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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope that you and all in your care are well. It's hard to believe that we are in the final month of what has been another unusual school year. May I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for all your support in helping us keep everyone in our school community safe as we navigate this pandemic.

School Tours.

You have received correspondence from your class teacher re our school tours. The Department of Education recently published guidance for schools to help in the planning of tours this year. In adherence to this guidance the following will apply –

*Both our Junior and Senior tours will be outdoors

*Each class bubble will travel in their own bus

*Tours are local and long trips have been avoided

* The bus hire will be compliant with the guidelines for children using School Transport Scheme Services

If you decide that you would rather your daughter did not go on the tour please inform your teacher in writing beforehand. Also, if your daughter is displaying any symptoms on the morning of her school tour please keep her at home and you will be re-funded your money. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Standardised tests.

These weeks children in Senior Infants are completing the Drumcondra Early Reading and the Drumcondra Maths tests. Children in 1st – 6th classes are completing the Micra-T (English) and Sigma- T (Maths) tests in school. Children from 2nd – 6th classes are completing the Drumcondra Irish test (Trial Gaeilge Dhroim Conrach) As you know these standardised tests are completed every year, with the exception of last year due to covid. Standardised tests are **one** of a number of assessment tools that can be used to inform teaching and learning and help us plan for the coming academic year. Other assessment tools include eg. teacher designed tests, teacher observation, the child's participation in class, her copy / project work, her own self assessment and self evaluation. The Department of Education has acknowledged that school closures have had a significant impact on teaching and learning , which may be reflected in the standardised test results this year. It is important to note that these results do not reflect all of a child's inherent talents and abilities. You are always welcome to speak with your class teacher by phone if you need any clarification or advice on how best you can help your daughter reach her full potential.

School website and twitter page.

A reminder that you can catch up with all the latest happenings in Scoil Bhríde by logging on to our school website: scoilbhridemountrath.weebly.com, you can also follow us on twitter: @bhríde_scoil.

A huge thanks to Ms. Brereton and Ms. Sheppard for all their time in keeping these sites updated.

Couch to 5K / Go Fund Me

Hope you are all busy training for our Couch to 5K! Our aim is to hold a virtual event during the weekend of the 11th-13th June. Remember to send in your screenshot / image of your training session to Ciara (HSCL) on 086 0452437, and you will be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes from local businesses in Mountrath. We are also using this opportunity to raise funds for our school so please share the following link with friends and family: <https://gofund.me/161bff81>. We have now reached €630 of our €1,000 target! We intend to use this money to add to our supply of ipads for the school.

School calendar.

As per our school calendar the school will be closed all of next week and reopen on Monday, 14th June @ 9.20am.

A reminder to please fill in the attached **Return to Educational Facility** form so that your daughter can return to her class on Monday, 14th. Also, in line with our Covid Policy and NEWB requirement, please ensure that your daughter brings in a signed note of explanation to the teacher if she has been absent for any length of time.

All the best for now,

Slán go fóill,

M. Rohan.