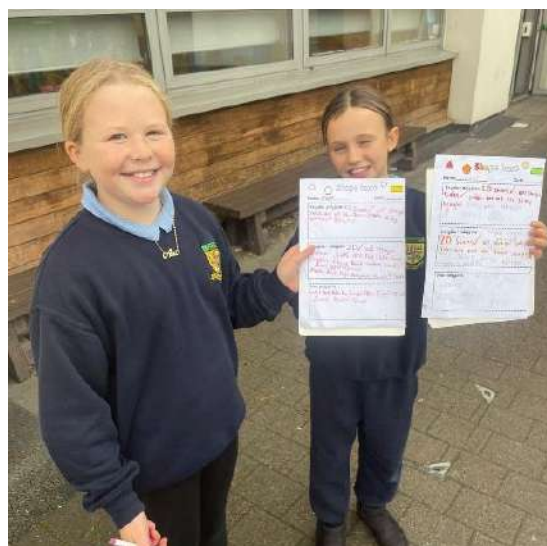
Greetings from 3rd Class. We are settling in well this term and have been busy bees. We have been learning about space this term. We have investigated the work of astronauts on board the ISS. We wrote recount pieces as if we were astronauts ourselves and drew lovely astronaut pictures! We worked from our imaginations to create wonderful 'Journey to the Moon Artwork'. We also got creative and wrote persuasive writing pieces about 'Haunted Houses For Sale'. We drew lovely haunted-houses to accompany them. You can also see our lovely Artwork on perspective, in our 'Sunflower Sunsets' in the background. We had great fun during Maths Week. We had daily Maths challenges, outdoor Maths Games and school-wide competitions. We love recording what we have learned in our 3rd Class Maths Journal. Last week was Wellbeing Week. We are endeavouring to be super kind in school and are learning all about our 'Bí Cineálta' policy. We can't wait to dress up for school on Thursday. There's lots to look forward to with our 3rd Class Halloween Disco on Thursday evening also.





4th Class News

This term was a very busy and exciting term in fourth class. We stepped back in time during a fascinating walking tour of Kill village and explored the history of local buildings such as St Brigid's Church and Scoil Bhríde's original building. We learned how to make vibrant lava lamps by mixing water, oil, food dye and Alka-seltzers. During Wellbeing Week, we focused on kindness, mindfulness and learned how to say, 'we are a welcoming school', in many languages. Numbers took centre stage during Maths Week with puzzles, problem-solving games and maths trails around the school. The maths games on the astro was a 4th class favourite. We also completed informative projects on the counties of Ireland, along with eye catching artwork of birch trees, family crests and more!



5th Class News

5th class have had a busy half term! We really enjoyed all the fun Maths week activities we engaged in recently. It was extra fun to be able to help younger classes with their Maths Week activities this year now that we are in 5th class. We have been working hard in groups on project work and learning a lot at the same time. We had hurling coaching which we really enjoyed on Tuesdays. Wellbeing Week was great, not just because we only had wellbeing homework but we got to take part in daily mindful moments in school and relaxing activities in our classrooms. It was great to hear 'We are a Welcoming School' in different languages at our 1st assembly of the year during Wellbeing Week. We have done some lovely artwork and really enjoyed Halloween artwork. We are really looking forward to dressing up for Halloween and to having a little break from all of the hard work. We can't wait for swimming and cycling in school after the midterm break! Have a lovely midterm break everybody!









6th Class Halloween News

Back to school was a very busy time in each 6th class in Scoil Bhríde this year. We got up to a lot of activities during the first half-term. We began by getting Hurling lessons with Emmett, the hurling coach. This was great fun and we had the chance to play competitive games against each other. We also began helping out on the Junior Infants yard. We have a lot of responsibilities this year as 6th classers and helping the Junior Infants learn how to play kindly and fair is one of these responsibilities. Ms Fraher's class and Ms Wall's class also began swimming lessons at KLeisure. Finally, and most importantly, we had lots of secondary school open nights to attend during September. These were very exciting as we had the opportunity to look around the secondary schools in the area and talk with the teachers and students that are in the school. There were great discussions in the classroom about what each school does well and what we think would make the perfect secondary school.



Niamh and Aoife's class.

This September we welcomed six new junior infants into our classes. The children have settled in well and are enjoying lots of fun activities to support their learning. Our older boys and girls have been so helpful in ensuring our Junior Infants have enjoyed their first half term in our school.

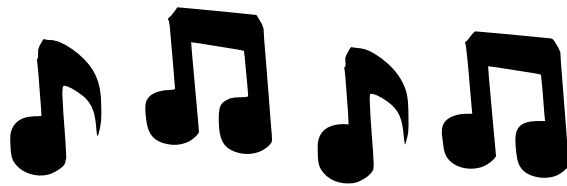
The children have enjoyed baking some delicious treats, they have loved learning new songs, playing new games and the new children particularly enjoy the library. Our older children continue to enjoy attending their mainstream classes and we are very proud of how independent they are becoming.



Choir News

Welcome to all the new 4th class choir members. We are very busy preparing for our annual Christmas Concert so save the date! **Thursday December 11th at 7.30pm.** We are looking forward to seeing you there. Details to follow after the midterm break so keep an eye on your emails!

Thanks from the choir teachers.



Hurling News

This year's U11 hurling team was a 29-man strong squad, comprising of 4th and 5th class boys-the largest panel yet in Scoil Bhríde hurling history. Our morning and lunchtime training sessions were surrounded by the initial round stages, where we met Twomilehouse NS, Scoil Bhríde, Milltown and Scoil Bhríde Kilcullen having great wins over both Twomilehouse and Kilcullen. This brought us to a semi-final, where we met St Patrick's NS of Celbridge. We played a great game that day with wins all over the pitch.

Finally, we made our way to the U11 hurling county final, on Thursday October 16th, captained by Aidan O' Flaherty, where we met our previous opponents- Scoil Bhríde, Milltown. We knew, having lost to them earlier in September, that this would be a challenge. But it was a challenge we met full on, with passion, fire and leadership from the very beginning, which had us leading for a good portion of the match. However, at the final whistle Milltown led by 2 points. It was disappointing for the boys, but your school and parents are so proud of the passion, respect and skill you showed on the pitch that day and the dedication you consistently give to your school and club. It gives us great hope for the future of hurling in Kill.

Thank you to all supported us on and off the pitch and to the mentors in Kill GAA and parents who cheered us on week in and week out! We look forward now to the Mini-7s series in March and Senior Hurling in May. An Chill Abú!



U/11 Camogie

The U11 camogie team put on a fantastic display throughout their campaign, showing heart, determination, and a never-say-die attitude in every match. They secured impressive wins over Ardclough, Corban's Naas, and Caragh NS in the semi-final, before facing a strong Mercy Convent Naas side in a hard-fought final. With a panel of 28 dedicated players, 15 from Fifth Class and 13 from Fourth Class; the girls showed great teamwork, lovely attitudes, and true friendship, becoming role models for the younger children in the school. Huge thanks to the supportive parents who provided lifts and cheered from the sidelines, and to Kill GAA for their continued support throughout the season.



Sports News

Last week marked the conclusion of the Autumn fixture schedule of Cumann na mBunscol. Congratulations to our Under 11 Hurling, Camogie and football teams and their dedicated mentors Ms Christian, Ms Wright, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Carty on reaching the finals in both the Camogie and Hurling competitions. The Under 11 boys football also made it to their final and delivered an outstanding second-half performance before narrowly losing to the eventual champions. A special word of thanks Declan Kearns for his time and commitment in coaching this team during the Friday after-school sessions. The Girls football team put in admirable performances against Kilcullen and Caragh. Both our Girls and Boys soccer teams competed in Division 1 of the FAI Kildare Primary Soccer Leagues with our boys' team being narrowly defeated at the semi-final stage this year. Every year, in the month of June we run a World Cup tournament that involves all our children in our 5th and 6th classes. This is something that the children eagerly look forward to. A huge thanks must be given to the GAA club and their coach Emmet Carroll who provides top-quality coaching for all our classes in hurling and camogie. I thank both the GAA and Kill Celtic Soccer Club for their continual encouragement and use of their excellent facilities. Thank you to all the parents who supported our teams and helped bring the children to their matches. Finally, sincere thanks to our Principal Ms Linehan and all the staff who foster and promote sport so positively within our school.



Girls Football



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