

# **SCOIL BHRÍDE**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hope this note finds you well in the lead up to Hallowe'en. There are a few matters for your attention.

## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

If your daughter is absent from school you need to write a note of explanation, signed and dated, and give it to the class teacher. This is in keeping with the directives outlined under the Child Welfare Act. Also, a reminder that school starts at **9.20 a.m.**, sharp. Children who continuously arrive late are missing out on school work which has an adverse effect on their learning.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL**

Once again children are invited to participate in the Team Hope shoe box appeal. Brochures have been distributed to the children. We were delighted to welcome Kay and Máiréad (Team Hope representatives) to our school last Friday. They spoke to all classes about the value of filling a shoe box, helping vulnerable children overseas. Your daughter can bring the gift-filled box to school after the Hallowe'en break, no later than **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a lovely opportunity for children to appreciate all that they have and to help those children who are less fortunate.

## **NUMERACY IN SCOIL BHRÍDE**

Last week was "Maths Week" in school. The children participated in a whole school Maths Table Quiz on Thursday and Friday, we completed Maths Trails around the school.

## **ACTIVE FLAG**

We are busy working towards our Active School Flag. During the month of September we did our Daily Mile every day. On Friday we completed Maths Trails around the school. On Friday next we will come together in the hall for D.E.A.D. – Drop Everything and Dance to tie in with Hallowe'en. We encourage all our students to be active in the evening. Every child requires 60 minutes activity every day. Being active is a way of life and it is fun.

### **SCHOOL SPORTS**

Well done to our school football team who reached the semi-finals last week. They played very well but unfortunately didn't make it through to the finals. A word of thanks to Ms. Whelan and Mrs. Collier for coaching the girls.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Our school website [scoilbhridemountrath.weebly.com](http://scoilbhridemountrath.weebly.com) has lots of information all about our school and various events and activities that have been going on to date. A special word of thanks to Ms. Brereton for all her work in keeping the site updated. Check it out!

### **SCHOOL INSERVICE DAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Our school will be **closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** (Monday after the Hallowe'en week) to facilitate staff training on the Primary Language Curriculum.

### **HALLOWE'EN MIDTERM**

The school is closed next week (Hallowe'en Midterm). It re-opens on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9.20 a.m.** Children are welcome to wear their Hallowe'en costumes into school on Friday, if they wish. Homemade costumes are encouraged.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Hallowe'en.

Yours sincerely,



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M. Rohan  
Principal.